SUICIDE FOLLOWS ATTEMPT TO KILL

Ex-Convict Attacks Wife, Then With Razor Cuts His Own Throat.

REVENGE CAUSE OF DEED

Widow Wooed, Won and Wed in Short Space of Four Days, Although She Knew of Her Sultor's Character.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 27 .- (Spe cial)-Myron L. Taft, an ex-convict from the Oregon Penitentlary, today nake a murderous attack on his wife, Mrs. Lois Taft, at their Folsom-street home in Chehalis, beating the woman ever the head with a hammer until he thought her dead, following which he rushed into the house and cut his throat with a razor.

When neighbors who had rushed to the rescue of the shricking woman broke through the bolted door Taff was dead, with a gaping wound across his throat. At the St. Helens Hospital, where she was hurried following the assault. It was reported tonight that Mrs. Taft would recover.

The affair happened in broad day-light, and before Taft had got back late the house, a number of neighbors who heard the woman's screams were

surrying to the scene. Wife Woord, Won and Wed in 4 Days Taft came to Chehalis last August from Portland to visit his brother, Joe Taft. Nearby lived a widow. Mrs. Mark Eastman, whose husband had died in April previous. Taft, who had a reputation for winning the hearts of women, made desperate love, and on four days acquaintance Mrs. Eastman married him.

Joe Taft was at Hood River working at the time, but his wife warned Mrs.

at the time, but his wife warned Mrs. Enstman of the kind of man Myron Taft was, and tried to dissuade her from marrying him. Joe Taft even returned to Chehalis, hoping to arrive in time to prevent the wedding, but was a day foo late.

was a day too late. was a day too late.

Mea, Eastman and Taft did not live happilly together long and quarreled frequently. Two weeks ago she had him arrested for threatening to kill herself and children.

Tart Released From Jall.

Taft was held in the Lewis County Jail here until last Thursday, when on account of his tubercular condition and Ex-U. S. Senator Passes Away promises to behave and quit the county forever, a ticket to Portland was hought for him and he went to that city, later writing a letter to his wife. Since Taft was released from Jail Mrs. Taft, fearing he might return, had stayed at night with near neighbors. Last night, after dark, Taft returned

Chehalis, slipped quietly to the fam-y home and pried open a window, oping, it is thought, to find his wife, there, trap and slay her.
Early this morning a lad named Walter Moore, who had been watching the Taft house for Mrs. Taft, reported that

someone had broken into the residence last night, and it was also rumored that someone had seen Taft near there. Murderer Was in Hiding.

or and committed suicide rather than be taken alive.

Taft Spanish War Veteran,

American Was. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American Was. He was a study and and was born at Portland, Or. He had been a bad man all his life and had twee heart and the been sent up to the Oregon Pensen from the camelative sentence law. His father through the fairly in content News in California, a brother, Joe Taglia Straights, in a diditor to his career in the law-raft in Chenklis, and a sister, Mrs. Julia Straights, in Portland.

Coroner Newsell will hold no inquest and the remains will probably be hard for the remains will probably be buried by the county.

Mrs. Taft in a daighter of Mrs. Wils.

Mrs. Taft in the besten san dail scents for the present of the concessor Taft was a soldier in the Spanish-

ns, of Littell, and her father was im Massingham, a former resident of Claquato, who died some years ago.

CRIMINAL RECORD LONG ONE

Three Terms in Oregon Pending and One on Alcatraz Island Served.

Stevens and Deputy Sherin Leonard wheat flour.

His was identified as an ex-convict by a hat which had been given him at the ing the quantity of flour to be soid to each customer, remain in full force and effect.

the United States military prison Alcatras Island for desertion from the Army.

NEW YORK NEWSIES STRIKE

Publishers and Dealers Cannot Agree Over Wholesale Price.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A strike of all news dealers and newsboys in Greater New York was called at a meeting last might of the National Association of News Dealers and Stationers, as a result of a disagreement over the rate of \$1.40 a hundred, demanded by the publishers for daily papers when the assance in price to 2 cents became ef-

The news dealers demand a price of

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM OREGON DIES AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY.



