Root gives up, especially in the matter of the government of the Philippines

While the salary is not as great, the ap-

pointment would be a promotion, because the Philippine commission is now under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Taft, or any other man that follows Root, will find the position hard to fill, as Root is a man of great force and a

tireless worker. Taft may take the place,

Miles' Incident Had No Effect.

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Name. Date Ap'ntd.	State.	President
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ington, Aug. 11.-For several months past there have been rumors affoat that Sec retary Root is to retire from the Cabinet, and it is now known definitely that his resignation will be tendered before he leaves for Europe to serve on the Alaskan Boundary Commission. It is understood that the matter of his successor has been ilscussed, and while nothing official can be obtained, it is believed it will be ten-

While Secretary Root is in London, he will remain in communication with the War Department, and matters pertaining to general staff and other important affairs will be referred to him. If the sittings of the Alaskan commission extend seyond December 1, it is probable that the Secretary's resignation will be accept d, and his successor appointed at that

The President is very loath to part with Root, for he is one of the most valuable members of the Cabinet. The Secretary has been anxious to go for some time, but he has desired to put his general staff law in operation before he retired. He also wanted the Philippine insular government on a firm footing before he relin mished control over the islands.

Made Sacrifice to Take Place. inet by President McKinley, who insisted upon having a lawyer of known ability handle the problems growing out of the Spanish War. Root sacrificed a law order to accept a place in the Cabinet, and did so largely through patriotic motives, and also because he felt he was summoned as a lawyer, to perform a great Government service.

When he was first offered the place, he told McKinley he knew nothing about the War Department or the Army, and, therefore, was unfitted for the place, but Me-Kinley was of a different opinion, and his judgment was wise, because Root now knows more about the Army, from a practical standpoint, than any other man. Routine Work Is Annoying.

Root does not retire from the Cabinet so much for the monetary consideration, because his law practice has been kent up to a certain extent, and he had accu-



sulated some means before he left New York, but having solved the more important problems that confronted him when he became Secretary of War, he desires to return to his former life. The routine of the department, the small things like bridges, harbor lines, Army contracts and petty details that constantly harrass a Secretary of War, have been very annoying to Root, and he will be glad to leave the department on that acto by subordinates, but every Secretary of War has found that subordinates are generally too much prejudiced to handle even the smaller affairs within their de-

Tatt Will Be Tendered Position. Whether Governor Taft will accept the

open question. His health has not en very good, but his knowledge o Philippine affairs may make it desirable that he should take up the work that

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because it might tend toward his ad-LIST WILL YET BE SWELLED vancement to the Presidency at some fu-

It can be positively stated that the Miles' incident had nothing whatever to do with Root's retirement. He had decided to retire long ago. The arrange-ments for his tendering his resignation the Terrible Panic. were made at Oyster Bay on the occasion of his recent visit, some time before

Another matter that can be positively stated is that the subject of Miles' retirement was not discussed at the inter-view between the President and Secretary of War on his recent visit. The so-called snub of Miles, if snub it was, in not considering anything of his record in the or-der of retirement, was decided upon by Root, but it no doubt had the approval of the President. The Secretary has been annoyed at the criticism that is passed the Administration on account of the MNes' incident, but the criticism have had no influence in his determina-

tion to retire from the Cabinet. The appointment of Taft as Secretary of War would necessitate the appointment of a new president of the Philippine Commission. In all probability General Luke Wright would succeed to the presidency of the commission, his work as a member of the body having been eminently satisfactory to the Administration. Some other changes also would be involved in the appointment of Governor Taft as Secretary of War, but nothing definite concerning them can be said at this time.

ALASKA MAN TO GET PLACE, Commissioner to St. Louis Fair

Proves to Be a Salaried Position. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, D. C., Aug. 11.-Under a decision of the Controller of the Treasury rendered to-day, holding that the Secretary of the Interior can appoint a commissioner from Alaska to the St. Louis exposition or ealary, provided he is not already in th employ of the government, Secretary Hitchcock has determined to appoint some Alaska man agreeable to Governor Brady, and generally acceptable to the people of

Assistant Secretary Ryan, heretofore holding the office of commissioner, will become merely the interior department's representative in the expenditure of go-

New Clark County Rural Carrier. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton, D. C., Aug. 11.-Delbert S. Var

Camp was to-day appointed regular rural carrier and Elizabeth Van Camp substitute carrier at Camas, Clark county Wash.

SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 11.-A deal was consummated here today whereby the American Sugar Refining Company, of New York, has acquired a one-half in-terest in the Valley Sugar Factory, one The company is capitalized at \$500,000.

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Victims of Paris Wreck

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NO AMERICANS AMONG THE LOST

Premier Will Ask the Ministers to Vote Aid to the Stricken Fam-Illes-City Will Bury the Dead.

PARIS, Aug. 11.-Eighty-four bodies ive been recovered, and the death list will probably exceed 100, in an under ground railway disaster which occurred on the Metropolitan Electric Railway last night. The disaster assumed the proportions of an awful catastrophe during the early hours today, when more than four core of bodies of the burned and suffocated victims were removed from the ubterranean passage.

The work contiunes. Eugene Olliever, one of the few survivors, described the terrible panic which courred in the darkness. The people, he mys, rushed and fought with one another, madly seeking to get away. He was sick, but, nerved to desperation by the situation, managed to get through the strug gling mass. As he went, he passed over the bodies of those who had fallen exhausted, but it was impossible to ren-

Survivor Describes Panic.

Another survivor named Jules Bount escribes the struggle during the panic In the tunnel as terrible. Women were screaming, "Save me, save me." An old man fell suffocated at his feet. en screamed until they fell asphyxi-

tims give evidence of their humble con The names are characteristic of the French working classes, and the oc-cupations are given as peinter mason umber, tailor, seamstress lockemith. Outside the workmen, about every third name is that of a woman.

Pitiful scenes were enacted at the orgue throughout today as the relatives gathered seeking to identify the bodies, which were ranged in long lines on white marble slabs. The clothing of many of the victims is torn, showing the fierceness of the struggle.

M. Bienvenu, the chief engineer of the Metropolitan Railroad, says that from the technical view every precaution to avoid danger had been taken. The chief misfortune was that the employes did not idity to permit the passengers being

Premier Will Propose Relief.

Premier Combes descended into the nel and made a personal inspection. He asked the Chief of Police for a report of the causes of the disaster and a list of victims, and announced his intention of proposing at a council of Ministers neasures for the relief of the poor families of the victims. The flag over the Hotel de Ville has been lowered to halfmast as a sign of the city's mourning. M. Gauthier, the magistrate for the district, says one of the main causes of the loss of life was that those escaping took the wrong exit, one passage letting out to the street, while the other was barred, and it was used for admitting passengers. Many of the victims sought the barred exit, and were found massed against the wall, where they had slowly been suffo-

The firemen have gathered a collection of torn clothing, battered hats, twisted umbrellas and blood-stained handker chiefs, showing how desperate was the underground struggle. At the American Consulate it was

Pouce confirms this. President Louber ing there was not time to reach the has telegraphed to the President of the Municipal Council, saying he shares the profound grief into which the city has been plunged.

Humbert Trial Forgotten. The catastrophe has caused great ex-

eltement throughout the city, even the Humbert trial being forgotten in the widespread feeling of horror and grief, At noon Conolen Meanx St. Marcon, on behaif of President Loubet, visited the morgue, and Premier Combes went to the scene of the disaster. M. Hurteaux, Procurer of the Republic, and Judge Jolliot, of the Seine tribunal, have proceeded to Les Couronnes Station to open a judicial investigation into the affair.

RECOVERING THE DEAD, Positions of Bodies Disclose a Fierce

Fight for Life.

PARIS, Aug. 11 .- At 3:10 o'clock this morning Sergeant Ahrens, wearing a res-pirator, succeeded in making the descent into the tunnel, after many others had failed. He remained seven minutes and orought the first information to the erfect that corpses were strewn all about the readway of the tunnel. Then he col-apsed and was taken to the hospital. Twenty minutes later firemen forced their way down through the tunnel sta-tion at Menlimontant and returned soon afterward with seven bodies-three men. two young boys and two young women.

