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PITTSBURG HOUSES ON LANDSLIDE THE CAUSE OF PANIC

Pittsburg, Aug. 29.—With their houses slipping and creaking and the breaking of windows, several hundred foreigners deserted their homes at Port Vue, a suburb, fearing death in a landslide which threatens to bury twenty-five dwellings on Scott street.

The trouble was caused by digging a new railroad cut one hundred yards below. The earth between the cut and the hills that are sliding whereon the houses stand is underlain with a soft shale soapstone, and the whole mass is slowly moving toward the cut. During the past 24 hours one hundred yards of Scott street has dropped thirty feet below its original level.

STATE NEAR CLOSE OF GLASS TESTIMONY

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—State Senator Russel Lukens was a witness

today in the trial of Louis Glass for bribery and was subjected by Assistant District Attorney Heney to an examination which could not have been more severe had he been placed on the stand by the other side.

Senator Lukens was preceded in the witness chair by Benjamin A. Pendleton and Eugene T. Thurston, Jr., who were members of the Oakland city council in the fall of 1905, when the Home Telephone Company was seeking a rival franchise in that city against the efforts of the Pacific States Company to maintain its monopoly.

Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Thurston testified to hospitalities extended to them by Agent Halsey, of the old company, and by Lukens, who was in its employment as a lawyer, but no testimony was forthcoming of any improper offers being made to them. The prosecution will conclude tomorrow.

RAILROADS ARE FOR RAISING FREIGHT SCHEDULE

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Judge Kohlsaat, of the federal court, on complaint of fourteen creamery concerns in the Middle West, has temporarily enjoined fourteen Western roads and five express companies from establishing on September 1 their new rates for the transportation of milk and butter.

MODIFICATION OF ARBITRATION SCHEME

The Hague, Aug. 29.—The British proposition regarding obligatory arbitration has been so modified that it may lead to an understanding. It leaves each nation free for itself to submit for arbitration such cases, as the Lebanon fire department was sent for.

arise between it and other nations, as a signatory nation may select.

FRENCH PRESIDENT DECORATED BY JAPS

Paris, Aug. 29.—Japanese Ambassador Kurino, in behalf of the emperor, has bestowed the order of the Chrysanthemum upon President Fallieres, and also handed the president an autograph letter from the mikado.

STOCK MARKET SHOWS LITTLE LIFE

New York, Aug. 29.—Stocks opened at moderate fractional advances and the first dealings were active and varied, but the demand ceased, and most of the prominent stocks declined slightly from yesterday's closing.

The hotel at Sodaville, owned by John Muehl, of Salem, and run by J. C. Wyckoff, was entirely consumed by fire Wednesday. About half of the furniture was gotten out. It was feared the entire town would go, and the Lebanon fire department was sent for.

FISH AND HARAHAN, RIVAL MAGNATES, COME TO BLOWS

New York, Aug. 29.—Stuyvesant Fish, former president and still one of the directors of the Illinois Central railroad, today declined to comment on the personal encounter yesterday between himself and President Harahan, his successor. The encounter resulted from Fish's attempt to present during the directors' meeting a resolution demanding an investigation of affairs since Harahan's elevation to the presidency. Fish was interrupted by motions to adjourn, which Harahan declared carried. Fish protested that the board could not legally adjourn in the midst of a director's remarks. Harahan reiterated that the meeting was adjourned, and Fish hotly declared him "the tool of Harahan, and a puppet."

Parahan, springing up, shouted: "You're a liar," and an instant later Fish reached across the table, seized Parahan and shoved him back into his chair. The other directors separated the belligerents and rushed them out of the room by separate doors.

Harahan Will Not Talk.
Chicago, Aug. 28.—Mr. Harahan arrived here today, but refused to discuss his encounter with Stuyvesant Fish.

UNCLE JOE WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

Alexandria, Bay, N. Y., Aug. 27.—"Am I a candidate for the Republican nomination for president? No; I have not the bee, personally. Would I accept the nomination? No citizen has ever declined it, or ever will, I would rather contribute to making the next session of congress a success, so that my party will deserve and win success in 1908 than have the presidency tendered to me on a golden salver."

Representative J. G. Cannon, of Illinois, speaker of the last house, and undoubtedly destined to be speaker of the next, the country's "Uncle Joe," and the choice of his state for the nomination for President Roosevelt's successor, said this with great earnestness today. The speaker gave the interview sitting aft on the deck of the yacht owned by his friend, Representative Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania. He had come East, as is his custom, to spend the last two weeks of August with Mr. Sibley, and has been putting in most of his time at Mr. Sibley's place on Volcours Bay, Lake Champlain.

TESTING BRIDGE TIMBER OF WESTERN ROAD

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT TIMBER-TESTING PLANT AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON IN EUGENE—WOULD DO AWAY WITH HAPHAZARD GUESSING

Guard Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The Forest Service laboratory at Eugene, Oregon, is preparing to test the strength of timbers which have been removed from the bridges of a Western railroad, and discarded after several years of use.

It is a practice with some railroad companies to remove bridge stringers that have been in service a certain length of time, upon the assumption that they have deteriorated in strength to such a degree as to be unsafe.

The substitution of knowledge for hap hazard guesses is one of the objects held steadily in view by the forest service in its timber tests. It ascertains the actual strength of different woods, not the supposed strength.

