

ATTEMPT TO ROADEN STRIKE

Declares War on the Dependent Meat Packing Companies.

EVERY POSSIBLE LIMIT.
... Man Badly Used by ... in New York—Sweeping ... amation by Donnelly Declares Boycott on All Non-union Products as Well as Production of Packing Companies' Extor-

Sept. 2.—Forced to close ... strike to their establish- ... independent packers are ... to operate with non-union ... the firms which expect to lead ... move are Boyd, Latham & Co., ... & Co., Roberts & Oaks.

... morning wagons loaded with ... being taken to the independ- ... and the housing of strike ... is expected to follow. The ... situation is quiet today.

... will Boycott All Meats.
... this afternoon issued a ... to the public: "The ... board representing all the ... involved in the present ... has taken action today to ... of the unfair list. The ... into effect Saturday.

... Donnelly is Confident.
... will close every independent ... and meat supply houses in the ... States after 5:30 tomorrow ... declared Donnelly today, after ... of the executive board ... strikers. "We intend to bring ... to a crisis as soon as possi- ... stopping consumption of ... and sooner or later will bring ... to terms.

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POLITICAL WILL.

Li Hung Chang Foresaw the Russo-Jap War.

Brussels, Sept. 2.—The "Etoile Belge" publishes what is alleged to be the political will of the late Li Hung Chang, addressed by him to Lung Lu, one of the most influential counsellors of the empress dowager of China.

It appears from this document that Li Hung Chang foresaw the present war between Russia and Japan, and advised the Chinese government to join the Mikado's army in the event of the Japanese being victorious, instead of remaining neutral and a simple spectator. It is consequently considered likely that the empress dowager intends to follow Li Hung Chang's advice, and that the Chinese army placed on the Manchurian frontier, under General Ma's command, will shortly take an active part in events in the far East.

DOCTORS ELECT OFFICERS.

Fifth Annual Convention Will Meet in Portland.

Portland, Sept. 2.—After electing officers and transacting other business that was chiefly routine in its nature, the fourth annual convention of the Oregon State Medical Association closed last night at 7 o'clock. The association will meet in this city next year.

The following officers were elected: George F. Wilson, Portland, president; Mae H. Cardwell, Portland, vice president; W. H. Byrd, Salem, second vice president; W. L. Wood, Portland, third vice president; L. H. Hamilton, Portland, secretary; Jessie McGavin, Portland, treasurer; H. W. Coe, Portland, and R. C. Coffey, Portland, counselors.

SECOND DAY OF M. E. CONFERENCE

CHURCH'S AFFAIRS ARE GENERALLY PROSPERING

In the Walla Walla District \$100,000 Was Spent During the Year for Churches and Parsonages—Consecration of a Deaconess by Bishop Spellmeyer—Acquittal of Rev. Evans—Fifteen More Ministers Neded in the Republic District.

The Dalles, Sept. 2.—The annual conference of the M. E. church opened here yesterday morning under inspiring conditions. About 100 ministers were present. The conference embraces all of Eastern Washington, most of Eastern Oregon and the panhandle of Idaho.

Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, who was elected to the episcopacy at the general conference last May, is presiding at the sessions. Dr. C. E. Gillson, presiding elder of the Walla Walla district, made his report. Among other items of interest he reported \$100,000 spent during the year for building churches and parsonages.

Dr. Henry Brown, presiding elder of Spokane district, closed his term of six years in a report replete with facts that indicated great progress in material and spiritual things.

At 3:30 Dr. H. I. Rasmus, pastor of the First M. E. church of Spokane, delivered an address on "Deaconess Work." It was one of the most brilliant efforts of a man who takes high rank among the pulpitoers of the Northwest. At the close Bishop Spellmeyer consecrated Miss Hannah Northfield of Spokane, to the work of a deaconess.

At 8 p. m. Dr. Coleman, president of Willamette university, spoke to a crowded house on "Divine Providence." Several notable Eastern divines are present, among them Dr. H. C. Jennings of Chicago.

