



JUDGES' RECALL TO DELAY STATEHOOD

Taft Will Veto Bill With Provision.

NEW MEXICO IS UNFORTUNATE

Fate Coupled With That of Arizona, to Disadvantage.

PRESIDENT MUCH STIRRED

Message Will Declare Vigorous Opposition to Principle of Permitting Politics to Surround Judiciary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Strong disapproving the statehood bill because of the provision in the Arizona constitution providing for the application of the recall law to be judiciary, President Taft will veto the bill which bestows statehood upon both Arizona and New Mexico. The President has no objections to the admission of New Mexico on the terms of the bill, and is not opposed to Arizona's admission except for the recall of judges provision. This he abhors.

It was said in Washington today on good authority that the President will write a stinging message on the subject, his views upon which are of the deepest-set and most positive nature. He believes that any action that would tend to drag the judiciary in the mire of politics is fundamentally dangerous and fraught with danger that will not end in the local application of the rule.

New Mexico's failure to obtain statehood through the insistence of both the House and the Senate to couple the two territories in one bill is a source of regret to President Taft, but he feels that even the injustice that New Mexico will suffer for the time being will not offset the grave menace of the recall provision as applied to the judiciary.

The President had indicated some time ago that he would take this action unless the Nelson amendment was adopted. This amendment would have required the people of Arizona, as a condition of statehood, to vote down the provision in their constitution for the recall of judges. This amendment was defeated and the Senate passed the bill as it came from the House, simply requiring that a vote be taken on the recall feature.

Flood Relieves Forces. Chairman Flood, of the House Committee on Territories, author of the resolution, declared today that there would be plenty of votes in the House to pass it again over the President's veto.

As to the Senate, he could not speak. He urged the Democrats of the House to get together as soon as the veto message was announced. Flood was surprised to learn that the President would register his disapproval of the resolution and said that it had been drawn largely to meet Taft's objection.

Senator Culberson is authority for the statement that the Senate would likewise pass the bill over the President's veto if the question is presented to that body.

It was also said the statehood question would result in prolonging the session.

JUDGE IS THREATENED

Jurist to Try McNamara Receives Menacing Letters.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—Judge Walter Bordwell, before whom the McNamara will appear October 11 for trial on the charges of conspiracy and murder, said today that he had received threatening letters in connection with the case of the accused labor leader and his brother. He declined to disclose the contents of the letters, but told Attorney LeCompte Davis, of counsel of the McNamara defense, that Davis was in a position to put a stop to them.

Davis said that if the letters received today were like another threatening letter the judges had shown him previously, he could not condemn it too severely. He declared he would be only too glad to take any step suggested by the court for the prosecution of the writer. He added that he would confer with the court on the subject later.

CHANNEL TO BE DEEPEDED

Army Board Would Have Government Cut Hoquiam Waterway.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 9.—The Army River and Harbor Board today recommended to the Secretary of War that a Government dredge be utilized in deepening the channel at Hoquiam, Wash., as has been urged by Senator Jones and Representative Warburton.

It is found that if a Government dredge is used, this channel work can be done for \$12,000 less than if by contract and the board favors this economy. An appropriation by Congress will be necessary, however, before the work can be undertaken.

MORMONS STRIVE TO CORNER LAND

ALARM FELT OVER PROSPECT OF BEING OUTFOTED.

Leaders Inspect All Available Unpatented Areas in Four Counties, for Colonizing.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Alarmed by the prospect of being outfoted by incoming residents, the officials of the Mormon Church, it became known today, have been making an exhaustive investigation of all the unpatented lands in four of the richest counties of the state, for the purpose of colonization on their own account. The admitted purpose of the investigation is to find homes for converts to Mormonism.

Recent immigration to Utah from Gentile sources has been a cause of much concern to the leaders of the hierarchy. The arrival of 500 families from Pennsylvania this season led them to take particular notice. They have settled on fertile lands and, coming from communities noted for their hard-working farmers, threaten to outdo even the thrifty Mormons themselves in addition to the natural output of the soil.

A deal involving \$7,000,000 for reclaimable lands is reported to be pending and it is said that a large Jewish colony will be located there.

MILITARY LOSES TO CIVIL

E. W. Brodine Will Not Be Delivered to Guard Authorities.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Civil authorities won in the first round today in the dispute with the military authorities, which started here when Private E. W. Brodine was arrested for failing to pay alimony to his wife. The military authorities demanded his release, but District Attorney McNary refused to grant it. Attorney General Crawford was appealed to today by Adjutant-General Finser. Deputy Attorney-General Van Winkle found that the military code prevents the civil authorities from enforcing process on a soldier who is on duty, but does not exempt such a soldier from criminal process. As the present proceedings are in the nature of criminal process Van Winkle telegraphed the Adjutant-General to that effect.

