

FATE IS SETTLED

Postmaster Bancroft Has Resigned.

J. W. MINTO MAY GET PLACE

Ex-State Senator J. E. Hunt Also in the Race.

C. A. BURCKHARDT WITHDRAWS

Senator Mitchell Telegraphs Present Chief of Postoffice That His Resignation is Desired and It is Promptly Forwarded.

Postmaster Bancroft yesterday telegraphed his resignation to Senator Mitchell. His successor will probably be John W. Minto, at present Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.

Political circles were agog yesterday over the matter. High magnates were in consultation, among them being Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; P. L. Willis, chairman of the Republican Second District Central Committee; Whitney L. Bolte, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and Judge C. H. Carey. Senator Mitchell instructed Mr. Bancroft, by wire, to forward his resignation and the latter complied. But Mr. Bancroft refused yesterday to discuss the subject for publication, and at his home last night announced that he had nothing to say about it.

Two candidates for the office are in the field, J. E. Hunt, ex-State Senator, and John W. Minto, C. A. Burckhardt, whose friends were booming him for the job some time ago, has withdrawn from the race. Said he yesterday: "I am not and will not be a candidate."

Mr. Hunt until lately received strong pledges of support from Senator Mitchell. But the Republican organization at home is set against Hunt's appointment, and has all but demanded that the appointment be withheld. To free himself from the perplexity Senator Mitchell informed Mr. Hunt that he must secure the indorsement of Judge Carey and Mr. Bolte, or he could get the appointment. This Mr. Hunt has been unable to do; indeed, Judge Carey has actually refused and has told Mr. Hunt to "smoke."

Elimination of Hunt and Burckhardt leaves the road open to Minto, who is in truth the choice of political leaders of the organization. Mr. Minto was in conference with them yesterday and though he would not talk for publication his manner indicated that he was pleased with the outlook. He admitted that Mr. Hunt and himself were the only candidates known of which means under the circumstances that he has strong hope of appointment.

Hunt's friends have already raised their voices in complaint, saying that his steadfast support of Bancroft some years ago is evidently forgotten. Said one of Hunt's allies: "If Senator Mitchell intends to reward a faithful and deserving man, he will choose Hunt."

But this remark, borne to the ears of a Minto man, brought out the answer: "Then Senator Mitchell will have to make more postoffice."

Mr. Hunt has permitted his friends to make a noisy campaign in his behalf, nor even to circulate petitions. Yesterday he said to one of them:

"Whoever shall get the appointment, I should like to see the matter ended right away."

Since the elections, Judge Carey's influence has been on the wane and Senator Mitchell is harkening even more than before to his judgment. The fact that the three defeated men on the ticket were not his choice nor is his approval has added much to the weight he gained in party councils from his successful management of the Republican primaries in this county. Therefore, when Judge Carey turns from Hunt to Senator Mitchell is prone to accept his opinion. It is understood that Judge Carey has perceived the necessity of a new Postmaster-General Payne, and the suggestion of himself and other party leaders the change was deferred until after the election. Frank C. Baker and Whitney L. Bolte, who are close associates in political councils, are friends of Minto, and are of the same opinion about the choice of Bancroft's successor as is Judge Carey.

The suspense will probably be relieved today at Washington, for President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General Payne will take up the question.

