

A flash of information to the people of Pendleton in advertising in the E. O.



WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Wednesday, fair.

COUNCIL VOTES TO END THE WAR

Russian Envoys Ordered to Take a New Stand as to Indemnity.

THE INTERPRETERS AND SECRETARIES ARE BUSY.

Conference Postponed Until Tomorrow Morning—All Proceedings Drafted in Japanese and Russian, Must Correspond and Then Be Drafted into French, Which is Yet the Diplomatic Language of the World—Arrangements Being Made for a Banquet at Portsmouth to the Japanese Commissioners—Japanese Rename Captured War Ships.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The correspondent of the Temps at St. Petersburg, declares the council of ministers has voted "by a small majority for the conclusion of peace and has ordered the Portsmouth delegates to make a new proposal as regards indemnity."

Next Session Tomorrow. Portsmouth, Aug. 22.—Today's peace conference was postponed until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

The inability of the secretaries to complete the drafts of the protocols is given as the reason for the delay. Assistant Secretary Pierce this morning was in conference with Kaneko's secretary for over two hours, at the Rockingham hotel. Pierce declared he only came to arrange a banquet to give the Japanese envoys tomorrow night, while he and the secretary and two others are closeted. The clerks at the hotel positively denied that Pierce was in the house. It is believed the conference is about the concessions Japan is ready to make to Russia.

The secretaries are busy completing the minutes of the sessions of the conference. The minutes of each meeting consist of from 1200 to 3000 words. They are drafted in both Japanese and Russian, and after agreement by the envoys as to the exact wording, must then be written in French. Differences frequently arise as to the interpretation. They must be harmonized.

The Japanese envoys declare it is absurd to suppose the cession of half of Sakhalin would be accepted. They declare they have possession of the island and that Russia can never recover it.

Witte and Rosen took an automobile ride into the country this morning. The Japanese spent the morning in their apartments.

The wire between here and Tokio is kept busy with messages in code, but not the slightest hint of what is being done is given.

It is understood if the envoys meet tomorrow the meeting will be a short one and an adjournment will be taken until Friday.

Roosevelt Butts in Again.

Portsmouth, Aug. 22.—A personal representative of President Roosevelt was in secret session with Witte and Rosen this afternoon in the general stores building at the navy yard. It lasted 40 minutes—from 12:30 to 1:10. This latest move of the president's special envoy is not known. Witte and Rosen returned to the hotel and the messenger stayed to luncheon with the peace envoys at the navy yard. The greatest care is taken to prevent the fact of the secret meeting being made public.

Rename Captured Vessels.

Tokio, Aug. 22.—The navy department has rechristened with Japanese names all the Russian ships captured.

AFTER INDEMNITY.

Trouble Follows Arrest and Detainment of Frenchman.

Tangiers, Aug. 22.—The French minister has presented to the sultan an energetic demand for an indemnity of \$2000 for the recent arrest of a Franco-Algerian citizen. The minister also demands punishment of the official responsible for the arrest, and an additional indemnity of \$100 daily until the prisoner is released. It is believed the sultan will promptly grant the demands.

FIERCE BLAZE IN OREGON'S METROPOLIS

DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEPS PORTLAND'S WATER FRONT

Loss Already Aggregates Several Hundred Thousand Dollars. Light and Power Service of East Side Crippled.

Fire is Raging Through "the Shack District," Burning Many Structures Standing on Piling Foundations—Condemned Roadways Built Over Piling, Greatly Obstruct the Work of the Fire Department, Which is Wading and Struggling Through Sloughs to Reach the Fire—People in a Mad Rush to Save Their Lives and Belongings—Dynamite Used to Prevent Spread of Flames.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 22.—A fire, starting at Union and Oak streets early this morning on the east side, has at 8 o'clock swept clean two city blocks, destroyed the street car bridges, tying up traffic and spread to surrounding blocks. Many buildings are ablaze and the entire department is fighting the flames.

This is the most menacing fire of the present year, taxing the energies of the department. Two blocks have been swept away, and the fringe of this circle is blazing despite the concentrated efforts of the fireboat and engines.

The loss already aggregates several hundred thousand dollars. Street car traffic and light and power service of the entire East side is crippled.

The fire started in the Iowa hotel, a frame structure, and rapidly spread throughout the district largely occupied by second-hand stores and shacks standing on piling foundations. The road way has been condemned, preventing the fire department reaching all parts of the endangered district, and firemen waded and walloped through the slough in desperate efforts to protect the structures. There have been several thrilling escapes. Firemen working on the elevated roadways were frequently endangered. The population of the gulch made a mad rush to escape with their lives and belongings. By hard work the flames were prevented from going west. Some of the crews of firemen were subjected to such great heat

that brother firemen had to turn water on them.

The elevated street collapsed, taking the crew into the blazing piling and muck beneath.

The flimsy lodging houses have begun collapsing, rapidly adding fuel to the blaze. At 10 the blaze is thought to be under control, though fresh outbreaks are constantly reported.

