



COVERS THE MORNING FIELD ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA

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ASTORIA, OREGON, TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1907.

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## MAY CALL A HALT

### Roosevelt in Telegraphers Strike.

## FEDERAL SERVICE HURT

### Report of Weather Conditions for the Mariners is Cut Off.

## ANXIETY IN WASHINGTON

### Weather and Agricultural Bureau is Hampered and Great Sacrifice in Running Government Will Ensnare—Trade Wires and Press Wires Are Silent.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says:

With the possibility of delayed transaction of government business as a result of the telegraphers strike, that part of the administration remaining in Washington, is deeply concerned at the growth of the movement and it is hoping for intervention by the President.

It has been advised of the President's concern and determination to do what he can to prevent serious interruption in the business of the country, and the government, but unfortunately the situation is of a character that does not admit of interference at this stage.

Government officials fear that should there be a general strike it would seriously embarrass the federal government. Operators are employed in every executive department and bureau, while the weather and crop reporting services depend on the maintenance of regular and uninterrupted telegraphic advices.

Officials believe that a widespread walkout of telegraphers might result in disasters at sea, especially as the hurricane season on the Atlantic is approaching. Mariners depend upon information furnished by the government as to the state of the weather. This particular state of the weather depends upon the advices from the interior and any prolonged suspension of telegraphic advices from the various stations from the weather bureau would be serious in its consequence to shipping and life at sea.

Already the weather bureau has felt the force of the spreading strikes, giving indication of the situation that would confront the bureau in the event of an order directing a strike of all members of the Commercial Telegraphers Union. Only three quarters of the advices usually received by the weather bureau up to 10 o'clock were in at that hour last night.

Most of the operators employed by government departments at Washington are union men and while they have no grievances, it is understood that if a strike order is issued it will be obeyed by government operators.

### SORRY HE JOINED.

### Man Arrested For Alleged "Black Hand" Operations Tells Of Secrets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—As a result of the arrest of several men in Patterson, N. J., for alleged "Black Hand" operations, the police have learned some of the secrets of that dreaded band of plotters. The information came from one of the men under arrest, who claims he was decoyed into the "black hand."

The man, George Sportally, was invited to become a member of a "Patriotic Italian Society," with offices in New York. He took the initiation which was a hair raising performance. Drops of blood were drawn from his arm and mixed with that drawn from another member of the society. He was compelled to swear eternal allegiance and obedience on crossed daggers, while another dagger was pressed against his breast. His name was enrolled in a formidable black book in the cover of which was painted a dagger dripping with blood.

### ARMOUR PLATE VAULT.

### First One In The United States Installed In New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The only armour plate vault in New York has recently been installed by the National Copper Vault Company in the new United States Realty building at 115 Broadway. Whether it was any advantage over the built-up-steel vaults of other institutions is a matter over which experts disagree. No burglar has ever yet attempted to drill or blow his way into a vault of either type.

Armour plate has a characteristic which is lacking in the old style of burglar proof vaults—its massiveness. The National Copper Vault is nine feet high and 20 feet long and each side has been rolled into one solid piece.

### KOREANS KILL JAPANESE.

### They Try To Disarm A Garrison And Sustain Losses.

SEOUL, Aug. 12.—A company of thirty-eight Japanese troops with two machine guns had five men killed and five wounded last night and this morning at Kang-Wha island, twelve miles north of Chemulpo for the purpose of disarming a small Korean garrison of forty men which were supported by several hundred rioters.

The landing party was reinforced at 11 o'clock this morning by another company from Chemulpo.

A Japanese fishing fleet which was driven off this island, with several casualties, reached Chemulpo yesterday morning, August 11.

### AUTO ACROSS AFRICA.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—Dispatches from Dar Es Salaam, German East Africa, state that Lieutenant Braetz of the Prussian army, started from there Saturday on an attempt to cross Africa in an automobile. He purposes to ride through German East Africa, British Central Africa, Rhodesia, and German Southwest Africa, to Swakopmund, occupying about 31 weeks on the journey if all goes well. He has a specially built 45-h. p. car with immensely heavy wheels, four feet in diameter with massive tires.

## COURTS AT WORK

### Getting to Work at the Graft Prosecutions.

### GLASS TRIAL WILL BEGIN

### Men Indicted In Parkside Deal Will Be Heard, Before Judge, Dunne—Grand Jury Will Hear Evidence Of Election Frauds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The wheels of the graft prosecution will grind in nearly every department of justice today. The Supreme Court will listen to arguments on the applications of the various indicted ones, praying for writs of prohibition restraining the Superior court from trying their cases.

In Judge Lawler's department of the Superior court the new trial of Louis Glass and Vice-president and General manager of the Pacific States Transport Company will begin. The men indicted in the Parkside deal will be called upon to make their pleas before Superior Judge Dunne.

The grand jury will listen to further evidence of bribery and act upon the accusation filed with the district attorney's office by Michael Casey, chairman of the committee of election frauds, charging that the Schmitz-Benham-Berger crowd of the labor party is engaged in "criminal colonizing." In addition to listening to argument on the appropriations for writs of prohibition.