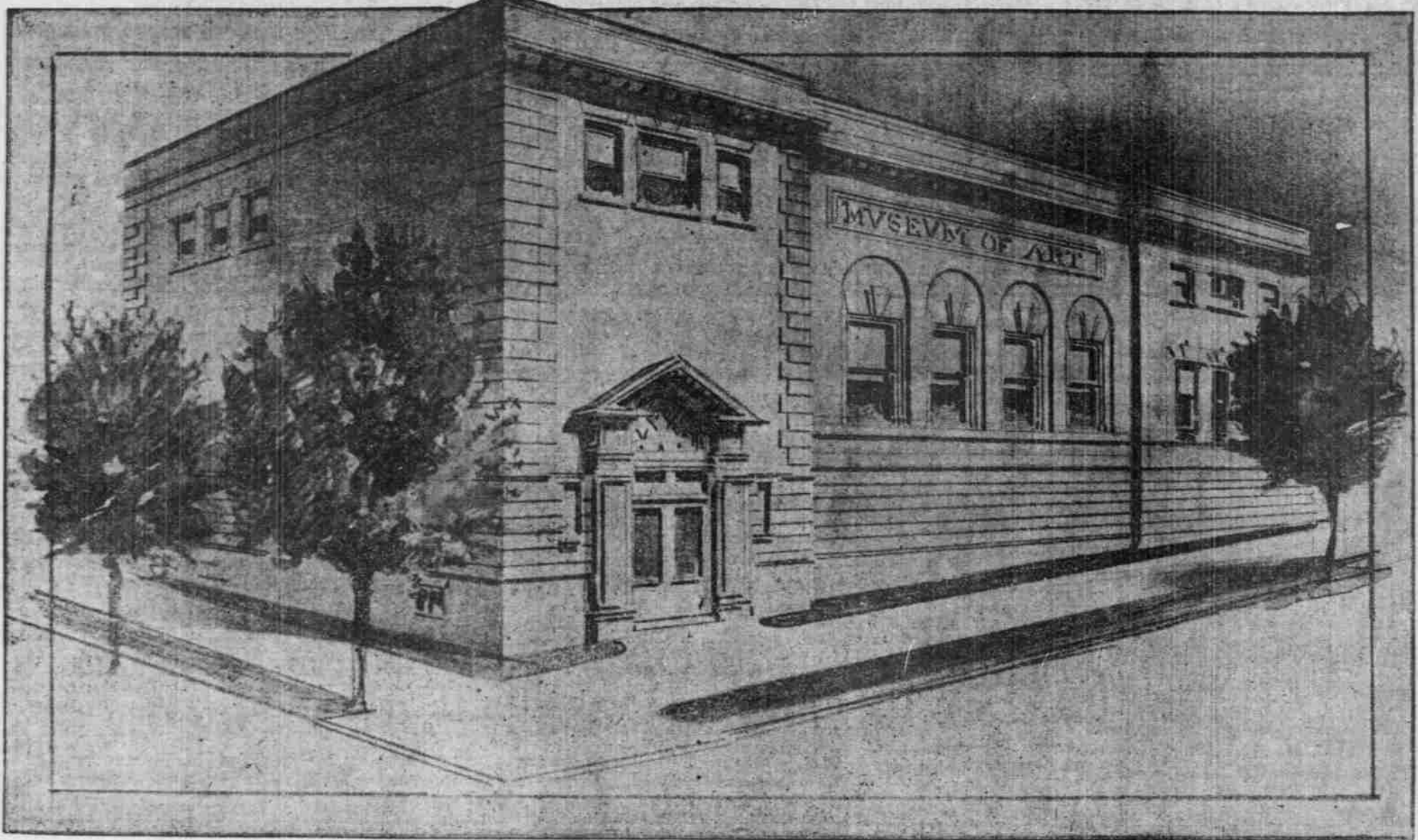
Senator Mitchell Won't Say.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—Postmaster Bancroft's fate has been settled, but what it is only he, Senator Mitchell and Postmaster-General Payne know, and they won't tell. Senator Mitchell will give out a statement in the case early tomorrow morning, and later in the day Payne will take the case to the White House to secure action by the President.

While great secrecy is preserved by the persons cognizant of the agreement that has been reached, it is believed that Senator Mitchell has tendered his resignation, and that he tender his resignation, and that Bancroft has done so. If this surmise is correct, Senator Mitchell left that resignation with Postmaster-General Payne today, and it will tomorrow be laid before the President for his action. In case the resignation has been tendered, Senator Mitchell has filed with it his recommendation of some man as Bancroft's successor.