Three persons had been asphyxlated, as their positions showed they find been groping their way through the smoke from the order will be defeated by the

The work of bringing up bodies went on the hazardo

the relatives of the victims. Long lines of ambulances were brought into requisition and the bodies were carried to the morgue and the near-by military barracks. After daylight the crowds at the entrance of the tunnel increased to enormous proportions, obliging the police to form a solid cordon through which were admitted only those seeking to identify their relatives among the victims. The failure of many men, women and children to return home during the night

children to return home during the night gave many the first news of the catastro-phe. Fathers and mothers came hurrying to the mouths of the tunnel to try to fina

he absent ones. At the second descent the firemen found a great number of bodies massed near the ticket office of the station, where many had evidently been overcome while many had evidently been overcome while seeking tickets. They had been surprised by the columns of smoke and had sought to run back up the stone stairway leading to the streets. A struggle had ensued and some escaped, but the others had been trampled upon, one woman had fled within the ticket office, where her body was found. The ticket seller herself succeeded in escaping.

At the station of Lee Couronnes the same scenes of death and despair had been enacted. The accident occurred midway between the stations, so that the work of rescue proceeded from both ends of the tunnel, in addition to the blinding smoke, the tunnel briched forth

bilinding smoke, the tunnel belched forth a terrific heat, as one of the trains was slowly burning within. The firemen succeeded in throwing several streams of water in the direction of the wreck, while some firemen and military engineers pushed on inside in the tunnel. They brought out two bodies and shortly afterwards three more.

Farther on the firemen stumbled upo a terrible mass of bodies. These were the cassengers of the burned train. They had caped from the coaches when the fire a terrible mass of bodies. broke out, and, groping through the suf-focating clouds of smoke, sought the exit at Les Couronnes Station. But the tunnel makes a sharp turn near the scene of the disaster, and at the angle the entire mass of humanity apparently became tightly wedged in. The panic which took pince at this point within the dark subterra-nean passage must have been terrible. M. Le Pine summoned a large force of

doctors and municipal officers, who st Intended the moving of the bodies. The number of corpses brought up from the angle where the mass wedged was so large that four and eight hodies were aced in each ambluance. Many of the victims had handkerchiefs stuffed in their mouths, they having evidently tried to keep out the asphyxiating smoke. The faces of the dead were red and congested. Some women held their children fightly

In their arms.

About 7 A. M. the bodies of ten women were brought out together. The bodies of two little girls and three infants were nd with them, clinging to their moth

of their children and tried to take them home but the police insisted on the bodies being taken to the morgue and barracks, in order that the magnitude of the catas-tropic might be determined.

At the Hotel De Ville, the President of

the Municipal Council announced that the City of Paris would bear the entire expense of the funerals of the victims. FIRE IS STARTED BY MOTOR.

Third Train Crashes late Burning

Mass Just as People Seek Outlet. PARIS, Aug. 11 .- The train which cause the accident came from Porte Daupine, at the entrance to the Bols de Boulogne, in the western part of Paris. After circling the northern quarter of the city, where numbers of workmen were picked up, the train reached the neighborhood of the Cemetery of Pere la Chaise, where the electrical motor failed to act properly. The train then waited at the station of Les Couronnes until the arrival of a second train, which pushed the crippled train

ward, making a total of 15 coaches.

After proceeding about 200 yards toward quickly drawn out. A large force of Menlimontant Station, the damaged motor mounted guards is at the mouths of the set fire to the engine of the first train, tunnels. the electric lights on the trains went out. leaving the passengers in darkness except for the light of the borning engine far ahead. This impeded the progress of the trains toward Menlimontant. The terrorstricken passengers got out and tried to grope their way back. The powerful elec-trical current carried by the rails is he-lleved to have stunned or killed many. A number of passengers managed to reach Les Couronnes Station, but the main body of the passengers was overcome by the heat or smoke. A terrible panic occurred among those

A terrible panic occurred among those behind, and the horror of the situation was increased by a third train crashing into the flery mass and adding another crowd of panic-stricken passengers to those seeking an outlet. The cars continued to burn until 20 were consumed. The burning debris gave forth a flerce heat, which parked out of the mouths of the six. which puffed out of the mouths of the stations of Les Couronnes and Menilmontant The escape of most of the trainm ue to their superior knowledge subterranean passage. A number of heroic incidents occurred. Several soldiers, fire men and employes of the road nearly lost their lives in seeking to aid the v The chief stationmaster at Les

nnes, M. Didler, says he saw the flames At the American Consulate it was learned that there were no Americans the first train passed through the station, among the victims. The Prefecture of and called out to the engineer to stop, saystation, but the engineer declared he had ample time, and proceeded. A few minutes later a large blaze flashed through the tunnel, followed by a violent detonation. Looking into the mouth of the tunner, M. Didler could see flashes from the

