

NEW STATES IN UNITED STATES

TERRITORIES HAVE A PART TO PERFORM IN 3 MONTHS

ARIZONA MUST VETO RECALL; NEW MEXICO HAS FAULTS

President Taft Signs the Statehood Bills When Senate and House Present It Ready for Signature—Arizona and New Mexico Must Enter Union as Opposed to Recall of the Judiciary.

MAY ADJOURN TONIGHT.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Following a conference this afternoon Speaker Clark and House Leader Underwood announced that they would assent to a move to adjourn congress tonight. A majority of both sides of the house got together and tried to force it.

Washington, Aug. 21.—President Taft this afternoon signed the bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.

Vice President Sherman of the senate and Speaker Clark of the house today signed the joint statehood bill and it was then sent to Taft for his signature.

Re States in Three Months. Only the refusal of the territories themselves to comply with the conditions imposed by congress, now prevents them from entering the union in three months.

The bill provides that New Mexico must veto the proposal of making its constitution more susceptible to amendment, Arizona must eliminate the recall of the judiciary.

The cotton bill will probably be passed by the house this afternoon. President Taft is expected to approve the measure as soon as it reaches him. Democrats forced a vote to take place at 6 o'clock tonight.

BOY MURDERER HAS BACKING.

Youngster, Placed on Trial Today, Is Weak at Heart.

New York, Aug. 21.—Almost collapsed, Paul Geldel, the 18 year old bellboy, charged with the murder of William Jackson, the millionaire broker, was placed on trial today. It is understood the defense is backed by a Hartford, Connecticut, millionaire who is willing to supply more than \$50,000 to the defense owing to sympathy with the mother of the boy.

Geldel's attorneys offered to enter a plea of guilty to second degree murder but the district attorney refused to agree. Geldel wept copiously during the proceedings.

LAY OFF 4,000 HAILROADERS.

Southern Pacific Claims Freight Business Has Fallen off.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 19.—Between now and October 1 about 4,000 men employed in the operating, construction, maintenance and motive power departments of the Southern Pacific railroad will be laid off. Slack freight traffic is given by the company as a reason. The men will be taken back gradually as the freight increases.

Mother Joins Astor Party.

Fairfield, Conn., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Force and her daughter Katherine, mother and sister of J. J. Astor's fiancée, left today for Astbury park, where they will enjoy the party now cruising off the coast in Astor's yacht. Gossip says the couple will be married before the cruise ends.

ANGRY MOB FOILED.

San Bernardino Mob Would Hang Imprisoned Dentist Last Night.

San Bernardino, Aug. 21.—Refusing to divulge the place of safety to which he sent Dentist McDevitt, when he learned that a mob planned to take him from the jail last night, Sheriff Ralph announced today that McDevitt would not be returned until the preliminary hearing on Aug. 31.

A large crowd was collected by typewritten notes which read: "Meet me at the jail tonight," and the sheriff hurried the prisoner away.

TAFT'S COMING ASSURED.

Will Lay Cornerstone at San Francisco City Hall Ceremonies.

Washington, Aug. 21.—President Taft today accepted the invitation to lay the cornerstone of the new San Francisco city hall, thus clinching his intention of taking a trip to the Pacific coast this fall. He will visit Oregon, Washington and California. He will leave Beverly probably the 15th of September.

FEDERAL COAL CRYING NEED

LA FOLLETTE BRINGS MOVEMENT TO SENATORS.

Points Out Urgency of Speedy Action in Alaskan Matters.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Immediate development of the mineral resources of Alaska through government ownership of railroads, ships and public utilities, wharves and docks and through the actual mining of Alaskan coal by the government, all to be administered for the benefit of the people at large through a board of control was the plan outlined by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin today in a speech in the senate.

Declaring that every day makes more evident the fact that the American people are waging a losing fight in Alaska, La Follette asserted it was time for the government to take an active hand.