Postmaster-General Payne said today he and Senator Mitchell had reached an understanding in the matter, but as Portland was Senator Mitchell's home, he was looked to in the selection of Postmasters for that city. Therefore, he thought it improper to discuss what conclusion had been reached. He said he hoped to see the case closed tomorrow, and expected to confer with the President about it at a Cabinet meeting. The fact that the agreement between Payne and Mitchell is such as to need the President's approval indicates that there is to be a change in the office, and the further fact that Mitchell is to make a statement of the case prior to the Cabinet meeting confirms the statement that the matter has already been adjusted.

MRS. W. S. LADD WILL BUILD A MUSEUM FOR THE PORTLAND ART ASSOCIATION



TO BE ERRECTED AT FIFTH AND TAYLOR STREETS, ON SITE DONATED BY THE LATE H. W. CORBETT.

A museum in which to place the collection of the Portland Art Association has been donated by Mrs. W. S. Ladd. The building, a perspective view of which is shown in the accompanying illustration, will be situated on the northeast corner of Fifth and Taylor streets, the property having been given by the late H. W. Corbett for that purpose. Mrs. Ladd has contemplated donating this building for some months, but the plans were only finished and the contracts closed for the erection of the building yesterday.

The ground plans of the building, being especially arranged for an art museum, give better opportunity of displaying the casts and etchings owned by the association and those frequently lent by local collectors than is afforded in the present location of the collection on the second floor of the Library building. Skylights and high windows are so placed that the proper light will fall on the works of art and bring out the lines of the casts to the best advantage. Most of the casts and a room for etchings will be on the ground

floor, and lecture and sketching-rooms will be on the second floor. Miss Henrietta Failing, curator of the collection, who takes a deep interest in the association, says that the new building is well adapted for its uses, and that with greater opportunities for study she hopes to see some system of regular instruction instituted, for which the works of art themselves and their location give ample opportunity. The plans for the new building were drawn by Wallden & Lewis.

TOGA GOES TO KNOX

Attorney-General Will Succeed Senator Quay.

POLITICIANS ARE SURPRISED

President, While Loth to Part With Cabinet Officer, Believes He Can Render the Country Great Service in the Senate.

SENATORS FROM PENNSYLVANIA.	
Matthew S. Quay	1901-1904
James S. Penrose	1903
Boies S. Penrose	1897-1903
Matthew S. Quay	1887-1893
John I. Mitchell	1883-1887
James Donald Cameron	1873-1897
William A. Wallace	1873-1881
John Scott	1869-1873
Simon Cameron	1867-1877
Charles R. Bucklew	1863-1869
Edgar Cowan	1861-1867
David Wilcox	1858-1861
Simon Cameron	1857-1861
William Butler	1853-1861
Richard Brodhead	1851-1857
James Cooper	1848-1853
Simon Cameron	1844-1849
Daniel Sturgeon	1839-1841
James Buchanan	1834-1845
Samuel McKean	1833-1839

PHILADELPHIA, June 9.—

Phillander C. Knox, Attorney-General of the United States, was selected today to fill the seat in the United States Senate made vacant by the death of M. S. Quay. He will accept and serve by appointment of Governor Pennypacker. Unless political complications should arise as a result of today's action, he will be elected for the full term by the Legislature which meets in January.

The selection of Attorney-General Knox came as a surprise to the politicians of the state. After Senator Quay died, Knox's name was among those mentioned for the vacancy, but as no one came forth to support it, very little was heard of his candidacy during the past week. His name was not considered by United States Senator Penrose, who, as chairman of the Republican state committee, along with Israel W. Durham, the Philadelphia leader, had the naming of Quay's successor.

Yesterday afternoon, however, Henry C. Frick, of Pittsburg, a director of the United States Steel Corporation, came to this city and formally announced the Attorney-General as a candidate for the place, and that he came here in Mr. Knox's interest. As the leaders had decided that Allegheny County, in which Pittsburg is situated, was to have the place, he thought the leaders could have no objection to the Attorney-General.