Rev. Evans, of Hood River, was tried and acquitted of the charge of accepting a man into the church who had been previously rejected by the conference.

The establishment of a college at some point in the Inland Empire will be the next question of church polity of importance that will come up for discussion. The belief is growing that the disaster attending the attempt to build up a Methodist institution of learning at Spokane has been outgrown, and that the prosperity of the church throughout the region justifies another attempt in the same direction.

Presiding Elder Minsler, of the Republic Mission district, reports that 15 additional ministers are needed in that district, wherein all the affairs of the church are in a very prosperous condition.

Presiding Elder Booth, of The Dalles district, reports that that district also is in a thriving condition.

LIAO YANG EVACUATED AND BURNED BY THE RUSSIANS

Russians Throw Away Great Quantities of Valuable Stores, and Burn Manchurian Villages.

Manchurians Have Begun to Retaliate By Brigandage — Japanese Have Reorganized Their Lines and Now Present a Solid Front to the Fleeing Enemy—Japanese Have Accomplished an Effective Blockade of Port Arthur, But Are Repulsed in Assaults on Forts—Russians in Full Retreat to the Northward.

London, Sept. 2.—The Japanese legation received a dispatch from Tokio this morning, giving the report of Field Marshal Oyama on yesterday's fight.

"The enemy being unable to resist our fierce attack, began retiring September 1 toward Liao Yang. Our left and central divisions hotly pursued the enemy, who in great confusion were trying to retire to the right bank of the Taitse.

"We captured 10 half-centimeter cannon which are being used on the Bolsha road to Lia Yung railway station. Our right flank attacked the enemy at Hei Ying Tai, 15 miles northeast of Liao Yang.

"Our casualties since August 29 have been 10,000 killed and wounded."

Closing Up Their Lines.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—General Nodsu, commanding the center of the Japanese army, telegraphed this morning he was continuing the advance with the object of taking a line from Shichi Yan to Liao Yang, effecting a junction with the Japanese left.

Russians' Disastrous Flight.

Tokio, Sept. 2.—The Japanese followed on the retreat of Kuropatkin from Liao Yang and secured and used the Russian guns left at Liao Yang. The Russian retreat across the Taitse river was effected with great confusion, owing to the Japanese gun fire from the river.

Manchurians Retaliate.

Rome, Sept. 2.—A Tokio dispatch states that Kuropatkin has ordered all the villages about Liao Yang burned. Four villages have already been destroyed, rendering several thousand Manchurians homeless.

CHANGE OF VENUE.

Alleged Land Swindler Will Be Tried in Washington.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—The United States district court today ordered F. A. Hyde and H. P. Dimond, accused of conspiring to defraud the government out of tracts of land in California and Oregon, removed to Washington for trial. The order is based on an indictment returned some time ago by the grand jury of the District of Columbia.

Grand Master Arrived.

Grand Master Stoddard, of the Knights Templar, arrived from Texas this morning. He was met by 300 mounted knights and entered a carriage drawn by four white horses and was driven through down town streets accompanied by the receiving party.

CABLE BROKE.

Elevator Fell Eight Stories in Chicago Building.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—By the fall of an elevator in the Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s mail order warehouse this morning one man was killed and four seriously injured. The dead is Philip Caldwell, conductor. The cable broke and the car dropped from the eighth floor.

Mrs. Kate Hayes, aged 40, a widow, died later in the hospital; William Silverberg and C. E. Menkey may die. All are employees.

PORTLAND POLICEMAN KILLED BY BOY

While trying to capture Charles W. Walton, the highwayman who made an attempt to hold up a car near Willamette Heights bridge last night, Police Officer Ole Nelson was shot twice and has no hope for recovery. The assassin was captured.

The bandit is a boy 19 years of age and says his home is in San Francisco. He was fearfully beaten about the head by the motorman and conductor after shooting Officer Nelson. Motorman Bingham is the same man who was held up on Portland Heights car three weeks ago and robbed, and he stated then he could swear the man who shot Nelson was the same who committed the robbery of the Portland Heights car.