The Supreme Court will probably hear argument on the mayoralty question.

### BRAZIL HAS NEW TARIFFS.

RIO JANEIRO, Aug. 12.—The new customs tariff has been adapted by the Chamber. Maximum and minimum tariffs have been adopted and the government is authorized to reduce or even abolish tariffs and articles of assumption is necessary.

The value of the milreis for customs payment is set at 15 pence.

## LID GOES ON IN ASTORIA

### Gamblers Acquiesce to Laws Demands.

## MANY LEAVING TOWN

### Go to Nevada, California and Other Parts of Oregon to Gamble.

## ALL SLOT MACHINES TABOOED

### Order Goes Into Effect Amid Jokes, Jollification and Unique Stunts—Great Good Humor in All Quarters—Game to the Last.

The gambling lid went on in Astoria last night and the men behind the games are leaving the city for other parts. Few of them are remaining and quite a number left during the latter part of the week and yesterday. Nevada, California, and parts of Oregon where the lid is loose is where most of them are bound for.

Deputy District Attorney McCue and Sheriff Pomeroy were up late last night keeping a lookout for any violation of the law, but found that the order was being obeyed without trouble. Mr. McCue did not anticipate any trouble last night and his prophecy appeared to be correct.

A rumor was circulated around town last night that a number of the local sports and gamblers intended to charter a steamer and anchor it off the mouth of the river, with all the paraphernalia for a fling at fortune and for "lekering" up. No confirmation of this report was obtainable, however, and it is probable that steamers are too busy carrying the products of Clatsop county to other ports to need chartering.

All day yesterday the gamblers in the various saloons were packing up the roulette wheels, tables, chips, and other weapons of fortune. Between numerous trips to the bar and handshakings with old friends before they departed, most of them were in a jolly mood, and indeed it looked as though some of them were going on a pleasant picnic.

The surprising feature of the closing was the good nature of all concerned. Gamblers were jollied and treated alternately. Thirsty citizens would drop into the saloons that formerly held the gamb-

ling paraphernalia. They would peer into the vacant parts of the room and would then look at the bartender in feigned consternation. The bartender would take advantage of the opportunity to state that it was up to them to buy a drink.

The man who had the "game beat" did not know where to get rid of his money last night. He was so used to leaving it with the gamblers that it seemed a useless commodity for any other purpose. He generally decided that since he could not throw it away he would drink it up.

The slot machines both in the saloons and the small ones at the cigar stands, all came under the ban after 12 o'clock. The "collector" was aroused bright and early yesterday gathering the coin from the greedy insides of the big machines and the faces were turned to the wall to await transportation to the junk heap or to other happy hunting grounds.

Men who had never gambled since the games were allowed in the city made their first bets last night, just to be able to say that they gambled before the lid went on Astoria. It was a touching scene in some of the saloons. There were many grave looks and in some cases signs of tears by some old rounders—because they could not bust the bank before it got out of town.

"That settles me for gambling," was a common assertion by some in a tone of relief who could not overcome the fascination of the game while it was open to them.

### PORTLAND STRIKE.

### Both Postal and Western Union Men Leave Keys in Orderly Manner.

PORTLAND, August 12.—The operators of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies in this city left their keys this evening at exactly 7:21 o'clock the operators of the Western Union in response to the blowing of a whistle of President Walter Brannin of the local union. At 7:44 the operators of the Postal Telegraph Company learning of the action of the Western Union employees also left their keys. The strike was very orderly, the operators being instructed to leave all their messages properly arranged with their schedule sheets completed. The messenger boys of the city went out at 11 o'clock tonight. Similar action was taken by the operators at Tacoma, Spokane, Seattle, Lewiston and at other points in the northwest.

### HALSEY HAS CHANCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Theodore V. Halsey continues, it is said, to have a vigorous fighting chance of recovery from the effects of the operation he underwent for appendicitis last week.

Dr. Shumate, performed the operations.

### DEAD OVER LOVE AFFAIR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Flora Ricecker, a young girl who came here recently from Los Angeles with her mother, shot and killed herself with a pistol yesterday at her residence. A love affair is believed to have been the cause of the act. She was 16 years old.

### VICTORY FOR DEFENSE.

### Superior Court's Ruling in Connection With Graft Trial—Question the Legality of Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 12.—The supreme court shortly before 5 o'clock tonight issued orders deciding Superior Judges Lawler, Cook and Dunne to show cause before the higher court en banc at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday, August 19, why they should not issue permanent writs of prohibition restraining them from proceeding with the trial of Eugene Schmitz, indicted for participation in streetcar violence, Assistant Councilman William M. Abbott of the United Railroads indicted on a charge of bribing Supervisors Theo. V. Halsey and Louis Glass of Pacific Telegraph & Telephone Company and W. A. Brobeck of the Park Side Transit Company similarly indicted.

