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MEXICANS CRAZED BY ANGER HUNTING TROUBLE

TACOMA'S POWER PLANT ATTACHED FOR \$32,000 DELINQUENT TAXES

TREASURER GOES AFTER STREET CAR COMPANIES--- MUST PAY OR CARS STOP

Traction Companies Have Not Paid Any Taxes Since 1907, and Now Owe, With Light and Other Subsidiary Companies, About \$340,000---The Companies Have Simply Held the City Up, But the County Treasurer's Drastic Action Makes Them Negotiate for Terms.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 15.—County Treasurer Meath this afternoon took possession of the power plant of the Stone-Webster Traction interests at Electron, and, unless the traction company immediately pays into the county treasury \$132,000 of back taxes, due this city and county, every wheel will be stopped and the street cars in Tacoma and those on the Seattle Interurban line will stop running.

The power company owning Electron, which is a Stone-Webster subsidiary, refused to pay its taxes for 1907, as did the city street railway company and the interurban, alleging that the assessments were unjust and excessive. The traction companies have not paid any taxes since 1906, and there is a total of about \$340,000 now due the city and county.

The companies went to court, and for two years the case was in litigation.

A few months ago Judge Hanford handed down a decision that was against the companies. Then they began haggling over the payment of interest on the back taxes. They offered to pay the principal if the county treasurer would waive interest. Acting under the advice of his attorneys, Treasurer Meath refused to accept this proposition, demanding that the amount in full be paid.

Today Treasurer Meath sent deputies to Electron, and took possession of the plant in the name of the county. After the seizure the traction interests began negotiations for a settlement. The proposition advanced by the companies has been refused, and it is not thought that a settlement will be reached today. Unless the taxes are paid in full before night, Meath says he will advertise the property, according to law, and sell it to the highest bidder.

ANOTHER RAILROAD ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 15.—Through service from Chicago to Seattle will be inaugurated by the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound road early in the spring, according to announcements made at the local office of the company today. Equipment costing \$2,500,000 has been ordered and is being rushed to completion.

"I have been over every mile of the transcontinental road," said General Agent Calkins today, "and it is in perfect condition."

"Nothing can postpone the service later than early spring. We have ordered 280 sleepers, buffet, dining, baggage and common cars for through service. In order to plan definitely for the opening date,

we must know exactly when all the equipment will be delivered.

"If this is done within 60 days, we shall be ready to begin operations. With only a part of our rolling stock on hand it would be unwise to start this service."

BIG FIGHT COMING OVER GOMPERTS

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 15.—The biggest fight in the internal history of the American Federation of Labor is expected when the name of President Samuel Gompers comes before the convention, now in session here, for re-election.

Gompers has strenuously fought the plans of socialist members of the federation for a declaration by the organization for socialism, and it is known that 85 Socialist votes out of 368 in the convention will be cast solidly against the little cigar maker.

While admitting that the Socialist faction in the Federation is stronger than ever, Gompers declares that he is not worried over the final outcome. In addition to the Socialists, who

NO FLEET FOR PACIFIC COAST SAYS MEYER

Washington, Nov. 15.—The Pacific coast will be compelled to wait for an adequate battleship fleet until the Panama canal is opened in 1915, according to Secretary Meyer, of the navy department.

Meyer said that the department intends to go ahead with the work of enlarging and equipping the navy yards at Bremerton and Mare Island, however, so that when the battleship fleet is sent to the Pacific the vessels may be accommodated at those two yards.

On his recent visit to the Pacific coast Secretary Meyer said that he was in favor of a fleet for the Pacific coast, but he was not careful to mention the date that he expected such a fleet would become a reality.

How hens do like sweet apples? Good for them, too. Share them between the hens and the pigs.

THE MOON IN ECLIPSE TOMORROW

LAST THIRD OF ECLIPSE WILL BE VISIBLE HERE AT ABOUT 5 IN THE EVENING, LASTING UNTIL 6 O'CLOCK.

University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 15.—A total eclipse of the moon, partly visible in Seattle, will occur Wednesday evening. It will begin at 3 p. m.

Prof. J. E. Gould, of the department of astronomy, said today that coast cities will be able to see the last third of the eclipse, which probably will become noticeable about 5 p. m., lasting until 6.

As observed at Columbia University, New York, the eclipse will occur at a time convenient for observation, beginning at 5:44 p. m. Eastern time, and becoming total at 6:55.

The moon remains immersed within the shadow of the earth until 7:47, when it begins to emerge, and the eclipse will be over at 8:58.

The whole eclipse will last a little more than three hours.

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Explosion in a cartridge factory today killed 23 persons and wounded 40.