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P. A. STOKES

ALGER WOULD GO TO SENATE

Announces Candidacy for Place Made Vacant by Death of Senator McMillan.

IDAHO REPUBLICANS MEET

Morrison Will Probably Receive Nomination for Governor—Spirited Contest on for Congressman.

DETROIT, Aug. 20.—General R. A. Alger announced himself today as a candidate for United States senator to succeed the late Senator James McMillan.

General Alger's statement is as follows:

"Detroit, Mich., Aug. 20.—I will not seek the appointment or election to the office of United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan. The office and honor are too great to be thus obtained. Should, however, the people of Michigan, through their legislature, see fit to elect me to that high office, I will accept it and fill it to the best of my ability.

"To the friends who have so kindly expressed a desire to see me thus chosen as their representative, I wish to tender my grateful thanks.

"R. A. ALGER."

General Alger declined to be seen by newspaper men after the statement had been issued, sending word that he had nothing further to say. A note asking him "Will you make any effort to secure the election of members of the legislature favorable to your senatorial candidacy?" was sent in to him in his private office. In reply the general sent word that he could answer no questions at present.

IDAHO REPUBLICANS.

Looks Like Morrison Will Capture Gubernatorial Plum.

BOISE, Aug. 20.—The Republican state convention organized today with Colonel Thomas R. Hämmer, of Freemont, as permanent chairman, and adjourned until tomorrow.

The situation with respect to the gubernatorial nomination has not changed. Morrison appears to have a good lead, though the fight is so determined that a change may be brought about. The sharpest contest is between Deale and French for congress. Last night it seemed as though Deale would go through with Morrison, but this evening there are indications that French may win.

A REMARKABLE SKULL

Was More Than Two Inches Thick on Top of the Head.

EUGENE, Aug. 20.—A case of great interest to the medical fraternity was discovered by examination of the skull and brain of Mrs. Emma Hibbs, who died yesterday. The post-mortem showed the actual thickness of the skull on top of the head to be 2 1/4 inches. The growth was both outward and inward, causing an abnormal sized skull and slight congestion of the brain. Other measurements are as follows: Ear to ear over head, 14 1/4 inches; diameter of skull, ear to ear, 7 1/4 inches; circumference, 24 1/4 inches. The brain seemed to be normal but for slight congestion.

GRAY FRIAR, LONG SHOT, WINS.

SARATOGA, Aug. 20.—Gray Friar, quoted at 12 to 1, won the Grand Union stakes this afternoon. The value of the race was \$7000 to the winner. Grand Union Hotel stakes, 2-year-olds, six furlongs—Gray Friar won; Judith Campbell, second; White Chapel, third. Time, 1:13.

CONGRESS ELECTS ITS OFFICERS.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 20.—The trans-Mississippi congress selected the following officers: President, John H. Kirby, Houston, Tex.; vice-president-at-large, Colonel E. F. Montgomery, Cripple Creek, Colo.; L. Bradford Prince, Santa Fe, N. M.; John Riptinger, Seattle, Wash.; N. C. Lashmore, Larimore, N. D. The secretary and treasurer will be selected by the executive committee this week.

In an address before the congress today, J. J. Hill, speaking of the proposed Isthmian ship canal, declared that in his opinion \$3 to 40 millions spent in deepening the channel of the Mississippi river between New Orleans and St. Louis would give far better results in the end. As to the money spent on the improvement of the upper waters of the same river he thought it would be much better invested in irrigating arid regions of the great West.

PRESIDENT IS DISPLEASED.

With Factional Differences Which Have Arisen in Republican Party.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 20.—President Roosevelt today in no uncertain terms expressed his disapproval of the factional differences in the Republican party. C. A. Lyon, chairman of the Republican state committee of Texas, called on him and presented his side of the controversy which has arisen among the Republicans of Texas. The president stated to him with the utmost emphasis that he was taking no side for or against any man or faction among Texas Republicans. In any state in which the Republican party is in the minority but had a chance to get something, the president felt the credit would fall to those Republican leaders who were able to make good showings at the polls and not to them that spend their time plotting how they could get delegates or receive offices. He told Lyon that he could explain this to Texas Republicans of every faction.

GUAM PRISONERS TO BE FREED.

Will Be Taken to Manila After Taking Oath of Allegiance to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Acting Secretary Sanger, of the war department, has issued an order for the return of the prisoners at Guam to Manila. The chief quartermaster at San Francisco, by this order, is directed to order the quartermaster in charge of the transport Sheridan on September 1 to proceed to Manila by way of Guam. The transport quartermaster has an order to the naval governor of Guam directing him to turn over for transportation such prisoners and their servants as have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States. The quartermaster will receive these prisoners with the oaths they have taken and proceed to Manila. The order then directs him to notify the commanding general and to send copies of the oaths to the general to be turned over to the civil governor. After they have been examined by the civil governor and approved, the prisoners will be allowed to land at Manila. The most important of these military prisoners is Mabini.