"On one side," La Follette said, "are 35,000 pioneers who are risking their lives and fortunes in exploration and prospecting for undeveloped resources. On the other side are the millions of American people to whom this great storehouse of natural resources belong. Between them is the enormous power of the greatest concentration of capital the world ever knew."

"Anyone must see that the foundations being laid in Wall street for the building up of the monopoly in Alaska equal to the which now controls the anthracite coal fields in Pennsylvania."

"When we have before us the history of the anthracite struggle which consummated in the Morgan interests holding complete control against the whole American people, can we expect a different result if the Morgans and Guggenheims are permitted to control Alaska?"

"The power will acquire the control of docks, wharves, mountain passes and the limited outlet to the markets of the world."

"The government should regard itself as a board of directors pledged to properly care for the development of property in which the American people are the stockholders."

"The first step should be the creation of adequate transportation facilities. The government should own and build these and the wharves, docks, railroads and terminals already constructed should be acquired by the government immediately. The government should own and operate at least on great coal mine, with which to supply naval and military needs, selling the surplus product at a reasonable profit as a check against

CROWDS CHEER COURT'S DECREE

BEATTIE, JR., JAUNTY WHEN HIS CASE IS OPENED

DEFENSE CLAIMS TO HAVE A STRONG CARD HIDDEN AWAY

Young Banker Accused of Shooting His Wife That He Might Marry the Girl of His Illegal Relations, Must Stand Trial at Once—Jury Is Being Drawn This Forenoon—Crowds Are Large.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 21.—The circuit court today refused to grant a stay of trial for Henry Beattie, Jr., indicted for wife murder.

After his attorneys had tried to have the trial stayed and the indictment quashed, and Judge Watson had refused, Henry Beattie, Jr., pleaded not guilty to the charge of wife murder, and the trial of what promises to be one of the year's big sensations, began.

Examination of jurymen will begin immediately. Big crowds are present.

When the court announced its decision, the spectators shouted their satisfaction. Beattie, who arrived in an automobile, seemed to enjoy the attention he has attracted. He moved to the prisoners' dock with a superior smile and failed to recognize many of his boyhood friends. The defense intends to attack the statement of Paul Beattie, his cousin, alleging that he didn't tell the whole truth when he said he bought a shotgun for the accused which was later found to be the weapon with which the woman was killed.

Buelah Joins Vaudeville.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.—Buelah Binford, the "other woman" accepted by the police as the motive for the killing of Mrs. Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., is to cavort on moving picture films, when she has testified against the husband of the dead woman.

A representative of a moving picture concern today is in possession of a contract by which the 17 year old girl-mother agrees to devote her time to moving picture plays, just as soon as she is released from custody. The company will also star Buelah in vaudeville.

extortion by private corporations, developing other mines.

The sensible and practical thing to do is to create a board of public works for Alaska similar to the Isthmian canal commission.

"This board should undertake, not only the mere building of a railroad from Controller bay to the coal fields but the acquirement of all railroads in Alaska, so that the policy of government ownership can be settled immediately. The board should operate and develop wharves, docks and steamship lines, if necessary to deliver the products of Alaska to the Pacific coast."

Declaring that the people could afford to make only a small profit in investment because this small profit would be the means of cheapening products which now, controlled by the Morgan-Guggenheims, are extortionately high, and citing the administration of the canal zone as a precedent for government administration of all utilities, La Follette asserted that the progressives demanded a speedy development of Alaskan resources, so that the whole people, but particularly those of the Pacific coast, could get the benefit of reduction in the cost of living through the utilization of Alaska's treasures.

"Our future naval power on the Pacific ocean," he said, "depends on the utilization of Alaskan coal."

As a further check to the grabbing of the mineral resources by private interests, he proposed the extension of the leasing system to the coal deposits.

DERRICK CHAIN KILLS WORKMAN

UNION MAN INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN WIRE IS TOUCHED

DERRICK SWINGS AGAINST HIGH PRESSURE WIRES

Two Young Men Go After a Chain Suspended on a Derrick and One Is Instantly Killed, While the Other Escapes All Harm—Body Badly Burned—Derrick Pole Supported by Iron Rods.

