

UNFAVORABLE REPORT MADE

Stamp of Disapproval on Hassam Pavement by City Officials.

From the attitude of City Engineer Morris and Chairman Corbett of the executive committee it is doubtful if there will be any more Hassam pavement laid in Portland. The city engineer has stated that he believes the street surface manufactured by the Oregon Hassam company is inferior and will not wear. He has gathered statistics from the principal cities of the United States where the pavement has been tried and it is said that reports from most of these show that streets improved with it a few years ago are already in a dilapidated condition.

Mr. Corbett paid particular attention to the Hassam pavements of Seattle and he is known to have gained an unfavorable impression of its wearing qualities. City Engineer R. H. Thompson of Seattle has also set his stamp of disapproval on the Hassam surface now in use in the fair city and he is said to have advised the city officials not to permit any more Hassam to be laid down.

BRUTALLY TORTURED FOR HIDING WOMEN

Two German Officers Ordered Shot by Prefect of Police in Paraguay.

Berlin, Aug. 7.—Her von Plessen and Herr Kries, former officers in the German army, have been subjected to cruel treatment in Paraguay.

They were visiting San Bernardino, when they became involved in a dispute with the local prefect of police, Captain Arce, who insulted a woman in a restaurant there. When the Germans went to her rescue, Arce had them arrested and ordered the soldiers under his command to shoot them on the spot. The soldiers refused, but consented to bind the two Germans and place them in an instrument of torture, a kind of rack known as a gepo. Arce again ordered the soldiers to shoot the men, but they again refused. Arce thereupon seized a rifle belonging to one of the soldiers and took aim at Herr von Plessen. Fortunately the rifle was not loaded. Arce then belabored both Germans with the butt end of the rifle, striking them on the head and shoulders while they were being tortured on the rack. Subsequently the members of the German colony in San Bernardino, under the leadership of Herr von Plessen, demanded an apology and compensation, both of which were granted in full measure by the government of Paraguay.

CLEVER HUMORIST TURNS MOCKERY TO GOOD ACCOUNT

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 7.—Marshall P. Wilder, at the Palace Theatre of Varieties here, is a remarkable tribute to a clever entertainer's fight against physical disadvantages. Wilder, after night his diminutive figure, as he stands by the side of his little Sheraton table, provokes unrelenting laughter. He is something new on the modern English variety stage—which has undergone many changes since the last years of the nineteenth century and while some of the better bred in the audience refrain from hilarious comment, there are others who are not so considerate. This amused and somewhat contemptuous laughter at first proved most disconcerting to the entertainer, and for some time he battled with the situation, but with obvious difficulty, then he became master of the situation and of his audience, and the laughter of mockery was replaced by the laughter of enjoyment.

MENELIK OBJECTED TO DIAMOND GIFT

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Berlin, Aug. 7.—Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, is apparently not in agreement with the custom of accepting royal gifts. Recently the Empress Taitu was presented by the Christians throughout Palestine with a number of lovely diamonds. They numbered 18 in all, and were set in wax within an old dilapidated silver cigar case. The empress it appears, is a devoted adherent of the Christian church, and recently she dispatched a representative to Jerusalem to discuss with the ecclesiastics there the building of a new church. The gift of jewels from the Palestine Christians was the result. The emperor, on their arrival at Adis Ababa, however, resolutely refused to allow the empress to accept them. Her majesty was placed in a difficulty, she did not expect to insult the Christians by turning them, nor did she wish to incur her husband's displeasure by retaining them. The stones, which are of exceptional brilliancy, and valued at \$50,000, were, therefore, sent secretly to Berlin in the custody of the court jeweler to be disposed of privately.

Fort Ward Strengthened.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The secretary of war has approved the recommendations for the allotment of funds for the seaward defense, aggregating \$1,352,500. The largest expenditure authorized includes Fort Ward, Wash., \$111,000. The department has abandoned important work already planned for Fort Winfield Scott, Cal.