Beams will be broken under loads applied by powerful machines, and the weights which they might have carried with safety will be ascertained. The knowledge thus made available will be of value to many users of heavy timbers.

3 Days Special

5c Clean-Up Sale of Summer Goods 5c

1000 yard Remnants, prices ranging from 25c to 75c a yard to close out for 5c yard

Colored Duck and Pique Skirts, prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.50 to close out for 65c ea.
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HAMPTON BROS CASH STORE

HAKODATE FIRE LOSS IS FIFTEEN MILLIONS

Yokohama, Aug. 29.—The American consul at Hakodate reports the loss in the recent conflagration at \$15,000,000. Fifteen thousand houses were destroyed and sixty thousand persons are homeless.

BREWERS WILL OPPOSE LOCAL OPTION SPREAD

Cincinnati, Aug. 29.—Representative brewers of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and other cities are holding a secret meeting here to devise means



MILTON D. PURDY.

Assistant to the attorney general of the United States, who is conducting the government's suit against the American Tobacco company.

for checking the local option, especially in the South.

ASSAILANT OF LI HUNG CHANG FREED

Tokio, Aug. 29.—Koyoma, the Japanese who assaulted and wounded Li Hung Chang at Shimonezaki in 1895, during the Chinese-Japanese peace negotiations, and who was sentenced to life imprisonment, has been pardoned.

At Portland, Maine, an effort to pass a resolution censuring the president of the United States produced a sensation in the final session of the annual meeting of the American Bar Association yesterday. The resolution was introduced by George Whitcomb of Baltimore, who criticized the president for commenting upon the trial of the beef trust cases in Chicago, and adversely criticizing the presiding judge and his ruling. It was finally smothered.

MOORE DONATES PERSONAL MEANS TO AID BANK

Portland, Ore., Aug. 28.—Warehouse property in Portland worth \$50,000, and approximately 7800 acres of Oregon and Washington wheat lands will go in to swell the resources back of the suspended Oregon Trust & Savings bank, to guarantee payment of dollar for dollar to the depositors. These properties President W. H. Moore has cheerfully volunteered to the cause, and today instructed his attorney, A. E. Reames, to draw up the papers transferring them to Receiver T. C. Devlin.

"I have full instructions from Mr. Moore, and will proceed with all reasonable dispatch to prepare the descriptions and deeds," said Mr. Reames. "The properties will be listed, and deeds drawn to Receiver Devlin, and the transfer will be made as soon as the clerical work can be accomplished."

Lands All Valuable.
Mr. Moore said the lands are average eastern Oregon wheat lands. He declined to place specific values on the property, but said most of it had 40 bushels of wheat to the acre this year. About 6,450 acres are in Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Benton counties and the value of all wheat lands in these counties has long been established at from \$25 to \$50 per acre.

About 1,400 acres of similar lands recently purchased in the Walla Walla wheat belt by Mr. Moore also go into the list turned over to the receiver, making a total of more than 7,800 acres.

The warehouse property in Portland to be turned over consists of lots at Montgomery and Water streets. These were purchased by Mr. Moore only a few weeks ago, and are regarded as valuable for manufacturing or warehouse purposes, as they are accessible to the river and railroads.

Receiver Devlin said today: "Mr. Moore is taking action to reimburse depositors to the fullest extent possible, and has given instructions that a large acreage of wheat lands and other property be turned over to the receiver, to assist if necessary in paying depositors dollar for dollar. The work of making out descriptions and deeds will require considerable time."

LARGE CROWD GREETs TAFT IN COLUMBIA

Denver, Aug. 29.—Many Republican leaders and a large crowd of people met Secretary Taft on his arrival early this morning. Taft and party were taken in automobiles to Wolhurst, Thomas F. Walsh's country place, several miles out of town, and breakfasted. Mr. Taft afterward inspected Fort Logan with a view of converting it into a brigade post. A general reception was held at noon at the Denver Republican Club, after which a hundred prominent Republicans of Colorado had luncheon with the secretary.

Taft delivered a public address at the capitol grounds this afternoon.

FARMERS PLAN TO ORGANIZE ELEVATOR TRUST

Minneapolis, Aug. 29.—A meeting of farmers has been called for September 5 to secure the merging of the two hundred farmers' elevators in Minnesota into a central organization, the object being to secure better grading and markets for their products.

FOR TAFT'S TRIP IN CZAR'S EMPIRE

New York, Aug. 29.—The American agent of the Trans-Siberian railroad



CROMWELL DIXON.

Daring Ohio boy astronaut, who sails for hours at a time several hundred feet above the earth in an airship of his own invention.

has arranged for a special car to convey Secretary Taft and party from Vladivostok to St. Petersburg, leaving November 12 and arriving November 26. The only stopover between Vladivostok and Moscow will be at Irkutsk. The party will remain at Moscow two days.

COUNT WITTE QUILTS RUSSIA'S PUBLIC LIFE

London, Aug. 29.—Advises from St. Petersburg say that Count Witte, once the most powerful man in Russia, excepting the emperor, has accepted the directorship in the Bank of Russia for exterior commerce, thus severing himself from his country's official life.

The war department has issued orders for the organization on September 1 of four new coast artillery companies, to be situated on the Pacific coast.