CHARLES W. PULTON.

at Portland Home.

WIDOW AND SON SURVIVE

Deceased for Many Years Active Figure in Politics of Oregon and in Later Years of Life Prominent in Affairs of Nation.

(Continued Prom Pirst Page.) At half past 10 o'clock Mrs. Taft, who had arranged to go to Tacoma tomorrow to work, went to her home, accompanied by a neighbor. Mr. Messenger, packed her suitcase and started from the house. She had no sooner got outside than Taft, who had been hiding in the rear of the building in a closet, rushed into the street in his stocking-rushed into the street for the street of the Senate at the sessions of 1893 and 1901. He held a number of municipal offices in the city of Astoria and in 1888 was one of the Presidential electors from this body with a hammer.

The woman fell, wounded with a dozen blows and he left her for dead. However, she gave another outery and he returned and struck her again, then dashed back to the house belows to the subernatorial of the gubernatorial of the subernatorial cidate for the gubernatorial nominition, but he was defeated by Willia P. Lord, then Justice of the State St

In February, 1903, Mr. Fulton was elected United States Senator by the

Mrs. Taft is a daughter of Mrs. Wig-in choosing his party's standard-ns, of Littell, and her father was bearers and in shaping its policies. He was a member of and attended the last successiva conventions in 1908, 1912 and 1916,

EAT LESS WHEAT IS PLEA new orders to issue in this connection.

(Continued From First Page.) M. L. Taft, alias the "Dirty-faced Mid," had a long criminal record in Corgon. He served a two-year term flour sell a 42-pound sack of wheat flour sell a 42-pound sack of wheat flour sell a 42-pound sack of wheat flour sell a 42-pound sell a 42-pound sack of wheat flour sell a 42-pound sell a 42-pound sack of wheat flour sell a 42-pound sell a 42-p

Wilcox Shoulders Task. Wilcox Shoulders Task.

The Oregon food administration is leaving largely in the hands of T. B. Wilcox, Federal Milling Commissioner, the task of limiting sales of wheat products by the mills to the Jobbers and wholesalers. That the restrictions promulgated at Washington in this matter will be executed to the letter and that hardship will thereby be worked on the little miller who has been doing custom grinding was in-NEW YORK, Jan 27.—A strike of all dicated last night by Mr. Wilcox.

"The orders of the President," said
Mr. Wilcox, "are to be law in our eyes.
Tomorrow I will send letters instructing all millers of the state to abide by
the restrictions isid down by the President and Mr. Hoover. Furthermore, Inspectors are to be sent out to see to it that the regulations are enforced. Small Millers Hard Hit.

"Many small millers of the state will,

engineer returns from the South he'is to be set at work on this problem. I hope it will be possible to utilize a portion of the potatoes Oregon pro-duces in this way. If installment of any reasonable amount of machinery will fit our plants here to turn out po-tate flour we will soon be engaged in making it."

problem in attempting to turn out victory bread exclusively. The dearth of suitable substitutes is so complete, they say, as to make it an extremely in that body in December of that year.

difficult one for them.

"The changes now required of us," said H. F. Rittman, of the Log Cabin Baking Company, last night, "are so radical, and the shortage of things we can use as substitutes in broad is so serious, that we are strictly up against it.

Barley Flour Is Scarce.

"Barley flour and catmeal are the only substitutes we have been using to any extent that is not now barred. We can't get enough barley flour. The supply we have on hand will not last three days if we begin using it in victory' loaves. The supply of onimeal is larger, but here we are up against a decidedily higher cost. Rice flour and cornmeal are scarce and high."

Mr. Rittman and other bakers say because of its moisture-holding faculty. It tends to make bread soggy and ma-terially reduces the size of the loaf if used in any quantity. At present it is not offered in appreciable quantity by At present it is Oregon dealers,

Brend Prices to Go Up. One disclosure of yesterday's inves-

Meatless Days Explained.

For the reason that no changes in and virtue wherever found.
'meatless' day regulations now in force in Oregon are made by the President's proclamation, Mr. Ayer has no continue, until March 13, to be defined simply as "porkless" days and meals. All forms of pork, including lard, are barred from use at one meal each day and every Tuesday and Saturday.