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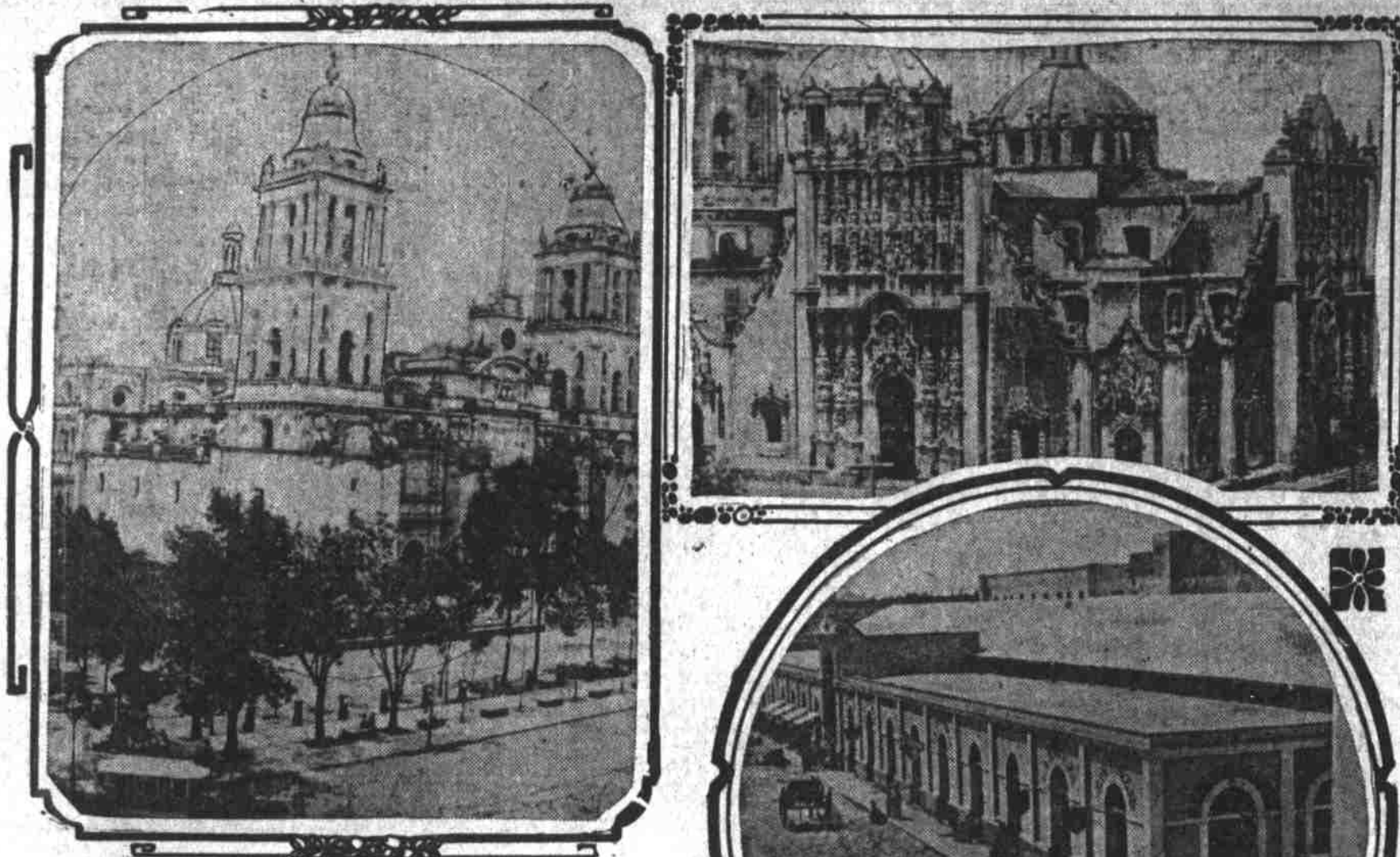
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Two Upper Views of Cathedral of Mexico, and Lower Shows Street Scene in City Recently Shaken by Earthquake.

Notes From the Labor World

The last Texas legislature passed 14 laws in favor of labor.

An attempt is being made to organize the wireless operators into a union. The striking granite cutters at Waco, Texas, have won their demands for a raise from \$3.55 to \$3.65 a day.