PENILESS, BUT NOT WORTH HELPING

Peniless and hungry, and under the influence of liquor, an aged veteran of the Civil war approached Commander G. W. Rigby, of the local Grand Army post, the other evening, and asked the privilege of sleeping in the latter's back yard. "I'm not worth spending money for," he declared with emphasis as he attempted to straighten his stooped shoulders. "I know you would want to help me, but I don't deserve it."

Mr. Rigby offered to purchase the old soldier a place to sleep, but the man shook his head. "No man can sleep in my back yard," replied Rigby. "Well, then let me sleep in your barn," said the homeless veteran. This Rigby allowed him to do.

The next morning when the commander arose his old comrade had watered the horse and was preparing to leave. But Rigby would not hear of it until he had secured for him a warm breakfast.

Half an hour later the old fellow, with some of the vigor of the days when he shouldered a musket for his country, faced the east and trudged out of town.

ROOT MAY CONSIDER.

Strong Pressure Being Brought to Bear to Have Ex-Secretary Run for Governor.

New York, Sept. 2.—The gubernatorial problem seems as far from its solution as it was a month ago. Nobody seems to worry particularly over the question who the democratic candidate will be, but the question whom the republicans will nominate for the governorship, seems to trouble the minds of the politicians a great deal.

Ex-Secretary Root, who would undoubtedly be the strongest candidate, does not want the nomination and has expressed himself in most unequivocal terms. For a while the Root boom was in a state of collapse and a great deal was said and written about "dark horse," which Governor Odell was supposed to have ready. Quite recently, however, the talk about Root's possible candidacy has been resumed and it is not believed impossible, that the ex-secretary may change his mind and accept the nomination, for the sake of saving the national ticket.

It is generally believed that the most powerful pressure is being exerted to induce Mr. Root to reconsider his determination not to accept the nomination, even if the convention should select him against his clearly expressed wishes.

Princess Louise in Rome.

Rome, Sept. 2.—Princess Louise of Coburg, who eloped several days ago from Elster, Saxony, with Lieutenant Count Kemelvitsh Mattish, has arrived at Rome accompanied by the count. The couple are staying at the Hotel Plinius under the name of Von Russ and wife. The Princess looks in excellent health. She says she will prosecute those responsible for her imprisonment.

OIL EXPLOSION AND DEADLY FIRE

ORIGIN OF DISASTER ACCIDENT WITH LAMP.

Fire Spreads From Building to Oil Derrick and Tank, and Explosion Follows, Which Wrecks the House and Causes Six Deaths and the Injury of Several Persons — First Loss of Life From Petroleum Fire, in the District.

Yellow Creek, O., Sept. 2.—Six were burned to death and four terribly injured by a fire and oil explosion here this morning.

The dead are: Mrs. Henry Fling, her two children, and three unknown men. The injured: Rev. Stidd, Robert Alexander, Joe, Henry, and Nilling Fisk.

A lamp in the Fling house caught fire, the flames set fire to an oil derrick and tank near the house, an explosion followed and the house was destroyed.

The property loss will be about \$79,000. This is the first loss of life from a petroleum fire since the first discovery of that product here 38 years ago, which is in itself an unparalleled record for a natural oil district. The holocaust of the early morning has cast an almost superstitious fear over the community.

KNIGHTS ARE COMING.

Chicago Will Capture the Next Annual Conclave.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—The first of the larger delegations to the conclave arrived this morning, being three Indiana commanderies. The arrival of the Indians marks the beginning of an influx that will not cease until Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Campaigning for the next conclave has begun. It looks like Chicago would have a walkover.

Campaign in Missouri.

Kansas City, Sept. 2.—Fairbanks arrived this morning and will open the republican campaign in Missouri tonight. A meeting will be held in convention hall tonight, and 20,000 are expected. Fairbanks speaks in Kansas City, Kan., this afternoon.