Among the structures destroyed are the Kaddery building, a three-story brick; Kearns, Bros. block and lodging house; Air-Tight Stove Co., a three-story brick; Bailey's paint store, Portland Cement & Tiling Co., Wedder, Smith's and Hochfield's second-hand stores, Iowa restaurant.

Loss to the Kaddery building, \$60,000; Cully block, \$50,000. Among the buildings destroyed was the Odd Fellows' hall; loss approximately \$200,000.

Six Persons Injured. At noon the flames are still raging, though under control.

Three persons were injured. There were a number of heroic rescues by firemen. There was little insurance. The burned district includes four blocks of business houses and residences between Stark and Pine, and Union avenue and Sixth streets. The entire district is in ruins, and other adjacent sections were badly damaged.

Rio Pello, a fireman, was injured. John Stewart, a truck driver, sustained a broken leg. Three women were severely injured while being rescued from the Kaddery building. A boy who jumped to the sidewalk had his legs fractured.

Taggart's home were formal. He declared he never went out the back way from any house in the garriçon except his own. He denied sending for Mrs. Taggart and said he didn't even call upon her in the captain's absence. He said there was no truth in the charge of the petition naming him as a correspondent.

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SUFFERING ON STEAMER ATHOS

Caused by Repeated and Hopeless Breaking Down of Defective Engines.

ARRIVES AT NEW YORK MANY DAYS OVERDUE

Boat Was Laden With Rotten Bananas Which Poisoned the Water Supply—Crew Killed and Ato Sharks and Dolphins, and Underwent Sickenng Experiences From the Pestiferous Odor of the Bananas—The Dangers of Asphyxiation Were Worse Than of Starvation and of Dearth of Water—Steamer Was Laden at Jaulaice.

New York, Aug. 22.—The steamer Athos, 17 days overdue, with a cargo of unseatable bananas and bones of half-eaten sharks aboard, indicating the hardships of the voyage, reached port this morning with eight passengers.

She left the port of Antonio, Jamaica, July 5, for a six-day voyage. Three hours from port a part of the engine broke. She drifted from that time on until Sunday, trying to repair the break, then signaled the steamer Altai for a tow and was brought into New York.

The Chinamen aboard tried to eat sharks, but it made them ill. Dolphins were caught and relieved the famine.

August 8 the Athos signalled "All well" to the steamer Adirondack, but on the 14th the fresh water tank was found tainted by the juice of rotting bananas, and for a week she was tossed about by heavy seas, the engines breaking time and again. The steamer Vera provided some provisions, but was unable to tow.

The passengers say the odor of rotten fruit was worse than hunger and dangers of the sea, and many sickened.

The Day's Record.

New Orleans, Aug. 22.—In the yellow fever situation today 11 new cases and six deaths were reported to the health authorities up to noon.

TEACHERS SELECTED.

Contracts Made at Helix and Adams for Ensuing Year. Teachers for the schools at Helix and Adams have just been selected, and the contracts filed with the county superintendent. For Helix, Charles R. Dutro, of Idaho, has been selected as principal and Miss Bertha Stachling, of Kansas, as assistant. School will commence in that town on September 4.

For the Adams school, Prof. W. O. Reed has been chosen principal; J. H. E. Scott, assistant, and Miss Beda Carlstrom, primary teacher.

Plenty of Water in Yakima.

It may not be out of place to state that these imposing irrigation suits that have been commenced, and all this dynamiting of irrigation dams that has been done, are not the result of a shortage of water in the Yakima river for the use of farmers in growing crops. There is a shortage of several thousand cubic feet of water which the irrigation companies in these prosperous times figure they could use next year, or some other time, if they had it. There is, as a matter of fact, a small surplus in the river over and above what is being used for farming operations, and it might not be an unfair statement of the case to say that the scrap which is on its for this surplus—Yakima Rebuttle.

Cleaning Out Bonner's Ferry.

Sheriff Ed Doust, of Kootenai county, arrived in Bonner's Ferry at 1 o'clock last night with his two deputies and raided the gambling houses, confiscating five slot machines, one roulette wheel and three black jack tables. The sheriff next visited the disorderly houses and ordered all the inmates to leave town.—Spokesman Review.

The Douglas county yield of hops is estimated at 30,000 pounds, a good average yield.

REINDICTMENT OF WILLIAMSON

IS INDICATED BY THE WITNESSES SUMMONED.

Federal Grand Jury Now in Session at Portland Will Put Under Fire Persons Who Temporarily Escaped Owing to Defective Indictments—Conspiracy, and Alleged Tampering With Government Witnesses During the Recent Trials Are Charged Against Williamson and Other Defendants.

Portland, Aug. 22.—The federal grand jury convened this morning and began investigation of the land frauds. The first matter considered was the reindictment of the persons previously indicted but dismissed on the grounds of defectiveness.