This caused much agitation in the Pittsburg delegation, which had already named four men for the vacancy. At last it was

expected that Mr. Knox would be opposed, but after a series of conferences, the Pittsburg delegation accepted him.

Attorney-General Knox, who has a farm at Valley Forge, was in the city for a short time today, and then went to the farm of A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where the Farmers' Club, a dining organization of wealthy men, gave a dinner toast. Among those present were Senator Penrose, Mr. Frick, Governor Pennypacker, ex-United States Senator Don C. Cameron and Richard R. Quay, son of the late Senator.

PRESIDENT WAS CONSULTED.

Seeing a Great Future for Knox in Senate, is Willing to Let Him Go.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Just before Attorney-General Knox left Washington a few days ago, he called on the President and told him he had been tendered the appointment of United States Senator to succeed Mr. Quay, and if the President was willing he would accept. The President told him that while it was true that probably no other man in the country could quite fill the position of Attorney-General as he had filled it, yet he believed his services in the Senate would be exceptionally valuable, not only to the State of Pennsylvania, but to the whole country. The President said during the next session or two of Congress, it would be a fair assumption that there would be considerable constructive legislation on the subject of trusts and combinations of one character or another, and in that matter Mr. Knox would be of greater service than perhaps any other man could be.

The President is greatly pleased that Mr. Knox will accept the position. The latter probably will not resign as Attorney-General until Congress convenes next December.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS MEET.

Trust Plank Will Be the Principal Feature of the Platform.

RICHMOND, Va., June 9.—The State Democratic convention met here today. Chairman Judge George E. Cassell, in his address, said the State of Virginia had not been conspicuous for many years, but this year the state could and would take a leading part in removing "Roosevelt from the mudkoon of Republicanism." He denounced President Roosevelt as a "sham reformer." "The President's friends," he said, "raged at the mention of his name, for he establs with sugars and drinketh with them."

At tonight's session the convention elected Senators Daniel and Martin, Governor Montague and A. C. Braxton delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention. The platform will be reported tomorrow. After renewing "allegiance to the great cardinal doctrines of American Democracy," it says:

"We recognize the necessity for concentration of capital in order that the means of the people may be employed in accordance with economic law developing the resources and promoting the prosperity of the country, but insist that the abuses that have become prevalent and widespread under Republican administration shall be remedied by the enactment of conservative but efficient laws for the best regulation of interstate public service corporations of the country, and the suppression of all combinations in restraint of trade. We charge that the Republican party has failed to administer existing laws against the illegal trusts from which it derives its campaign corruption funds, and upon which it in a large measure is dependent for its lease of power."

Prohibitionists Nominate.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 9.—The State Convention of the Prohibition party today nominated Fred G. Platt, of New Britain, for Governor.

PORTLAND IN 1905

The Medical Association Is to Meet Here.

CONTEST A STRENUOUS ONE

Committee Unanimously Decides for Los Angeles-California City Sees It Cannot Win on First Ballot and Comes Over.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 9.—(Special.)—The committee on the next place of meeting for the American Medical Association reported unanimously in favor of Los Angeles this afternoon, San Francisco having withdrawn in favor of Los Angeles. Dr. Kenneth MacKenzie, Oregon's member of the House of Delegates, after an exciting debate in the House, secured the adoption of a resolution tabling the report, and making Portland, Los Angeles and Hot Springs candidates for the honor. Portland lacked only one vote on the first ballot, and Los Angeles then joined Portland, which won without opposition on the second ballot.

The contest was one of the most strenuous ever witnessed, but the best of feeling now prevails. Dr. Harold Moyer, of Chicago, who made a strong plea for Portland in the House of Delegates, has accepted an invitation, as a guest of honor, to deliver the medical address before the Oregon State Society next September. Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Utah made Portland's fight their own, and rendered valuable aid. Doctors Labbe, French, Tims, Gelsendorfer and Logan, recent arrivals, increased Oregon's working forces, and performed excellent service. The attendance here is about 6000.