Householders and others affected by To have casually met Senator Fulton but to have developed and Dell Claude and Raymond Dell Claud

each except the small amount that may be needed or thickening soups or gravies; or for a binder in corn bread or other

cereal breads."
"As to bread," concludes the new Government order, "If you bake it at home, use other cereals than wheat, and if you buy it, buy only 'war' bread."

War Brend Will Contain Five Per Cent His death is a distinct loss to the bar Substitute for Wheat Flour; Cereals

May Be Used.

STATE MOURNS MR. **FULTON'S PASSING**

litical Friends and Foes as Distinct Shock.

death were offered yesterday.
Judge Henry E. McGinn—in the political controversies which have taken
place in Oregon during the last 32 years or so, it has almost always happened that Charles W. Fulton and I were arrayed on opposite sides. I am sure that the highest tribute to his nerveral character and the highest tribute to his personal character and to his public career will come most from men like myself who were opposed to him politically

Dr. Hillis Friend of Mr. Fulton. There can be nothing said of the private virtues and the public character of Mr. Fulton to which I will not subscribe. He was well born. I mean by that, physically and morally bornthe greatest legacy which any human being can inherit. He was born in Lima, Allen County, Onio, in August, 1853. His early boyhood, from 1865 to 1870, was spent at Magnolia, Ia. Here n boyhood days he formed an acquaintance with Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth-Church, Brooklyn-Henry Ward Beecher's old church-which continued through life and which is terminated only by the Scuator's death.
Mr. Pulton came to Astoria in April,
1875, just after his admission to the bar, where he also spent some of his boy-hood days. He early became a public figure in Oregon. He was elected to the Oregon State Senate in 1878, again in 1896, again in 1894 and again in 1898. He was twice President of the State Senate in 1892 and a gain and

be taken too seriously, for let me assure in 1898, again in 1898, again in 1898, and again in 1898. He was twice President of the State Senate in 1893 and took his seat in that body in December of that year.

Mr. Fulton Power in Senate.

In the Senate he became and was a national figure. He stood with such men as Senators Spooner and Bailey as the great constitutional lawyers of the Senate. Since his retirement from the Sanate in 1999 he has practiced law in this city. He was the most loveable of men. He is survived by a widow and son and several brothers and a sister. The world will be lonesome for many of his old associates because of his taking away. He was the life of any company in which he was. He had a laughter that was an officious and which would drive away any fit of blues.

We taken too seriously, for let me assured synchroling days and synching and spending days and weeks of energy in the great task of the National figure. He stood with such men as Senators Spooner and Bailey as the great constitutional lawyers of the Senate in 1909 he has practiced law in this city. He was the most loveable of men. He is survived by a widow and son and several brothers and a sister. The world will be lonesome for many of his old associates because of his taking away. He was the life of any company in which he was. He had a laughter that was an officious and which would drive away any fit of blues.

Of all the public men that have ever been in Oregon none was more loved.

Son the assurance of the Hereford saw, it and summoned her latest dining. The work mand of the serial strain and doing everything and the Nation on its strongest fighting basis. I beg of you not to judge Congress by the few who fit is a big one and in order to have no say no more about the matter than seemed necessary, and to such the young woman's ambition to free her self from the school; and the proper world in the proper will be more mouth that the poor is a great deal to say about how she the proper will be more mouth of the school, and that t

Mr. Ritman and other bakers say been in Oregon none was more loved. hat employment of potato flour in break-making must always be limited Mr. Fulton. I think I voice the sentiment of everyone who knew him when I make this statement. His death is a National and well as a state loss.

Patriotism Is Lauded. Jay Bowerman, Mr. Fulton's law partner-In the death of Senator ton the state has lost one of its ablest lawyers, as well as its most emitigation is that the price of bread in nent statesman, to whom many P. Lord, then Justice of the State Supreme Court, and afterward Minister to Argentina.

Mr. Fulton Goes to Senate.

In February, 1903, Mr. Fulton was

him forever the enemy of sham and hypocrisy and an admirer of worth

Young Lawyers Advised.