Union, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Twenty-three hundred volts of electricity carried in the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company's high pressure conveyance wires, instantly killed and quite badly burned C. A. Perkins, a young man of this city yesterday afternoon when he formed a contact with a wire through the medium of a hay derrick. The powerful current knocked him to the ground, dead, his face in the dust and the toes of his shoes driven into the earth. The killing occurred in full view of a companion who had gone with Perkins to a point on the straight road leading to Union, near the Dobbin place to fetch a chain with which the two men were going to remove a dead horse. In order to get at the chain, the young men were required to shift the derrick slightly, as the end with the chain attached was suspended high in the air as the implement had been left the night before by a crew of haymakers. A long rope was used to pull the derrick down, and while his companion was doing this, Perkins stood in readiness to seize the chain when it had been lowered sufficiently. In the lowering process, however, the highest point of the derrick swung over, and touched one of the three strands of high power wire conveying 2,300 volts of electricity. Along the side of the wooden pole were two iron rods used to afford strength to the machine, and one of these rubbed against the wire, completing a contact with the chain which Perkins touched. The result was instantaneous and the other young man knew without further investigation that Perkins was dead, for the instant the derrick touched the wire, he realized the terrible consequence. Using his faculties well, he ran for a wooden rail and was able to take the chain from Perkins, avoiding gruesome burns in the dead body, for the electricity was still surging through the chain. It was perhaps 10 minutes before others were notified and that was when an automobile party carrying W. H. Bohnenkamp and family and Dick Jones and family of La Grande appeared on the scene. The body was still burning some at that time.

Gates stood guard at the charged chain until the contact could be broken.

It was a strange stop of fortune's wheels that placed Perkins on the chain end of the derrick, for Perkins instinctively reached for the chain while his friends pulled on the ropes through which no electricity could run. Still, the mechanical parts of the derrick were practically all charged when the contact was made and how the other man escaped touching one of the dangerous rods is still a mystery.

Perkins was a young man and had no near relatives. A coroner's inquest exonerated everyone of blame.

Negro Pythians in Session.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 21.—Upward of 30,000 visitors are in Indianapolis to take part in the world's meeting of the supreme lodge of the colored Knights of Pythias and the national encampment of the Uniform Rank, which will hold forth here this week. Booker T. Washington is scheduled to address the gathering tomorrow.

FENDETON PASTOR SUICIDES

Pastor of Methodist Church, South, Ends Life With Revolver Today.

Fendleton, Aug. 21.—Supposedly dependent because he was unable to provide for his wife and three children, Rev. John Reeves, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, until the church died here, suicided with a revolver bullet through his head today. His wife was preparing breakfast when he went to the woodshed to commit the crime. He was collecting life insurance and had a loan for 30

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY RACES TRAIN.

Skims Close to Train Running 45 Miles an Hour.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Frightening the passengers on the Long Beach flyer by skimming close to the train

of the cars, while flying 45 miles an hour, L. E. Holt, aviator of the Aeronautical society of California, raced the fact Pacific electric train for six miles, winning by two car lengths. Holt was qualifying for a pilot's license.

REV. GILLILAN IS RETURNED HERE

POPULAR DIVINE ASSIGNED TO LOCAL PULPIT ONCE MORE.

Island City Receives Minister of His Own—County Appointments.

Caldwell, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Dr. J. D. Gillilan was assigned to La Grande for a second successive year here late this afternoon when the appointments for the whole district were announced as the final climax of a long and interesting convention. This afternoon the delegates were taken to the big reservoir storing the irrigation waters in this district.

The appointments announced and referring to Grande Ronde valley only, are: Superintendent, G. G. Haley; La Grande, J. D. Gillilan; Alsea, H. S. Hamilton; Summerville, C. D. Day; Imbler, J. M. Dressler; Union, W. A. Winters; Cove, A. Coelett; Island City, J. H. Rudd; Elgin, C. E. Trueblood.