Portland must plan on doing her best to make a success of the meeting of this, the greatest scientific body in the world, which will so greatly honor her by meeting there in June, 1905.

HENRY WALDO COE.

Portland Postoffice Worth More.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—The salary of the Postmaster at Portland will be increased from \$750 to \$800 July 1. The Seattle official will receive a like increase. Other Northwestern changes are:

Oregon—Increase: Coquille, \$1200 to \$1200; Cottage Grove, \$1500 to \$1500; Egin, \$1100 to \$1200.

Idaho—Increase: Idaho Falls, \$1200 to \$1200.

Alaska—Increase: Valdez, \$1000 to \$1100.

Frank O. Rex was today appointed regular and Edgar O. Rex substitute rural free delivery carrier at Cheney, Wash.

Will Retain Land Office Position.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—Senator Ankeny has written to the President recommending that W. F. Haynes, of Coquille City, be appointed Register of the Waterville Land

Office. At the time the letter was written the present Register, Matthew B. Malloy, had been nominated for Judge of the Superior Court, and it was expected a vacancy would occur. Secretary Hitchcock, however, has been notified by Malloy that he has declined the nomination as Judge, and desires to retain his Land Office position, which he will be allowed to do.

UP TO PORTLAND TO SAY.

Merchant Marine Commission Willing to Give It a Hearing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—If the commercial interests of Portland desire to be heard by the Merchant Marine Commission, which is to give hearings this Summer with a view to devising some plan of rehabilitating the American merchant marine, they have but to say so, and the commission will hold sessions in Portland during its visit to the Pacific Coast. This fact was communicated to Senator Mitchell today by Chairman Gallinger.

Senator Mitchell will take the matter up with the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade. Hearings have already been arranged for Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco.

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ONE BANDIT KILLED

Colorado Ranchers and Cowboys Come Upon Robbers.

FIERCE BATTLE IS FOUGHT

Two of the Men Believed to Have Held Up Train Escape, but Are Surrounded in a Canyon.

NEWCASTLE, Colo., June 9.—A posse of ranchmen and cowboys, living in the neighborhood of Garfield, west of this place, came upon three men supposed to be the Denver & Rio Grande train robbers, who dynamited the express-car of a train near Parachute, Colo., Tuesday night, and in a battle which followed one of the pursued was killed. The other two escaped into Garfield Canyon, and at last accounts were completely surrounded. It is thought that escape is impossible.

Elmer Chattman, a cowboy, received a slight flesh wound. The dead man was brought to this place tonight, and was identified as one of three men who worked several days last week on the Denver & Rio Grande section near Parachute. He went under the name of J. H. Ross. Previous to working for the railroad he was employed in a restaurant in this town. Nothing is known of his history here.

Identification was made by a Rio Grande pay check found on his person. The two other men who worked with him last week gave the names of John Emmerling and Charles Scubba. They worked along the railroad track from Thursday until Saturday, and all quit together and left the neighborhood. Their several days' employment on the road gave them an excellent opportunity to familiarize themselves with the lay of the land 4 in the vicinity of Parachute. It is reported that at least 300 men, heavily armed, are watching the two men in Garfield Canyon tonight, and will shoot them down if they attempt to escape.

Troops Ordered North.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Orders have been issued at the War Department transferring the Fourth and Ninth Cavalry. The Fourth is now at Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth and Jefferson Barracks, and the Ninth is at Fort Walla Walla, the Presidio and Monterey. The change will take place October 15. The Tenth Infantry has been ordered from San Francisco to stations in the Department of the Columbia.