I have never known a man of kindden's proclamation, Mr. Ayer has no new orders to issue in this connection. "Meatless" days and meals in this state continue, until March 13, to be defined simply as "porkless" days and meals. All forms of pork, including lard, are barred from use at one meal each day and extended in the new of the meals and displayed two sow of this on the index had displayed two sow of this on the index had displayed two sow of this on aged by the explosions. Aerial activity was notable from ball claude and Raymond Dunn, the men brought down two machines with two jackles under arrest, to divide the mentorious case procured his assistance for must be added to the splosions. Aerial activity was notable from the inght of December 23 in the had despayed two sow of this on the inght of December 23 in the had despayed two sow of the splosions. Aerial activity was notable from below the including the statement says.

was a high-minded citizen, zealous and has been made against Duni courageous in the service of the people. He hated demagogues and despised He hated demagogues and shams and insincerities. H He was a loyal, dependable friend and one of the strongest lawyers of the Oregon bar. Colonel Samuel White, chairman Democratic state central committee—
"Coarlie" Fulton was my exceedingly good friend. I feel his death very REPORTS OF REFINERS. keenly and regard it a personal le Our associations were most intimate. The state has lost a useful citizen whose place cannot easily He was a pure, patriotic citizen. His ideas were high and ennobling. had no other desire but to serve the Nation and the people in whatever ca-

of the state, to the state and to the Ability as Lawyer Praised.

The news dealers demand a price of the state will, I fear, have to stop grinding, since the diltitle but custom work. Some of them have been grinding wheat for same and 35 Persons Killed.

EL PARO, Tex. Jan. 27—Mexican rebels, supposed to be members of the which his. Wilcox results for the control of the state of the state of the state of the control of the state of the state will as passengers train on the Mexican central Railroad 25 miles of the state of Circuit Judge J. P. Kavanaugh.

personally acquainted with Mr. Fulton in a political and a business way for more than 20 years. I know of no other man in Oregon that I regarded more highly, both personally and politically. In the United States Senate he became a National figure and was one of the big men in the National Congress. Aside from his ability as a statesman, he was recognized by both Democrats and Republicans as one of the country's ablest lawyers. He was a most honorable citizen, an able law-

and to his country. Loss to State Mourned. John W. Minto-Mr. Fulton was one of God's noblemen. He was one of Oregon's biggest and best citizens. He

TRIBUTE PAID TO GENIUS

of God's noblemen. He was one of Oregon's biggest and best citizens. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, whose word was supreme. As a member of the Senate he was a National Figure. At home he was equally conspicuous for his ability and his service to the people. I had an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Fulton for more than 30 years, and can say I never than 30 years as the same of the same as a state and nonorable man. The state and Nation have suffered a great loss in his death, M. G. Muniy—I am shecked by the news of Mr. Fulton's death. I knew him for nearly 30 years. I liked "Charile" Fulton. He was a Reinial, pleasant man, one of the great lawyers of the state, and a statesman of National prominence. His genial and charming personality attracted and retained rirends. Although not of the same political party, I came to know a minimately and counted him a most valued friend. He was a big lawyer and a state from him polying deserved tribute to Mr. Fulton is a loss to the state that cannot be supplied. He was one of the great stand to the civil service.

The following estimates of the worth The feath of Mr. Fulton word—The death of the was one of the personality attracted and requirements of the worth the state over sent to the National Content of the worth of the was one of the best representatives and death was deplored with Republicans in paying deserved tribute to Mr. Fulton as the could bear, Mignon Swanson, 77. To several days Miss Swanson's personality, joined with Republicans in paying deserved tribute to Mr. Fulton to directors, friends or family, and can state the paying deserved tribute to Mr. Fu

paying deserved tribute to Mr. Fulton and eulogizing him as a friend, a neighbor, a lawyer and a statesman.

The following estimates of the worth and the loss both the state and the Nation have suffered in his death were offered yesterday.

Supplied. He was one of the greatest men Oregon ever had in its public life. He was one of the best representatives the state ever sent to the National Congress. Senator Fulton was a fearless man of strong convictions, who rendered his state a great service.