It is evident from the witnesses summoned that new indictments will be returned against Congressman Williamson and co-defendants for conspiracy and alleged tampering with government witnesses during the recent trials.

HEART ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

Extraordinary Anatomical Deformity at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 22.—When Malcolm Rose, a landscape gardener, was placed on the operating table at the county hospital here today to undergo an operation for the removal of a growth from his neck, it was discovered by the surgeons that the patient's heart instead of being in a normal position on the left side of the body was located on the right side nearly six inches from its proper place. The organ in every way, however, appeared normal. It had evidently been in that position from birth. The physicians at the hospital state that it is the first case of the kind that has ever come under their observation.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—September wheat closed today at 80 5-8; corn at 53 1-2, and oats at 25 3-4.

TAGGART WENT CALLING.

Mrs. Vose's Testimony Compromises the Captain.

Wooster, Aug. 22.—Brigadier General Minor, who was Captain Taggart's commanding officer at Fort Leavenworth, was present in court today.

Mrs. Irene Vose was recalled to the stand in cross-examination this morning. She told that Taggart, in pajamas, passed her door and went into the room where the Filipino servant, Augustina, slept, and she said Taggart was morose and irritable during the witnesses visit at his home in Manila.

Mrs. Vose described an occasion during her visit to the Taggart home at Manila, when she said Taggart was jealous and angry and slapped his wife. She said Major Newbury left Taggart's house on account of this. She admitted Mrs. Taggart had four servants and four horses and the rest of the establishment was in proportion, but she did not know of any "special comforts" Mrs. Taggart had. Minor left the court room ahead of Taggart. At the noon recess the men did not move.

General Minor's wife testified this afternoon. She said she was in a position to see every guest at the table and saw nothing of impropriety in the attitude Mrs. Taggart. She said Mrs. Taggart admired the roses on the table, and in her presence the general gave her one. Cross-examined, Mrs. Minor was asked, "Did you know of the time Minor called upon Mrs. Taggart and remained alone with her in the parlor while a young woman was posted on the porch?" She answered, "I never heard of it and don't believe it happened."

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HEAVY FREIGHT COMING.

O. R. & N. and Short Line Yards at Huntington Filled With Westbound Loads.

Several thousand tons of merchandise and fast freight, many hundreds of tons of which are consigned to Pendleton, are now lying in the railroad yards at Huntington, awaiting shipment to the west.

Since the passenger business is so heavy much of the motive power is being employed in moving the big passenger trains, and within the past few days freight has congested somewhat at Huntington.

The system expects the heaviest freight traffic during the coming fall and winter months ever witnessed and the forerunner of this rush is now arriving.

DINED WITH WANAMAKER.

Booker Washington Denies He Escorted Anyone to the Table.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 22.—President Booker T. Washington has addressed a letter, under a New York date, to the Age-Herald, of this city, concerning his recent visit to John Wanamaker at Saratoga. He says:

"I did not escort any female member of Mr. Wanamaker's family to or out of the dining room. I did dine with Mr. Wanamaker and members of his family at a hotel, at his request, for the purpose of talking on business, but at the time was a guest myself at a colored hotel at Saratoga."

Taft Party at Cebu.

Cebu, P. I., Aug. 22.—Taft and party arrived aboard the Logan this morning, being escorted into the harbor by scores of craft. The city is decorated and a parade, races and banquet will take place. The party will leave at daybreak tomorrow.

GALLON HOUSE MEN HAVE FLEO

VANSYCLE ROAD RESORT ABANDONED WITH HASTE.

"They Folded Their Tents Like the Arab, and Silently Stole Away," Leaving the Cold Storage Depot in the Side Hill—Many Residents of That Vicinity Regret That the Proprietors Fleo Before Being Taken in Custody—Responsible Residents Had No Use for the Villainous Outfit.

The "Gallon House" proprietors, Ed and R. Anderson, who have been doing business among the harvest hands and teamsters near Vansycle for several weeks past, have ceased operations and "flew the coop" for parts unknown. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakeley left here in a two-seated rig with the intention of consulting with the two men, but when he arrived at their place about noon, they had disappeared. Tent, booze and all had been taken, and nothing remained but a cave dug in a bank and used as a cold storage, remained to show for the stand that has caused so much notoriety during the present harvest.

Mr. Blakeley was told that the Anderson brothers had left the evening before his arrival and they are thought to have moved over into Washington. Evidently some of the patrons of the place had seen things that made them believe a visit from the sheriff was to be expected, and they told their fears to the proprietors of the tent, with the result as above stated.

For some time past it has been said that the "gallon limit" was not being observed by the two men, and that liquor could be had in less quantities. This is said to have accounted for the visit made by Deputy Blakeley, though that official declines to state what his motives were.

The wheat raisers and warehouse operators of the Vansycle country have not taken kindly to the "gallon house" idea, and they are glad the business is stopped, though some wish that the Andersons had remained there another day, so as to have met the deputy sheriff.