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## ARMY ASSUMES FULL CONTROL

### LIVERPOOL BESIEGED ON EVERY HAND BY ARMED MEN

#### CHILDREN DYING BY HUNDREDS FROM MILK SHORTAGE

London Situation No Better—Many Other Union Joining Strike Ranks, Including the Railroads of England The Officials Utterly Unable to Cope With the Situation in Liverpool—Infantry to Sheffield.

Liverpool, Aug. 17.—This city is today beleaguered. The warship Antrim is guarding the harbor and 5000 troops are encamped on the streets. More warships are enroute. The admiralty has determined to protect shipping and the crews of the war vessels will probably be used to unload the ships where the shipowners won't let the seamen work. This is the only way to relieve the famine.

**Many Babies Starving.**  
More than 1,000 babies and 2,000 youngsters are actually starving here today as a result of the dock workers' strike. The milk supply is cut off and frenzied parents are besieging the authorities for supplies that can not be given. The food supplies are very low.

**Electrical Workers Out.**  
Electrical workers went on a strike today. The soldiers were ordered to work the power at the lighting plants and the government will operate them until the strikers' places are otherwise filled.

#### London Railroad Strike Ordered.

London, Aug. 17.—Officials of the railway employees' organization tonight telegraphed strike orders to all local unions. Asquith warned the labor leaders that the government would not permit a complete railway paralysis. During the night, when efforts were being made to avert this new strike, the government massed 25,000 troops at Aldershot and today rushed them to strategic positions.

It is estimated that 175,000 railroad employes are involved in the strike. Sir Guy Granet, manager of the Midland railroad, said he believed not over 30 per cent of the men would strike.

#### Liverpool Officials Helpless.

Home Secretary Churchill announced in the commons today that the government's drastic action in sending the war vessels to Liverpool was caused by the local authorities' utter helplessness in continual rioting last night. He added a battery of infantry will be sent to Sheffield.

Labor leaders expect 125,000 men will respond tomorrow to the general strike orders on the railways although the railroads are offering large bonuses to those who will remain loyal to them.

The transport workers' federation meets tonight. The leaders say they would strike to tie up shipping while the railroad men are out.

## TWO MILLIONS BRIDE'S DOWRY

### MISS FORCE TO GET SPECIFIC SUM FROM ASTOR.

#### Tractions of Astor House to Be Carried Out by John Jacob.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 17.—Arrangements regarding the ante-nuptial settlement which John J. Astor wishes to make upon Miss Force are under way here today. A lawyer representing the bride-to-be and the family is here to consult with Astor's representatives.

This settlement is in accord with

**PAUL GEIDEL.**  
Bellboy Who Confessed to the Murder of New York Broker.



Photo by American Press Association.

New York, Aug. 17.—Insanity will probably be the plea advanced by the attorneys for Paul Geidel when the bell boy is placed on trial Monday charged with the murder of Millionaire Jackson in the Iroquois hotel. The crime was committed with intent to rob but only a few dollars were realized.

the custom of the men of the Astor family, who usually set aside a specific fortune for their wives in lieu of dowry rights. It is understood she gets two millions.

## FEDERAL COAL CONCERN URGED

### GOVERNOR WEST HEARTILY IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN.

#### California Representative Urges Government to Operate Fields.

Washington, Aug. 17.—In a special interview for the United Press newspapers, Congressman Kent, (insurgent republican, California), strongly endorsed the policy of the government ownership and operation in Alaska of coal mines and ownership of operation of steamers through the canal to the Atlantic coast.

Kent said that Alaska was purchased by government money, and that it should be developed for the common good not for a monopoly.

He said the government mine ownership would give a chance to develop a collier fleet, which the navy needs, by giving the vessels gainful occupations during peace and would incidentally give the naval reserve corps a chance for training by having the reserves handle the colliers. He said if this method fails he will favor stringent government control of coal by leases.

#### West Favors Idea.

Salem, Aug. 17.—Governor West, one of the strongest proponents for government mining and sale of Alaskan coal, today declared he heartily favored Kent's ideas. "With a government line of steamers," said the governor, "control of the markets by the coal trust would be broken and would also give the government colliers plenty in time of war."