BOYS ARE ADRIFT AT SEA

Channel Patrolled for Fugitives From Reform School Camp.

AVALON, Catalina Island, Cal., Aug. 9.—After turning several powerboats adrift because they did not know how to operate the machinery, two boys from the Whittier State Reform School camp set out in a rowboat for the mainland before dawn today and tonight were still somewhere out in the channel. The lads escaped from the school camp about midnight.

Searching parties were sent out.

NORTHWEST ALONE HAS BUMPER CROP

General Situation Is Worst in Years.

CONDITION OF CORN DROPS

Increased Acreage Atones in Part for Deterioration.

YIELD OF OATS IS SMALL

May Is Lightest in 15 Years and Potato Crop Has Been Smaller Only Twice in Past 10 Years.

NORTHWEST WHEAT CROP WILL LARGELY EXCEED THAT OF LAST YEAR.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 9.—Preliminary estimates by the Department of Agriculture on the wheat crop, made public today, fix the 1911 winter wheat crop of Oregon at 11,764,000 bushels, or 488,000 bushels over the crop of 1910.

The quality of this crop August 1 is reported to be 95 per cent and the yield per acre 22.2 bushels. Washington's winter wheat crop is estimated at 19,820,000 bushels, as against 18,858,000 bushels last year. Its conditions is reported as 97 per cent and the yield per acre as 27.3 bushels.

Spring wheat figures are given for Washington only and show the condition on August 1 to be 85, as compared with 93 on July 1. The Washington spring wheat crop was 62 on August 1, 1910.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—A tremendous decline in crops generally throughout the country, traceable to drought and intense heat, occurred last month, as indicated by official figures and estimates made today in the monthly crop report of the Department of Agriculture.

The report today is the worst, as to general crop conditions, that the department has issued for any one month since 1901.

The area most seriously affected extends from New York and Pennsylvania westward to the Rocky Mountains, embracing all the great corn, wheat and hay-producing states in the country.

In the southern states, with the exception of Virginia and North Carolina, (Continued on Page 2.)

SOCIAL LIFE MOST GAY AT NEWPORT

DULLNESS OF EARLY SEASON IS FORGOTTEN.

Church Lawn Fete and Polo Matches Engross Members of Smart Set at Narragansett Pier.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, R. I., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—With return from Europe of members of the smart set who went abroad in the Spring to witness the coronation and its attendant festivities, the social season here and at Newport has become very gay indeed. Colonel John Jacob Astor has taken his fiancée, Miss Madeline T. Force, and her mother to his Newport cottage and there will be lively entertainments in their honor. Colonel Astor's first wife never achieved her ambition to be the lessee of social life there and it is unlikely that the new Mrs. Astor will have any better success, but the \$160,000,000 of Mr. Astor would lead almost any social community.

The lawn fete and fair of the Episcopal Church, St. Peter-by-the-Sea, was one of the most brilliant affairs of the season here. The grab bags gave much joy to the children. Masters David and Matland Armstrong and Thomas Wamamaker and Misses Barbara Norman and Elizabeth Pisenmayer figured at this booth.

One of the events of the week was the polo match between teams captained by Miss Emily Randolph and Miss E. Penn Smith. Miss Randolph scored four goals for her side.

Life here and at Newport is in marked contrast to the dullness of the early season, when even an attempt to stir up a controversy for leadership between Mrs. Drexel and Mrs. Mills had no effect. Harry Lehr, who for many years has been the Merry Andrew of Newport, is in Europe, suffering from nervous prostration.

MIDDLE WEST HOT AGAIN

Temperature Goes to 103 With High Humidity at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 9.—Kansas City, Mo., and Oklahoma sizzled today in a heat wave which began yesterday. The mercury reached 103 at 4 P. M. with high humidity at Kansas City.

B. A. Barrett, 58 years old, of Phillipsburg, Kan., jumped from a window of a hospital after being overcome by the heat. He died from his injuries.

The temperatures recorded were: Joplin, Mo., 96; Wichita, Kan., 96; Oklahoma City, Okla., 96; Topeka, Salina, Atchison and Emporia, Kan., 104; Manhattan, Kan., 105.

PRUNES AT 71-4c BASIS

Felida Association Obtains Record Price for 400-Acre Crop.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The highest price on record for prunes will be received by the members of the Felida Fruitgrowers' Association. The price for 30's to 35's will be 7 1/4 cents a pound. A Portland firm is the buyer.