> King Edward Expresses Sympathy, LONDON, Aug. IL-King Edward, through the British Embassy at Paris, has sent a message of sympathy to the French Government on account of the

> Metropolitan Railway disaster.
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> The catastrophe has produced the deep est impression here, and intense anxiety exists concerning the safety of the Lon don underground roads. Interviews with the managers of the different lines published in the morning papers are reas-suring, however, all describing the pre-cautions adopted against fire.

Fire on Another Car Causes Panie PARIS. Aug. 11.-Fire broke out this vening in one of the cars of the road at fornes Station. There was a panic, but only two women were slightly injured.

PORTLAND AFTER IT. Catholic Foresters' Convention Is

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DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. II.—The bi-ennial convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters opened here today. The fight for the next convention is between Ta-

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month to prepare the temporary build-

ing and move into it.

as follows:

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Aug. II .- The contract for the extension and remodeling of the Portland Postoffice and Courthouse building will, n all probability, be awarded to the Portand firm of Langford & Walker within a few days, that firm having submitted

the lowest bid of any of the competitors

under the recent advertisement. The four

bids received, with the time in which

gford & Walker, Port-\$140,000 Stewart & Winslow, Port-Congress Construction Com-pany, Chicago 166.883 Shockleton & Whiteway, Butte, Mont. 149.003

ment August 6 from Wakefield & Bridges, of Portland, stating that they had that day mailed proposals on this same con tract, but up to the time of opening the aids today their proposal had not been received. If it should turn out to be lower than that of Langford & Walker it may pos-

A telegram was received by the depart-

sibly be considered, but even then it is cept after a prolonged controversy. The Treasury officials are delighted to find the bids running so low, all being well within the appropriation of \$175,000, They are also pleased to note that the

lowest bidder is a local firm, something

that seldom occurs on Government work

of this kind. The fact that Langford & Walker are \$7000 lower than the next lowest bidder is quite an inducement to award the contract to the Portland firm, and if, upon examination, they are found to be competent and reliable, there is little doubt about their securing the award.

Stewart & Winslow propose to complete the work in less time than any other bidders, but their price is so much above that of other bidders that this advantage is outwelghed. Unless unforseen complications arise the contracts should be Treasury Department is not advised as to whether the building can be turned over to the contractor by that date.

Postmaster Bancroft stated last evenng that he will recommend the acceptance of the Portland company's bid as on as he receives official notification; that is, unless a lower and more desirable bid has been presented in the mean-time, which is regarded as improbable, While the contract may be closed Sep-tember I, as proposed, Mr. Bancroft stated that it will not be possible to have the postoffice ready for the contractors before October I, All preparations are being figured on

at the postoffice for a quick change to the warehouse at Sixth and Ankeny streets, which is to serve as quarters while the postoffice is being remodeled. The warehouse is now used by the Pacific Const Biscuit Company, which will have new quarters ready by September I. A force of men will then be put at work plastering the bare walls and fitting in the different partitions necessary to the various departments of the postoffice. This work, it is estimated by contractors,

and especially at the fact that a Portland firm appears to be billed for the

\$150,000," said Mr. Bancroft, not have been surprised if they had all hovered close to the appropriation limit of \$17.000. I doubt very much if anyone can underbid the offer of the firm of Langford & Walker, and, if not, I shall mmend that their bid be accepted, as I know them to be perfectly reliable, Mr. Langford being one of Portland's veteran contractrs, with a reputation for careful work. Twenty-one months in building is more time than I had figured on, but that can be overlooked consider-

ting the low contract price."

The proposed alterations, as provided for by Federal appropriation, consist practically of the complete remodeling of the present building of the present building. The west wall will be removed and extended nearly to the sidewalk, while the interior will be completely worked over and fitted up in Erie, Pa.

The proposition to exclude liquor dealers and appliances. This work is not included in the order will be defeated by the convention, but the dealers will be put in must be paid for out of the original appropriation.

will occupy about a month. The task of transferring the fixtures can be accomplished in less than a week. Pestmaster Bancroft is greatly pleased at the low bids offered by contractors,