CHILD KILLED MYSTERIOUSLY.

Mother Is Assaulted While Babe Is at Her Breast by Unknown Man.

SPOKANE, Aug. 20.—A Wilbur, Washington, Special to the Spokesman Review, says:

The two-months-old daughter of Mrs. Jasper Hyatt was killed near Govan this morning under peculiar circumstances. She was alone in the house when an unknown man came in. She started for the bedroom when the man caught her from behind. Mrs. Hyatt says she struggled with the man, who was making improper proposals, and after a struggle of several minutes the baby dropped to the floor and he discontinued the assault. She then gave the alarm. No one was seen who answers the description of the man, and his identity is a mystery. The child's skull was crushed.

KENTUCKY PRISON RIOT.

Several Convicts Wounded Before Disturbance Was Quelled.

FRANKFORT Ky., Aug. 20.—A riot in the state prison started today by an attempt of three murders—Lafette Brooks, Wallace Bishop and T. Mulligan, to gain their liberty. Before the riot was quelled and the riotous convicts captured, Bishop was fatally wounded, Mulligan was shot in the shoulder, and a negro convict, Albert Ransome, was hit by a rifle ball.

SWINDLER IN CANADA.

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 20.—Chief of Police Handry announces that he has positive information that William Malcolm, the former secretary of the Mutual Loan & Building Association of Passaic, is now in Canada. Handry will try to head him off before he can sail for Europe. Three warrants for Malcolm's arrest have been issued by Acting Chief of Police Judge Van der Ploog. They charge Malcolm with fraud, grand larceny and swindling.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

EMORIA, Kas., Aug. 20.—During a thunderstorm this afternoon lightning struck the farm house of Henry Mercer, nine miles west of this city, killing Mrs. Mercer and her little granddaughter. Four other members of the family were stunned.

BOER GENERALS PLAN TO CONTROL

Anxious to See a Self Governing Commonwealth in South Africa.

UNDER THE BRITISH CROWN

Can Be Accomplished Through the Medium of Dutch Coalition Against the Loyalists.

NEW YORK, August 20.—The arrival of the Boer generals in Holland is described with a subdued and chastened spirit by the English press, cables the Tribune's London correspondent. No fault can be found with the evidences of Dutch hero-worship, when London crowds have set the example in honoring the Boer commanders and Dr. Clark, also, as though they had been fighting on the British side. The generals evidently were under less restraint at Rotterdam and The Hague than they had been in England and were not casting about for excuses for reticence and reserve. Whatever may be their opinions of the Boer negotiators who conducted a safe campaign in Europe and America, they are not prepared to act independently of Kruger and Steyn or with holding a long conference with Messrs. Fischer, Wolmarans and Wessels and the other leaders. Mr. Fischer is the strongest and most influential Boer in Holland. Mr. Kruger alone excepted, and the generals are likely to follow him rather than Dr. Leyds. The pro-Boers, when they become prophetic, forecast in South Africa a policy of constitutional agitation opening with a Dutch coalition against the loyalists in the parliament of Cape Colony, which Sir Gordon Sprigg cannot control, and leading up by easy stages under federation to a self-governing Dutch commonwealth under the British crown. Men like Mr. Fischer are too discreet to talk about ulterior Boer policies, but they already advocate federation as the inevitable result of the conditions of peace.

WOMEN USES VITROL.

New York Wife Brightly Disfigures Her Husband.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Fearing her husband, from whom she had been separated for four years, was about to leave the city without paying to her several hundred dollars of alimony, Mrs. Claire Cheau drenched him with oil of vitriol and burned him so severely on the face, shoulders and back that it is feared he will not survive. One of the man's eyes was destroyed and his chances of recovery are doubtful.

FOREST FIRES SPREADING.

Situation in Wyoming Is Becoming Alarming—Interior Department Has Been Notified.

CHEYENNE, Aug. 20.—A telephone message from Saratoga states that forest fire conditions are becoming alarming and that unless the interior department acts promptly much valuable timber and possibly the mining camp at Gold Hill will be destroyed. The message states that the fire which has been burning on the Grand Encampment has been extinguished but the one between Saratoga and Gold Hill is spreading.

FREIGHTHANDLERS STRIKE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Two hundred freighthandlers, employed at the Erie railroad freight house, have gone on a sympathetic strike because five men have been discharged. The strike is not expected to spread.