CARLETON, LONDON, RAVAGED BY FIRE

American Actor Loses Life in Blaze.

MANY HAVE NARROW ESCAPES

Billie Burke, Clad in Wrapper, Flees From Flames.

YANKEE TOURISTS SCARED

Two Floors of Famous Hostelry in British Metropolis Are Gutted.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Fire destroyed a portion of the Carleton Hotel tonight and resulted in the death of one person. After the flames had been quenched a body was found on the top floor. It was identified as that of Jameson Lee Finney, an American actor.

The Carleton is one of London's most fashionable hotels, and many Americans were among its patrons. Practically all had narrow escapes.

Miss Billie Burke, the actress, was among the first to get out of the Carleton Hotel. She says she was dressing when she heard a noise and saw the smoke.

Jewels Left Behind. Of course, she did not miss the opportunity to lose her jewels. This is what she said:

"When we saw those sparks, my French maid was nearly crazy. Mother wanted to take the elevator down, as her knees were rather stiff, but I said to mother, 'You just come on down the stairs.'"

"We had just got out when mother asked me about my jewels. I said I never mind the jewels, and by that time we were on the second floor. Mother said that she just could not go any further, and she was going to jump the rest of the way."

Actress Thinly Clad. "Of course I wouldn't let her jump, and we managed to get down to the first floor. I was dressed only in a negligee, but someone wrapped a coat around me in the cloakroom and a nice woman stuck a few hairpins in my hair."

The fire burned for two and a half hours, but was confined mainly to that end of the hotel adjoining His Majesty's Theater. The fifth and sixth (Continued on Page 2.)

MUSICAL EARS OF PRISONERS JARRED

'REGULARS' REBEL AT MONKEY DITTIES OF JAILMATE.

Tortured by Fallen Vaudeville Star's Ragtime, Men in Cells Declare for Classics Only.

Nothing but classics are to be sung in the City Jail hereafter by prisoners with musical tendencies. This was the informal decision of the long-term men at the jail Tuesday night, after Charles Murphy, who asserts that he was once a singer on the Pantages circuit, had insisted on giving "coon songs" for half an hour.

"Can that!" came a loud command from the rear cells. Drunks and men accused of petty larceny or disorderly conduct, two of whom claim to have had musical merit at better periods of their lives, joined in the command.

Murphy's cellmate was asleep and deaf to both music and protest, so he was encouraged to brave the musical criticism. He sang bravely a few bars, wavered over a few more notes and finally gave up the effort.

"Why can't you sing something decent, like 'The Hat Me Father Wore'?" said an Irish prisoner. "Or 'Old Ben Bolt'?" said another. But Murphy had relapsed into sullen silence.

AMERICAN GARB IS LIKED

Wife of Japanese Consul-General Goes Back Home "Hobbled."

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—When Matsuzo Nagai, Japanese Consul-General at this port, came to assume his post two years and a half ago, his bride, a beautiful daughter of the land of the cherry blossom, was clad in the picturesque costume of her country. When the couple left on a visit to Japan today, Mrs. Nagai was attired in a tailor-made hobble, and that she had assimilated more than the number of local society and clubwomen who had her bon voyage at the pier before the Chiyu Maru started for sea.

The floral tributes and other tokens sent by Mr. and Mrs. Nagai's American friends, as well as prominent San Francisco Japanese, filled their handsome suite to overflowing and there was a constant stream of callers as they prepared to depart.

A little traveler who was not with the Consul-General and his wife when they arrived here accompanied them. She is their year-old baby daughter, Ahzai.

Consul Nagai expects to be away from his post until next November. He takes the trip principally for his health, which has been undermined by too close attention to his duties here.

POSTAL BANK CHOCK FULL

Bremerton Depositors Have to Be Turned Away; Relief Sought.

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The Postal Savings Bank is full. Not another cent can be accepted. The two local banks are accredited depositories of postal deposits, but they are full, too.

The Citizens Bank can accept only \$10,000 and the First National \$7500.

Postmaster Gale telegraphed today to Postmaster-General Hitchcock an appeal for immediate relief. He suggested that each of the Bremerton banks be permitted to carry \$20,000.

"That will give us only temporary relief," said the postmaster tonight, "if deposits keep coming at their present rate we shall be full up again in three months."

Among the patrons of the Postal Bank are many enlisted men and officers in the Navy and employees at the Navy-Yard.

RECALL MOVE DISDAINED

Seattle Officials Treat Action Against Them With Indifference.