This adds another pulpit occupant to the list of Grande Ronde valley ministers. Island City's pulpit has heretofore been filled by the La Grande minister.

Spanish War Veterans Meet.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 21.—Spanish-American war veterans from practically every state in the union are attending the annual encampment of their national organization, which began its sessions here today. The Spanish-American war nurses are also in session. Elaborate entertainment has been provided for the visitors. J. Lewis Smith, of Washington, D. C., is being boomed for commander-in-chief of the veterans. Tampa, Fla., is an applicant for next year's encampment.

New Steel Trust Formed.

Pittsburg, Aug. 21.—Negotiations are underway, it is reported, to merge the Republic Iron & Steel company the Bethlehem Steel company and the Lackawanna into a new steel trust. It is said Schwab and William Corey, former heads of the United States steel trust, are backing the move. The new consolidation will compete with the United States Steel corporation.

Socialist Writer Killed.

San Antonio, Aug. 21.—Responding to a message from Los Angeles that his son, George Shoaf, a special socialist writer, who had been investigating the McNamara case in Los Angeles, had been killed and his body thrown into the ocean, George Shoaf has left for Los Angeles. Shoaf disappeared last week.

LONDON UNIONS STANDING FIRM

RENEWAL OF STRIKE TREATENED IN LONDON

LIVERPOOL SITUATION GREATLY IMPROVED OVER LAST WEEK

Ships Again Sailing From Liverpool—Other Unions, Confident of Victory, Aim to Emulate the Successful Railroad Strikers—National Strike in American in Leading Trades Is Drawing Near.

London, Aug. 21.—Charging the railroad companies are breaking faith by discriminating against the strikers. Secretary Thomas of the Railway Employees' association today threatened a renewal of the strike unless the promises of impartial reinstatement are fulfilled. Nevertheless it is believed there is little danger of further hostilities.

Thousands returned to work today, but the railroaders' victory has encouraged other unions to strike.

One Company Still Idle.

Only the employees of the Northeastern railroad are refusing to resume work, asserting the agreement does not cover their union and demanding a weekly wage of \$5.50 for an eight-hour day. The government, it is expected, will force adherence to the agreement by the companies.

Liverpool Has Relief.

Liverpool, Aug. 21.—Food conditions are improved here. The railroad employees will return to work tomorrow. It is expected the dockworkers' strike will be speedily settled. Vessels are sailing again.

The general strike is believed to be ended. The dockworkers strike was settled tonight and the men will return to work immediately.

National Strike Brought Nearer.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Labor leaders of national repute admit today that the success of the English strikers had given impetus for a "general strike" in America, the object of which, they say, will be to secure the mastery of labor.

Serious labor difficulties among the railroad, steel and coal workers are predicted, involving 370,000 coal miners, 700,000 railway workers and 300,000 employees of the steel trust.

Coal Workers to Lead.

The first trouble which may result in a monster walkout, it is said, is the coal mining industry when the contracts expire April 1. It is said that they will demand the "same conditions and wages that obtain in Illinois," where the highest wages are paid and excellent working facilities are provided. This demand will be made, labor leaders say, to equalize the profit now made by eastern mine operators and prevent the Illinois operators from closing down their mines as they have threatened to do.

Dilling May Be Safe.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—It is doubtful as to whether a recall election against Mayor Dilling will take place this fall. Less than 6,000 of 10,000 signatures were found bonafide and unless many are got very soon the city can't hold its election.

Former Night Clerk Arrested.

Former Night Clerk Wilkins, employed at the Sommer hotel here until recently, is under arrest at Baker for obtaining money under false pretenses both at Portland and at Baker. He used George E. Good's name in his Portland attempt to get money. Sums ranging from \$25 to \$5 were obtained, it is said.

Hearings on Charter Bill.

New York, Aug. 21.—Public hearings on the bill proposing a new charter for New York City were begun at the city hall today and will continue probably until Sept. 6, the date fixed for the reconvening of the legislature.