Charles H. Wirmel of the Cincinnati Stationary Engineers' union has been appointed labor commissioner of Ohio.

A law was passed in Michigan recently, which makes it unlawful for women and minors to work more than nine hours out of 24.

The Sawmills' International union, which has its headquarters in Indianapolis, recently chartered a new union in Vancouver, B. C.

It is reported that the Western Federation of Miners has instructed its executive board to print Socialist literature in a number of languages for distribution.

Pending the outcome of the conference between the mine owners and miners which is now in session, the 8000 striking miners at Pittsburg, Kan., have resumed work.

According to statistics which have just been published, there were 5184 persons affiliated with the organized labor movement in Serbia at the close of the year 1907.

It is stated upon good authority that fully 80 per cent of the Scottish coal masters are in favor of insisting upon their demand for a reduction of 12 per cent in wages.

President T. L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers has been in the anthracite coal districts arousing interest in organization. The union has a large number of organizers in the field.

Governor Hadley of Missouri has signed the woman's nine hour law. It regulates the employment of girls and women in factories and restaurants in other such places. Employment is limited to nine hours a day, between 5 a. m. and 10 p. m.

James Duncan, first vice president of the American Federation of Labor, has appointed a committee of 10 to make a study of the subject of industrial education in this and other countries and to report to the next national convention of the federation.

A fund of \$50,000 is being raised for the erection of a new building for the Home for Aged and Disabled Railway Employees of America, on a site north of Highland Park, Ill. A large portion of the fund is now in hand and ground has already been broken for the new structure.

From now on the officers of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor will make every effort to bring about peaceful settlements of all labor disputes. Should any controversy arise, the officials will at once go to the seat of trouble and use every honorable means of arranging a settlement of the difficulties.

BRITAIN'S KING TO VISIT IRELAND AGAIN

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 7.—The king has now considered his plans for next year, and these are said to include a visit to Ireland. His majesty has expressed a wish to visit Ireland fairly frequently, but his numerous other important engagements during the last few years have prevented him carrying out his desire.

The next state visit to the Emerald Isle, it is believed, will extend to a fortnight. A week will be spent in Dublin, after which King Edward will visit the other principal centers, including Belfast, Waterford and Cork. It is, in fact, probable that the king will not visit the continent this autumn, but take a cruise in his yacht instead, in which event his majesty will put into several Irish ports.

The visit will be purely private, although the king and queen will go to the different places of interest he has not already visited. Edinburgh at the present time is in the midst of a jubilation from his majesty this autumn on his way to Balmoral.

EAST SIDE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT BIG MAINS

Forty out of 48 property owners along East Nineteenth between Alberta and Prescott streets signed a remonstrance against the proposed laying of a water main eight inches in diameter on that street. They want a 10 inch main laid so that the work will be done from the water fund as they say they will not be benefited by the improvement and so should not be asked to stand the expense.

Whales Drive Cod.

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 7.—Two tons of cod, driven in shore by a school of whales, were picked up by beach campers at Mocpica yesterday, packed and shipped to harbor and sound cities. The cod, together with thousands of other kinds of fish, sought the shore to escape the whales, and were left stranded at low tide.

Politics and Politicians

Henry F. Avery, Democrat, has been elected the first mayor of Colorado Springs, under the new charter form of government.

Representative William Hughes, who is serving his third term in congress, is being boomed for the Democratic nomination for governor of New Jersey. Mr. Hughes is a resident of Paterson and a lawyer by profession.

William O. Herron, brother-in-law of President Taft, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for vice mayor of Cincinnati. He is a prominent lawyer and heretofore has not figured in politics to any great extent.

An organization called the "Sane and Sound League" is being formed in Alabama for the purpose of opposing the further progress of Prohibition and the extension of the Prohibition laws in that state.

Former Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, who is filling engagements this summer as a Chautauque lecturer, declares his intention to remain in politics, and says he expects to contest for Senator Warner's seat in the United States senate next year.

Ohio is to have its first trial of the direct primary next month. The provisions of the law in general are similar to those in force in other states where the primary system of nominating candidates for public office has been adopted.