Issuance of these orders following a long consultation of the Chief Justice and Associated Justices in chambers during the afternoon is esteemed a great victory for the joint defense in the bribery graft prosecution as it means that the supreme court sees in the various grounds on the validity of the Oliver Grand Jury indictments is attacked enough merit to call for arguments from the contending sides before the higher courts.

The chief grounds on which the writ of prohibition were prayed for were that the Oliver Grand Jury is an illegal body, having ceased to exist when the new grand jury list for the present year was drawn and certified by the county clerk. Hence the indictments by it are null and void, and cannot be tried in any court. It is the response of the prosecution that a grand jury continues in power until formally discharged by a judge of the superior court who called it into being.

Answering a question Chief Justice Beatty made the following explanatory statement to the Associated Press:

"The issuance of these orders to show cause does not stay proceedings in the superior court. Orders to show cause were issued instead of alternative writs to avoid interference with proceedings in the lower court in the interim."

## FANATIC ARRESTED

### Armenian Supposed to Know of Rug Merchants.

### GUIDED THE ASSASSIN'S SHOT

### The Arrest Of This Man Will Lead To Further Arrests Among Armenians And Stamping Out of Society Which Has For Its Object The Killing Of Rich.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Kissak Jelalian, charged with being a member of the Armenian hunchakist, was placed under arrest late last night. The police have been looking for him for days. So important is the capture deemed that the statement was made at police headquarters that a solution of the Armenian conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of Hovhanea Tavshanjian, the Armenian rug merchant, on July 22, is about to be made. Jelalian, so the Armenians opposed to the murderous society assert, and so the district attorney expects to prove, was the man with whom Bedros Khachadorian, Tavshanjian's slayer, lodged while in this city awaiting a favorable opportunity to fire the fatal shot. Jelalian is also alleged by the police to be the man who guided the assassin to union square, rehearsed him in his act and pointed out to him the man marked for a victim. Jelalian's arrest, it is expected, will be followed by several more in this city, and Boston. Detectives have the suspects under surveillance.

### KOREAN METHODS.

### Hang One And Imprison Other Two Delegates Of Hague Conference.

SEOUL, Aug. 12.—The Korean Supreme Court has passed sentence upon the members of the Hague deputation. Sang Son has been condemned to be hanged and Yi Wi Chow and Yi Chun have been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

## IN STRIKERS HANDS NOW

### The Associated Press Silent.

## CAN NOT MEET DEMANDS

### Manager Stone Offers to Meet Strike Committee and Make Recommendations.

## OPERATORS WOULD NOT AGREE

### Operators Vote a Strike by Small Majority—Stone Offers to Call a Telegraphic Meeting of Directors Tonight—Great News Gathering Agency at Rest

SAN FRANCISCO, August 12.—The telegraph operators in the employ of the Associated Press throughout the entire country went on strike this evening because General Manager Stone was unable to comply immediately with their demand for a radical increase in wages.

Mr. Stone sent a message to the operators explaining that a compliance with their demand would mean an increase of over \$200,000 annually in the A. P. He stated that it was a mutual organization conducted without profit and that there was no fund to meet such an extraordinary expenditure. The only way that an increase such as was demanded could be granted was by an increase in the assessment of the members. It was manifestly impossible to do this within the 24 hours allotted by the telegraphers' organization.

A meeting of the board of directors would have to be called, and as the board is composed of 15 men living in all parts of the country it is impossible to get them together. Mr. Stone offered to meet a committee of Associated Press employees and make such recommendation as might be agreed upon. This was not satisfactory to the operators and then Mr. Stone agreed to call a telegraphic meeting of the directors and the associated operators and wait till Tuesday night. This request was refused and the operators by a small majority decided to strike immediately and at 3:30 the men left their keys and the entire Associated Press system is at a standstill.

### SEATTLE CONSERVATIVE.

### Operators Will Take No Action Until Advised By President Small.

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—Seattle Local of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America took a conservative course at its meeting yesterday on the strike situation, deciding not to strike until it shall have orders to do so from President Small of the Central body.

This action was taken at the labor temple after the local had voted to refuse to handle all unfair messages coming to Seattle which would include telegrams originating in offices in which members of the union have gone on a strike. This vote was reconsidered and it was decided to await instructions from the International president and his message was sent to President Small: "Local No. 40 at a special meeting voted to submit themselves to your leadership and abide by your instructions absolutely. Please instruct us what action you desire taken by us."

### DUNDONALD LOST AT SEA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—It is now believed that the British ship Dundonald which for some time has been posted as overdue, has been lost at sea. The Dundonald carried a cargo of wheat February 16 and has never been heard from since. The average time on the passage is 132 days and the Dundonald has been out 175 days.

Friday night eight vessels were on the list posted as overdue and four more names were added yesterday.



Miss Philippines—Uncle, I know a handsome admirer of mine who would like to steal me. It is stated that the Filipinos will welcome any move made by Japan toward acquiring the Island.—News Item.