For several days Miss Swanson's perturbed relatives, aided by the Portland women's protective division, have sought valuely for traces of the truann schoolmistress, fearing the possibility of the seeming mysters.

GATHERING AT BALTIMORE.

People Urged Not to Take Too Seriously Men Who in War Time Are Unable to Forget Partisanship.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 27.—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, in an ad-dress to an immense Patriotic Defense League meeting in the Academy of Mu-sic today vigorously defended President Wilson's Administration and Congress against what he termed "the wild criti-cisms" of some men who, he said, could not forget partisanship, but whose real intention was to get at the bottom of some of the mistakes that have been made in the preparations for war. He

said:
"There are a few men in these crucial times who are unable to forget their partisanship, but they must not be taken too serlously, for let me assure you that, as a whole, Congress is strain-

CHICAGO WOMAN TELLS OF SLUG-GING OF NAVY JACKIE.

"Billie" Laverne, in Confession, Discloses Part She and Others Played in Affair.

Naval Lieutenant stationed at Goat Island, San Francisco Bay. Followin her confession the police held her on

According to the police she said that six women victims, three being killed Bundick had displayed two \$50 bills on Three hospitals at Mestre were dam-

can ill afford to lose Mr. Fulton. He charge of assault with intent to kill orated the memory of St. Sava l. was a high-minded citizen zealous and has been made against Dunn.

OIL PRICES COMPARED

REPORTS OF REFINERS.

184 Per Cent Higher Than During Month of June.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. - Fuel oil prices are the subject of a special bul-letin issued tonight by the Federa Trade Commission, showing wide varia ion between the cost of oil, plus fining, and the sale price, particularly in the East and Middle West. The figures are based upon August reports

News of Death Comes to Po- yer and a distinguished statesman. His death is an irreparable loss to his state Halsey Schoolmistress Flees Troubles and Comes to City to Take Employment.

Work Soon Found.

Last night she was located at the Hereford residential hotel, 735 Hoyt issued today from the newly opened of the problem of a new career by working as a dining-room maid, while attending a business college for the coveted civil sarvice course.

"I didn't think there

long as I could and then I simply had to go sway."

The briefest of interviews served to elicit the information that country school teaching, with the neighborhood gossips discussing pedagogy from every adverse angle, is a sore trial to temperament. Worried to the verge of a nervous breakdown, the distraught gossips discussing pedagogy from every adverse angle, is a sore trial to tem-perament. Worried to the verge of a pervous breakdown, the distraught schoolmistress sought surcease in

Through an employment agency she secured the position at the Hereford, telling Mrs. S. M. Walls, the manager, that she wished to work while studying at the business college, Quiet, refined and industrious she made a distinct 'hit' with her new employer, Girl Wins Champion.

Then came the story in The Orego-nian from Albany, which told of the missing schoolmistress, Mignon Swan-son. The manager of the Hereford saw it and summoned her latest dining-

to 735 Hoyt street. nother young woman of almost identical surname threw investigation off the track for a time. Miss Grace Swen-son, 17, who lived with her mother at a nearby address and who worked at the Hereford, served in this manner to

add to the muddle.

were promptly repulsed and in a counher confession the police held her on a ter-attack the Italians brought back charge of being an accessory to a robbery.

ter-attack the Italians brought back prisoners. Bombs dropped by Tentonic airplanes on Treviso and Mestre claimed

Subscription of \$130 Taken for Ben-

efit of Red Cross. Serbian people of Portland commemprogramme was carried out and a sub-cription of \$130 taken for the benefit of Serbian Red Cross.

St. Sava was a Crown Prince who in the 14th century gave up the crown and devoted his life to the schools. His Boston praises were sung in the native tongue Chicago. at the meeting by the 150 Serbians present. As a result of the meeting a ladies "beehive" was organized to make things needed in relief work among Serbian soldiers and refugees in the Bulletin Shows Prices Are From 70 to islands of the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas.

> WAR ORPHANS ADOPTED Salina, Kan., Assumes Responsibil-

> > ity for 36 French Children.