#### Tacoma Labor Favors Plan.

Tacoma, Aug. 17.—The Tacoma labor council, 2,500 strong, last night resolved in favor of the principle of having the government open the Alaskan coal mines and selling the output direct to the people.

#### DILLINGS' RECALL FILED.

Election Will Probably Be Held Within Seven Weeks.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—A trunk full of petitions for the recall of Mayor Dilling, Seattle's recall mayor and three councilmen were filed this morning with names are found, the election will be the city comptroller. If sufficient take place within seven weeks, probably along the first of October.

## REVISED FREE LIST ADOPTED

### HOUSE SENDS MEASURE BACK FOR RATIFICATION.

#### RECALL CLAUSE TO BE DROPPED FROM CONSTITUTION

Much Dickering With Tariff Means that Congress Will Stay in Session Until September First—No Chance to adjourn Before—Steel and Cotton Bills Are Also Passed With Revisions.

Washington, Aug. 17.—President

Taft vetoed the wool revision bill this afternoon. A special message to congress said the information was insufficient to show how the wool tariffs should be revised.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The senate today adopted the Cummins steel amendments to the cotton bill by a vote of 28 to 25. The amendments adjust the steel duties to \$4.40 per ton.

The Simon amendment reducing the duty on machinery used in cotton manufacturing was adopted by a vote of 36 to 22.

The Watson amendment for reciprocal free coal between the United States and Canada was adopted, and also the Overman amendment changing the chemical schedule.

#### House Passes Conference List.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The house today passed the conference farmers' free list bill. It will be ready to go to the president for signature as soon as the senate accepts two minor amendments. The house insisted on the elimination of corn from the two extra paragraphs wherein reciprocal admission of free grains and meats made a condition of precedent to placing these products on the free list. It is expected the senate will accept the stand taken by the house.

#### Taft Reaches Compromise.

Senator Smith of Michigan, chairman of the senate committee on territories, announced today that President Taft has approved the compromise bill framed by the senate and house territories committees, admitting New Mexico, and Arizona with the recall of judiciary clause eliminated from the proposed Arizona constitution. Taft promised to sign the bill if it passes.

#### Taft Coming in October.

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Taft today told the California delegation he would participate in the ground breaking ceremonies for the Panama exposition at San Francisco in October if congress adjourns in a reasonable length of time, meaning by Sept. 1.

With tariff tinkering measures constantly coming up, members of both houses have practically abandoned the hope of congress adjourning before Sept. 1.

#### AGE PENSION INTACT.

#### Typos Agree to Use Half Million for Aged Printers Only.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—President Lynch, supported by most of the regulars in the typographical convention today led the opposition to the proposed amendment forbidding the organization to use money from the old age pension fund for any purpose than that for which the fund was created. He succeeded in defeating the measure. The fund amounts to a half million. He argued that the union's funds should be arranged so they could be used for them at any time.

#### Wedding Aboard Yacht.

New York, Aug. 17.—Friends of both families intimated today that Mr. Astor and Miss Force may be married soon, aboard Astor's yacht.

## Sister of Ollie James Is Now Full Fledged Kentucky Lawyer



MISS RUBY JAMES, a sister of Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky, has recently been admitted to the bar of Kentucky and is ready to practice law when clients appear. Miss James lives in Marion, and it is there that she will "hang out her shingle" and offer her services in criminal and civil cases. She hopes to add to the fame that her distinguished brother has gained for the family.

## WAR ON UNION PACIFIC FORCES STATEMENT FROM JUDGE LOVETT

New York, Aug. 17.—The greatest of pressure yet brought to bear against the Union Pacific in the stock market in the last two weeks came today and caused Judge Lovett to speak.

Judge Lovett, who is the supreme head of the U. P., issued a statement denying there is any disagreement among the members of the directory or a lack of harmony in the management of the Harriman system, or that there is any change in the dividend rates now under consideration.

The statement had a quieting effect during the afternoon.

#### ATWOOD STILL FLYING.

Aviator Sets Out From Toledo This Morning.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 17.—Aviator Atwood left here this forenoon, eastward, over the lake. He stopped at Sandusky, Ohio, 58 miles distant, to replenish his gasoline. At Sandusky he took time to denounce aviation promoters who indirectly cause deaths by demanding sensational aerial performances.