Recommend Promotion of Clerk.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 9.—Representative French and Surveyor-General Eagleson have recommended the promotion of John D. Bell, computer and transcribing clerk in the Surveyor-General's office, at Boise, Idaho, for promotion to chief clerk. Early action on their recommendation is probable.

No Agreement Made With Britain.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 9.—The reports in French papers that a general agreement has been reached between Great Britain and Russia is authoritatively denied.

MINE IS CLOSED

Colorado Troops Sent to Union Property.

HOPE THUS TO END STRIKE

General Bell Says Men Help Support Those Who Are Out.

ASSAULT IS BLOODLESS ONE

Mineowners Now Propose to Resume Operations, Requiring All Who Desire to Work to Get Cards From Them.

VICTOR, Colo., June 9.—In a bloodless assault made by 150 militiamen and deputies, led by Adjutant-General Sherman M. Bell on the Portland mine today, the mine was indefinitely closed, to be opened later on terms which will prevent any workman securing work without presenting satisfactory working cards from the Mineowners' Association. General Bell says the mine was closed because of "military necessity," as the men working in it were contributing to the support of the strikers, and thereby continuing the present conditions in the district. His proclamation also states that dangerous men in the mine should be held.

What promised to be the bloodiest time of the district ever saw passed away as mildly as a Summer shower. Without the firing of a shot or a harsh word, the General and his force marched up to the mine, took possession, read the proclamation concerning the present disposition of the mine and then left, with employees of the company in charge of the plant.

Mines Will Begin to Reopen.

Following the closing of the Portland it was announced that the mines will begin to reopen tomorrow, the nonunion mines first and others later, and that business is to be resumed in the district at once. All miners who want work must first secure a working card from the Mineowners' Association.

News of the intended assault upon the Portland, and the closing down of the mine, spread like wildfire through the town, and the hills and bluffs about the station were black with swarming humanity as the trainload of soldiers, with Krug Jorgensen attacking from every window, steamed away. Just as the train rounded the hill and stopped for the soldiers to make the ascent to the mine, a United States flag was hoisted from one of the minehouses. The deputies sprang up the zigzag line of steps, scattering as they approached the mine, and General Bell and staff went straight to the general offices, where the General read the proclamation. Superintendent Kurie, of the mine, listened to the reading and then said: "Do you want us to close right away?" "If it will inconvenience you, certainly not," replied General Bell.

Employees Left as Guards.

It was then arranged that 24 of the company's employees should be left in charge to guard the property and keep necessary parts running, and General Bell assured the superintendent that he would furnish all the guards necessary to protect the mine. General Bell then dismissed all but a few of the soldiers and deputies, and, with the remainder, waited for the men in the mine to come off shift. Later, about 300 miners came out. As tomorrow is payday, General Bell told the men they could take their checks today and return tomorrow for their pay. About 100 took their checks, the others declining to wait until tomorrow. All the miners went quietly to their homes after being told that the mine was closed down for the present. General Bell and his staff then returned to Victor. There was an intense feeling of relief when the news came that possession of the Portland had been secured without trouble. General Bell on returning to town said:

"Business will resume tomorrow and from now on things will run right."

The nonunion mines, including the Independence, it is said, will be among those to start at once. On Saturday and Monday resumption will continue, and later the Portland is to be reopened. The saloons, which have been closed for some time, will also be reopened, it is said.

Only Large Mine to Operate.

The Portland is the only large mine in the district that has continued in operation since the explosion at Independence on Monday, which killed or maimed more than 30 nonunion miners. The Portland Gold Mining Company, through its president and manager, James F. Burns, who is not a member of the Cripple Creek District Mineowners' Association, conceded the demands of the unions when the strike was inaugurated last August, and has steadily given employment to about 500 nonunion men.

General Bell also issued the following order, of which over 500 copies were posted:

"Victor, Colo., June 9, 1904. To the People of the State of Colorado: It having been made to appear to the commander of the military forces in this district that certain depredations have been committed; that property has been wantonly destroyed and the laws of