THEY DEFERRED ACTION.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—After discussing for more than three hours the proposition of segregation of the sexes at the University of Chicago, the board

of trustees has again decided to postpone final action for two months. A majority of the trustees are said to be opposed to segregation and in favor of co-education as it now exists in the university. This is the second time the trustees have deferred action on the matter.

HOPES CENTERED IN MORGAN.

Believe He Will Consent to Conference With President Mitchell.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Aug. 20.—The coal operators of the Wyoming region took a step forward today. The Warnke washery, under a strong guard, was kept in operation all day, and the Maltby breaker, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, prepared a lot of coal for the market. The strike leaders here think that J. P. Morgan will consent to a conference with President Mitchell and that the strike will be over by the first of September.

MOTHER CONFESSED SHE KILLED HER BABY.

BUTTE, Aug. 20.—A special to the Miner from Sheridan, Wyo., says: Lena Nelson, mother of the dead baby found in South Laramie on Sunday, has been arrested, charged with the murder of the child. She confessed she had given birth to the babe and had strangled it by filling its mouth with scraps of papers.

CEMETERY MEN IN SESSION.

BOSTON, Aug. 20.—The Cemetery Superintendents of America have opened their 16th annual conference in the Copley Square hotel. Members were present from all parts of the country.

In his annual address President Frank Ulrich, of Detroit, said regarding the method of disposing of the dead:

"We must admit that all the present methods outside of cremation are puny efforts to retard dissolution, aside from being repulsive and undeniably dangerous to the living."

NUMEROUS SEATTLE ACCIDENTS.

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—Peter Zenderari, formerly of the Washington volunteers, is dead at Manila, of cholera.

The body of James McNeill, a miner, was found in the bay today.

Wm. Blay, a laborer, was killed by a train at Meatum today.

J. W. McQuarrie, a carpenter, fell from the grain elevator today and was killed.

BLOW TO NON-UNION COAL.

Canadian Railway Men Pledge Themselves Not to Handle Any of It.

MONTERS, Aug. 20.—The Conductors and Railway Men's Association, of Canada, representing some 20,000 employes on the Canadian railways, last night adopted resolutions pledging its members not to handle or use coal mined by non-union labor.

BUYERS ELECT OFFICERS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The Buyers' Association of America held its annual meeting and dinner last night. I. N. Levinson presided. The following were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:

President, R. C. Dickman, New York; vice-president, J. J. Jacklin, of San Francisco; secretary, G. M. Butler, of Philadelphia; treasurer, E. M. Sostman.

PROTEST FROM POWERS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Advices have been received here that Germany, Great Britain and France in joint action protested this (Tuesday) morning against the blockade of Venezuelan ports, says a cable to the Herald from Willemstad, Curacao. The Venezuelan government will make a reply.

NINE MEN MEET TERRIBLE DEATH

By An Explosion of Steel Digesters in a Delaware Pulp Mill.

FIVE WORKMEN ARE MISSING

Several Persons Are Mangled and Burned With Escaping Acid—Mill is a Total Wreck.

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 20.—Nine workmen were killed, five are missing and four were badly injured by an explosion of steel digesters in the Delaware pulp mill today. The known dead are: Frank Harris, William Burke, James Nagle, John McCormick, Zach Collis (colored), James Stokes, Joseph Lumbacher, Granville Water, John Henry.

Missing: William Scott, Joel Hitton, William Ruth, E. H. Mosely, James Sweeney.

Injured: James Lester, burned, recovery doubtful; James Collins, inhaled flames; Thomas Reeves, skull fractured, may die; George Durham, burned, recovery doubtful.

The digesters resemble a vat and were used for reducing wood pulp. There were two terrific reports and the buildings and mills about the structure were completely wrecked. Several men escaped without injury. Those not killed outright were mangled and burned by escaping acid that flowed over their bodies from the broken digesters.

WANT SCHWAB TO REST.

Steel Directors Anxious About President's Health.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—F. H. Gary, chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel Corporation, said today:

"President Schwab is looking well and hearty. There seems to be no doubt that he will be completely restored to health. We are all insisting that he take a much needed rest. During the last 15 months he has had charge of more responsibility than one person should assume."

BASEBALL.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

At Butte—Butte, 6; Portland, 5.
At Helena—Helena, 14; Seattle, 4.
At Tacoma—Tacoma, 9; Spokane, 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Washington—Washington, 6; Chicago, 10.
At Philadelphia—St. Louis, 1; Philadelphia, 4.
At Baltimore—Baltimore, 7; Detroit, 6.
At Boston—Boston, 3; Cleveland, 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At St. Louis—(First) St. Louis 0; Boston, 1. (Second) St. Louis, 3; Boston, 2.
At Cincinnati—(First) Cincinnati, 10; Brooklyn, 2. (Second) Cincinnati, 15; Brooklyn, 1.
At Chicago—Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 4.

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