Atwood is attending to fly from St. Louis to New York.

#### Attorney General Believes Colonel.

Attorney General A. M. Crawford is appearing for District Attorney Ivanhoe in the cases before the district court at Portland involving the 16 and 14-hour laws as applied to the O-W. Each district attorney where the O-W operates is appearing or being represented.

#### Taft Studies Money Trust.

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Taft today called for and received papers relative to the formation of the National City company, a "money trust" from Wickersham and MacVeagh. He will consider the legality of the concern.

#### BIG LAND OPTION SOUGHT.

Bellingham Coal District Sought by Eastern Capital.

Bellingham, Aug. 17.—A. L. Black, a local attorney, supposedly representing big eastern capital, today placed on file an option on the entire section of valuable coal land near Glacier, and now leased to Alexander Poison, and being developed. The option requires the payment of \$1,000,000 within three years to close the deal.

#### Mrs. Thaw Wants Money.

Pittsburg, Aug. 17.—Hoping to secure her share of Harry Thaw's \$60,000 a year income a petition presented on behalf of Evelyn Thaw, his wife, was filed today in the common pleas court asking for a petition in lunacy so that the next step toward securing the money can be taken. Thaw is now confined at Matteawan hospital, New York.

#### Roosevelt Has No Apology.

New York, Aug. 17.—Emphasizing his desire to assume all responsibility for allowing the steel trust to gobble the Tennessee Coal & Iron company in the 1907 panic, Col. Roosevelt declares he has no apologies to offer, in a signed editorial in The Outlook today.

## SCREWS APPLIED TO CONTRACTOR

### TWO DAYS GIVEN IN WHICH TO START SEWER REPAIR

#### FORTUNATELY, CITY HAS AMPLE FUNDS TO DO THE WORK

Fifteen Per Cent of Contract Price and Last Estimate Withheld for This Emergency—Contractor Given Two Days in Which to Get at the Repair Work Said to Be Bad in Some Parts of Sewer.

Tired out and provoked by dilatory tactics on the part of Contractor B. S. Davis, builder of the first section of sewer in this city, the city council has brought the sewer situation to a focus and within two days after service of a resolution passed by the council last night, the city will commence the repair of what is said to be defective sewer pipe and manholes. With a total of about \$9,000 remaining unpaid on the project up to date, made up of 15 per cent of the total contract price and the last estimate of \$3,000 which narrowly escaped payment two weeks ago through the motion of Councilman Logsdon, the city can repair all alleged defective sections, it is believed. At some places the pipe which specifications say must be dry and not admit any water at any point, is now running nearly half full of water. This is on Spruce street, and again nearer the disposal tank this volume of water has diminished materially leaving the inference that at one point the trunk is taking in water in considerable quantity and farther on is losing it again in small degrees. The pipes evidently leak badly in the joints. Manholes are likewise defective.

The discovery of the defectiveness was made some time ago and Mayor Richardson and several councilmen immediately went about it to suspend further payments for the work done. The situation has dragged along from time to time, the contractor being ordered to repair it. The leaks were first found in the alley between Adams and Washington but now it has been found that others exist.

It was only by close attention to the progress of the pipe laying that the city escaped a white elephant. Had the payments been made without close inspection before letting loose of the warrants, the city might now be situated with a defective project and only the 15 per cent of the contract price, held until the work was finally accepted, to repair the defectiveness in case Mr. Davis does not do it. The final crisis will be reached this week when either the contractor himself will fear up and relay the defective pipes, or the city will prepare to do it on its own account.

The resolution ordering this decisive step, passed last night, follows:

Whereas, It appears to the council

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## TOGO SUFFERS FROM 'HIGH LIFE'

### INDIGESTION OVERTAKES THE NATION'S GUEST.

#### Togo Forced to Cancel His Engagements for the Day and Tomorrow

Boston, Aug. 17.—Suffering from an attack of acute indigestion Admiral Togo, the nation's guest, has cancelled his entertainment program planned for today.

He remained at the hotel all day. Unless his condition improves he will also cancel tomorrow's program.