Governor Dineen is preparing to make a platform campaign throughout Illinois in September and October to awaken public sentiment for the enactment of a direct primary law at the special session of the legislature to be called late in the fall.

Plans have been made to launch in New York this fall a campaign for woman suffrage, which its promoters say will attract international attention. Leaders of the movement estimate that they will spend \$100,000 or more in the metropolis during the campaign.

The senatorial deadlock which demoralized the Illinois legislature during its last session has aroused the people of the state to the necessity of adopting some other plan for the selection of United States senators. When the legislature meets in special session this fall to draft a new constitution, a strong fight will be made to obtain the adoption in Illinois of the so-called Oregon plan for the election of United States senators.

SQUAW AND CHILD FOUND IN BOX

Chicago, Aug. 7.—A supposed mummy having the appearance of an emaciated body of an Indian squaw and her papoose, was found yesterday by employees of the Chicago and North Western railway, when a rough pine box was opened at the warehouse of the unclaimed freight. The box and its contents have been in the possession of the railway company since March 9, 1908, when it was shipped at Los Angeles to St. W. Klein, of Iowa. No one ever appeared to claim the property and it was sent to Chicago to be sold.

DIAMOND DEALERS SAY "TIMES GOOD"

New York, Aug. 7.—The prosperity of the western farmer has depleted the stock of diamonds in Maiden Lane, and the importing houses there have hurried their buyers across the ocean to purchase new supplies. Dealers say that the lethargy which began in the jewelry trade two years ago has been followed by a period of inactivity in business that the trade was taken by surprise, and that even the largest dealers were finding it difficult to fill orders for the higher grades of perfect stones.

ANOTHER ZIONITE MAY GO TO JAIL

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, of Zion City, successor to the late John Alexander Dowse as overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic may be imprisoned in the Cook county jail in a few days. A judgement against him for \$10,000, entered last Thursday by Judge Robert Wright of Belvidere, in favor of Attorney Philip Motherhill, who said Voliva slandered and libeled him, must be paid or Voliva must appeal the case in order for him to keep out of jail. It is said he is unable to pay the judgement.

Will on Back of Check.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—The terse will of John O'Hara, a saloonkeeper, written on the reverse side of a blank check, was filed in the probate court yesterday, and held valid. It leaves the \$3000 estate of O'Hara to his sister.

To See Means to Act.

The head of every family having no piano, who sees one of the pianos advertised on the eighth page, first section, of today's Journal will be sure to buy one.

Columbia Beach

The main in the water system at Columbia beach has been completed down Fifth street and laterals are being laid on Idaho, F and G streets.

Among those who registered at the hotel during the past week were J. A. Clemenson, wife and two daughters, Gearhart park; Mrs. E. L. Brubaker and son, Portland; Mrs. S. L. Roberts and son, Portland; Miss Agatha Russell, Foresta Brubaker, Ira M. Palmer, Portland; G. P. Brower, G. E. Cameron and wife, Mrs. N. D. Root, Portland; Ed Kundert, Lydia A. Haman, Monroe, Wis.; E. W. Giller, Gresham; Earl R. Lounsbury and family, Portland.

Columbia beach was taken by storm early Tuesday morning by the juniors of the Portland Y. M. C. A. under the leadership of J. C. Clark, the boys' director of that association. The boys were on a hike to the sea and they traveled down the coast to Tillamook and across country back to Portland. They were a lively lot and enjoyed their trip very much. They were accompanied in the party with Mr. Clark were J. C. Clark, leader, T. Harold Eckerson, Billy Foster, Guy Johnson, Arnold Peterson, R. Bristol, John Hensler, Leonard Baylis, Frank McEneaney, Ralph Shaw, Walter Pfander, James A. Dutro, Fred Vandegrift, Victor Sink, James G. Filton, Rudolph Jamesch, Millard McChing, Clarence H. Sprague, James Hyde, George T. Colton, Albert Wastell, Rippe Fulton.

Late arrivals at the tent city in Idelwild park are R. E. Emmons and family, R. A. Butler and family, and family, R. A. Butler and family, Portland; E. House and family, Portland.

Celeste Albini heads a party of young

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