British Bark Wrecked.

Auckland, Sept. 2.—The British bark Saragossa, New Castle to San Francisco, was wrecked August 15, at Mangala, Cook's Island. The vessel is a total loss, but the crew and cargo were saved.

Cement Plant Burned.

Youngstown, O., Sept. 2.—The cement plant of the Struthers Furnace Co., at Struthers, was destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$25,000.

Watterson Visits Parker.

Esopus, Sept. 2.—Henry Watterson and wife arrived at 12:15 and took luncheon with the Parker family.

Alexander Dickson, of The Bronx, New York, was chased into a river by a swarm of hornets, and drowned.

COOK SECURES THE CONTRACT

Will Construct Three New School Buildings in Pendleton District.

BIDS OPENED TODAY IN PRESENCE OF SCHOOL BOARD

His Figures Were Lowest of Five Submitted to the Directors—Will Build Them of Spokane Pressed Brick for \$45,742—If Weston Stock Is Used Will Make His Contract \$2000 Lower—Work to Commence Immediately.

H. E. Cook was this morning awarded the contract for the construction of the superstructures of the new Pendleton school houses. There were five bidders and Cook's figures were the lowest. For the construction of the two eight-room buildings of Spokane pressed brick, Mr. Cook offers to do the work for \$34,709; if Weston brick is to be used the cost will be \$1000 lower, for the four-room building of Spokane brick Cook's figures are \$11,033; of Weston brick, \$10,933.

The bids were opened this morning in the office of C. E. Troutman, in the presence of School Clerk John Bailey, Jr., and the following members of the school board: Senator Walter M. Pierce, C. E. Smith and Leo Teutsch.

The bonds voted for the construction of the three buildings are \$63,000. Work on the superstructures of the houses will begin at once and it is thought the buildings will be ready for occupancy before the first of the year. Following are the figures of the contractors:

Vates & Ellstrom — Eight-room buildings, of Spokane pressed brick, \$38,450; of Weston stock brick, \$36,970; four-room building of Spokane pressed brick, \$12,205; of Weston stock brick, \$11,590.

H. E. Cook—Eight-room building of Spokane brick, \$34,709; of Weston brick, \$33,709; four-room building, Spokane brick, \$11,033; Weston brick, \$10,933.

G. I. Ladlow—Three buildings of Spokane brick, \$56,877 of Weston brick, \$53,854.

Shook & Cole—Eight-room buildings, Spokane brick, \$37,156; Weston brick, \$35,88; four-room building, Spokane brick, \$11,609; Weston brick, \$10,994.

A. J. Gibson—Eight-room buildings, Spokane brick, \$34,890; Weston brick, \$33,890; four-room building, Spokane brick, \$11,960; Weston brick, \$11,560.

STRIKERS FAVOR SCHOOLS.

Building Trades Difficulties Did Not Stop Work on School Buildings.

New York, Sept. 2.—When the trouble between the members of the allied building trades and the builders and contractors broke out some time ago, it was feared that the strike or lockout would seriously interfere with the completion of the 65 school buildings either planned or already in course of construction.

Fortunately a compromise was reached in regard to the work on school houses and assurance has been given, that enough schools will be ready at the beginning of the school year next month and that the others, which will provide for over hundred thousand more, will be completed next year.

Earthquake in California.

Sainias, Cal., Sept. 2.—An earthquake lasting about eight seconds, was felt at 6:30 this morning. No damage was done.

W. & C. R. Machine Shops.

Walla Walla, Sept. 2.—It is practically certain that the Washington & Columbia River Railway Company will not rebuild the burned shops at Hunt's Junction, but will remove the repair department to this city and erect shops larger and more modern than those destroyed last week. A large tract of land has been secured near the warehouses on Second street recently. The company is planning to change the system of making repairs to cars and engines, and it is more than likely that a splendid plant will be constructed here within a short time. It is safe to conclude that the railway company will greatly add to its equipment here and will increase its payroll materially within the next few months.