SEATTLE, Aug. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stritar, who have directed the circulation of petitions for the recall of Mayor George W. Dilling and Councilmen Max Wardell, F. S. Steiner, E. F. Blaine and J. Y. C. Kellogg, said today that the petitions would not be ready for filing tomorrow, as promised, but would be completed next week.

The officials against whom the petitions are directed profess to treat the movement with complete indifference. The only candidate mentioned for the Mayor is Mayor Hiram Gill, who was recalled by an enormous majority last Spring. No Councilman candidates have announced themselves.

CHALCRAFT IS INDORSED

Salem Board of Trade Wants Chemawa Man Kept at School.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Superintendent Chalcraft, of the Chemawa Indian School, received unqualified indorsement of the Salem Board of Trade in a favor resolution tonight and the Board asked not only that he be reinstated in the service, but that he be retained at the Chemawa school.

The Board also commended the Southern Pacific and condemned criticism of that road. A committee was appointed to obtain the necessary 500 visitors to the Astoria Centennial on a special train on Salem day, August 17.

ASTORIA IS HAILED ON 100TH NATAL DAY

New Century Bright for Fair Sea City.

HER HISTORY IS OREGON'S

Centennial Dawns New Era for One-Time Trading Post.

VISITING THROGS COME

Old John Jacob Astor Might Well Be Proud of Sturdy Town That Surviving Handicaps, Comes to Its Own Through Failure.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—If old John Jacob Astor could sit up in his grave today and take notice of the things doing in this little old world, he would perhaps divide his attention between the East and the West, having one eye on his descendant and namesake in New York, and the other on this little city at the mouth of the Columbia.

For both John Jacob, the younger, and Astoria are just now in the limelight, both on the first page. The former because he recently emerged, somewhat battered in reputation, from a divorce court, and now seeks again to take upon himself the obligations of matrimony, his partner-to-be a young lady still in her teens, while J. Jacob has passed the half-century mark, or soon will pass it.

The first John Jacob, loving husband and stern parent that he was, would perhaps come to the conclusion, as many of the readers of The Oregonian have, that matrimony is becoming with the rich a matter of money, shortened into an expressive word—matrimoney, with the accent strong on the money.

Astor's Motives Doubtful. But Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia. The old gentleman could look at the town which was named in his honor with great pleasure and great pride, for Astoria is about to celebrate one of the epochs of the thirty old German's life, the founding of the first trading post on the western shores of our country, which event took place a hundred years ago.

When the first John Jacob, then a fur trader in New York City, and one of the richest men in the country, organized the Pacific Fur Company and started the little Tonquin and her cargo of goods and chattels, and her misfit complement of partners, clerks and assistants on the way to the mouth of the great river of the Pacific, it is an open question whether he was fired with ambitions of patriotism or with a lust for gold. But whatever his motives, the fact remains that he selected as his emissaries about as fitly an assorted lot of underlings as ever sailed the seas.

The journey was a comedy of errors from the very beginning, and ended in one of the great tragedies of the early days of the great Pacific fur trade, after discharging a portion of her cargo and men the little vessel proceeded north and was lost with all on board. These things are all matters of history; but they have a peculiar bearing today when we are gathering here to rehearse them a century later.

Astoria Happy Name. And we must not forget that whatever the motives of old John Jacob were, the founding of the little hamlet called Astoria was a mighty factor in saving all this country from the British. And perhaps it is true that Astor was more interested in serving his country than in filling his purse. No one can say he was not.

In looking back at the works of the old fur trader we find that of all his business ventures only his Astoria scheme, or that great Pacific Fur Company, failed, and it did not fail through any fault of Astor's but through the mismanagement of his partners who came here to take charge of the business.

But Astoria survived, the "Oregon country" was saved to the United States, and Astor should receive the full meed of credit. Astoria. Astoria. The words bring up happy memories of pleasant cheer and goodly viands, for they have been the names of a long line of hostleries, plain and hyphenated.

In the earlier days of his career, when New York was more the promise of a city than a metropolis in reality, Astor went high up the island, more than a mile from the Battery, where the business was mostly transacted, and built a great hotel—the Astor House. It was said to be the finest hotel in the world, surely there was nothing in this country to equal it. It must have been erected before 1840, for Mr. Astor died in 1848, and it was running quite a number of years before his death.

Weinhard Like Sturdy Astor. To show how the thorough-going old German did things it is worthy of note that it is a good building to this day, and as a money maker it has never had an equal in this country. Had the later generations of Astors simply invested the income from the (Continued on Page 4.)

PERSONS WHO FIGURE IN GAY SUMMER SOCIAL SEASON AT NARRAGANSETT PIER AND NEWPORT.