SALINA, Kan., Dec. 27.-As a Christ-

shipbuilding work and not now ployed in it, as a part of the war-labor reserve now being registered.

Men who enroll will not sacrifice inde-pendence of action, and each is advised to remain at his present job until no-tified that a place in a shipyard is ready for him.

The quotas include: Montana, 1583; Idaho, 1621; Wyoming, 618; Utah, 1660; Washington, 5906; Oregon, 3204; Call-fornia, 11,310. fornia, 11,310.

R. P. Bonham, United States immigration inspector in Portland, who has been in charge of the Labor Department's employment agency work, is in charge of enrolling laborers in this district. In this proposed reserve he will be aided by the United States Shipping Board's district office in Portland, L. J. Wentworth, Northwestern Bank build-ing, and whatever agencies may be or-ganized with the aid of the State Coun-

cil of Defense.

The reserve was formally announced

January 14.

It is not likely there will be an immediate need for more workers in the Portland district. More skilled laborers would be taken on if they were available, perhaps, but a movement has been started within the last week to discourage the immigration of ordinary laborers from the Middle West at this time, as the supply here is ample.

MEN ENOUGH FOR JOBS

LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND ARE EQUAL, SAYS REPORT.

Need Said to Exist in Pacific Northwest for Loggers-California Has Labor to Spare.

tending a business college for the coveted civil service course.

"I didn't think they would worry," every able and willing worker can be said Miss Swanson, a trifle nervously.

"Anyway it didn't matter. I stood it as long as I could and then I simply had to go sway."

The briefest of interviews served to

elsewhere.
Portland, Or., and Seattle, Wash., de-clares that it is impossible to supply the demand for loggers.
Chicago is described as being in "easy condition, with 10,000 applied for to balance every 10,000 seeking jobs."

U. S. TAKES RUSS RIFLES

HALF MILLION GUNS DIFFER ONLY IN BORE FROM ENFIELD.

War Department, After Conference With Russian Ambrosador, Agrees to Reimburse Manufacturers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- Rifles ordere by the Russian government from the Remi: ton Arms Union Metallic Company at Bringeport, Conn., and the Westinghouse Company at Springfield, Mass., will be taken o er by the Gov-ernmen. More than half a million rifles, differing only in bore from the Ame leanized Enfield, re involved. The desire of the War Department to hold together the trained workmen in the two plants while these factories are

they should secure another teacher.
Then came an equally enigmatic message, directing that her trunk be sent facturers in a manner which will perpartment would, in effect, take over the contracts, I mb rsing the manuo 735 Hoyt street.

The fact that the Hereford employs next few months for the force engaged on rifle contr sts. It is understood the Russian Em-

bassy requested and obtained an option on the rifles in the hope of event-ually being able to ske them over.

Fire Menaces Navy-Yard BOSTON, Jan. 27.-Fire of unknown origin was discovered in an oil-tank uilding in the Boston Navy yard early today by a special police officer. Clames were extinguished by wor

before they could cause much damage,

John S. Parsons Suicide. NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 27.-Commander John S. Parsons, of the Naval Reserve, shot and killed himself in his office here today. He had been suffering

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—Maximum temperature, 53 degrees; minimum, 43. River reading, 8 A. M., 8.5 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.3 foot fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 03 inches; total since September 1, 1917, 28.06 inches; normal, 25 inches; excess, 06 inch. Sunrise, 7.30 A. M.; sunset, 5.09 P. M.; total sunshine, 2 hours and 50 minutes; nossible sunshine, 2 hours and

50 minutes; possible sunshine, 2 hours and 30 minutes. Moonrise, 6:15 P. M.; moonset, 7:40 A. M. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 5 P. M., 30.26 inches. Relative humidity at noon, 73 per cent.

THE WEATHER. Mint Wind STATIONS.

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*A. M. today; *P. M. report of preceding Portland and vicinity-Monday fair, moderate westerly winds.

Oregon—Monday generally fair, moderate westerly winds.

Washington—Monday probably rain west portion, fair east portion; moderate westerly

inds.

Idaho—Morday fair.

EDWARD L. WELLS, Meteorologist.