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# WILL NOT INTERFERE

## Roosevelt Will Let Strike Go On.

## NEIL IS IN CHICAGO

### Considered All the Representative That Government Needs for a While.

## ASSOCIATED PRESS WORKING

### Gradually Getting Back to Normal and Main Lines Are Opening up Territory That Was Tied up Two Days Ago—No Sign of Settlement Yet.

OYSTER BAY, August 14.—President Roosevelt will not concern himself with the telegraphers' strike according to the best information obtainable tonight although commercial bodies all over the United States have asked him to do so. With Labor Commissioner Neill in Chicago the government considers the limit of its functions and authority in the matter being fully exercised.

CHICAGO, August 14—Pending the arrival of President Small, little progress is being made in efforts to settle the telegraphic strike. The companies continue to decline to receive deputations from strikers.

NEW YORK, August 14.—The Western Union issued the following statement at 3 o'clock this afternoon:

"Traffic is being moved between the principal offices wihout any delay and but little delay in the small offices. The force of operators in big cities is nearly up to the miximum and there are additions hourly. It is expected that normal conditions will soon be restored all over country."

CHICAGO, August 14.—The Associated Press opened three main leased-wire circuits out of Chicago at 7 o'clock this morning on the big trunk line from New York to Chicago, taking in the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit. Only Toledo was missing when the wire opened. The Southern circuit to Indianapolis and Louisville, was opened also.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 4.—Superintendent Storrer of the Postal Company said today his office is running with one-third the force. The outlook is encouraging. The Western Union has a number of men at work and reports the situation better than in the previous strike.

PORTLAND, Or., August 14.—According to the claims of the Western Union officials in this city, the appearance of matters locally in connection with the strike of the operators is now better than ever before, from the standpoint of the companies. That the Western Union cleared with Seattle and Spokane this morning ,and by 9 o'clock was working with St. Paul and Chicago, was the statement of Chief Operator Robb this morning.

"We have enough men to handle the present business ,and we depend upon getting at least four more from the ranks of the strikers today," said Mr. Robb. "The 'subject to delay' orders will be raised in the northwest today, and by tomorrow we will receive messages for the east without the subject to delay condition attached to our acceptance. One of the men who deserted us yesterday has returned and we expect there will be a number driftng back to us if the strike lasts much longer."

At the Postal Telegraph offices the tone of the managers is not so optimistic as in the Western Union offices. Four men are working at their keys. These are probably wire chiefs who have been pressed into service.

In the absence of the chief operator and the manager this morning one of the sub-chiefs said:

"We have four men working. The messages that we receive we take subject to delay. I cannot see that the conditions are materially improved over yesterday."

When told that the Western Union had cleared with Seattle and Spokane, and were working east and expected to have the subject to delay order removed today, the Postal Telegraph man said: "That sounds like a pleasant dream. I guess they are mistaken."

The Postal telegraph operators have picketed the place. The men appear to believe there is but little danger of non-union men taking their keys.

### REFORM ELEMENT WINS.

**Primary Elections in Frisco Are Against Schmidt Factions.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—The primary election in this city resulted in a sweeping victory for the Republican League or Ryan ticket which stood for the earnest support for the bribery graft prosecution and the present mayor and supervisors. The opposing forces led by Postmaster Fiske elected not more than 19 delegates to the party convention which will consist of 14 delegates. The result is a notable triumph for the reform element.

### OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Russian ambassadors today handed the state department a copy of the new convention of Russia and Japan which is designed to carry out the provisions of the provisions of the treaty at Portsmouth providing for the open door in Manchuria.

# TO OPEN OLD CAMP

## Eastern Men Are Satisfied of Plenty of Ore.

## THEY WILL BUILD RAILROAD

### Corporation Prepared to Spend Million an a Half on Venture—Montezuma and Other Camps Where Ore Has Been Taken is in the District.

DENVER, August 14.—The old mining camp of Montezuma, in Summit county, is to be reopened to the mining world by Denver, Chicago and Kansas City capital. A party, consisting of Dr. W. G. Abbott, of Chicago; Raymond P. May, Frank H. Horn, F. O. Larson, E. S. Horn and O. G. Davieson, of Kansas City, and W. S. Liebrick of Idaho Springs, are at the Albany, and they have just been inspecting the work which has been so far accomplished at Montezuma. Their concern expects to spend about $1,500,000 in reopening the old mines.

Mr. Liebrick, who is general manager of the Little Mattie mine of Idaho Springs, is largely responsible for the new era which has struck Montezuma. Samuel Newhouse, the Salt Lake City millionaire and mining and smelting magnate, is already interested in the camp, and is represented by Henry G. Clifford as manager, while Gaffey and Gailey, the Pittsburg magnates, are acquiring big interests.

The people represented by the party at the Albany have organized about 11 different companies already, and will provide the facilities for mining and marketing by modern methods the ore which has always been known to exist at Montezuma. Transportation is to be provided by either the Rio Grande closing up the gap of nine miles which separates it from the camp, or the Colorado & Southern reaching it through the Vidler tunnel. If these roads fail to build, however, the company will itself connect with the Moffat road at Kremmling.

A power plant is already being installed, and it is to be opened by December 1. The first installation will be of 1200 horsepower. This power plant is being put in by a concern independent of the people represented by the party at the Albany Hotel.

The company's engineer is Ettienne A. Ritter of Colorado Springs, who has an international reputation. Their attorneys are Bixler, Bennett & Nye. It seems that they have been quietly acquiring interests at Montezuma for over a year and their plans have just been made public.

They will build a mill on the Snake River, right at the edge of Montezuma and will provide every other facility for thoroughly exploiting the district. Montezuma was first opened about 1861, and the ore was carride by burro to Black Hawk, where it was treated at a cost of $60 a ton. It was necessary to take out $100 ore to make any profit at this rate, but under modern methods even the lowest grade ore taken out at Montezuma can be handled with profit. The ore found there is rich in lead, silver, zinc and gold.

# NO CAUSE FOR DEED

## M. S. Capur Tries to End His Own Life.

## IS A NATIVE OF INDIA

### He Seemed Well Supplied With Money and Effects and Possessed Good Record.

## DRINKS CHLOROFORM DOSE

### Held Diplomas From Chinese Schools and is in This Country Looking For Work—Is Quiet Guest Except on Night When he Took Drug.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—After 10 days in this city from Hongkong, M. S. Capur, who appears to be a native of India, attempted to take his life yesterday in his room at 126 Third street by drinking chloroform liniment, and is now near death at the Central Emergency Hospital. Capur only landed here on July 31st and took lodgings at the above address, where little is known of him except that he had said that he was looking for work in this country, and that if he failed to find it he would return to China.

He seemed to be well supplied with money and had a large amount of baggage. Among his effects are diplomas from several schools in China, showing that he must be a well-educated man. He also had a certificate of deposit calling for $325 at a local bank. He had told the people at the hotel that he wished to obtain work as as experts bookkeeper, and had showed a letter of honorable dismissal from a suger refining company in China.

He had been very quiet at the hotel until Tuesday night, when other guests complained that he was too noisy in his room. Yesterday morning he did not arise, and at 2 in the afternoon M .E. Schofield, proprietor of the house, found him unconscious on the bed, and, calling Policeman Henry Seguine, sent him to the hospital. He is in a very critical condition.

### BOMB SHATTERS APARTMENTS.

GLENCOE, Ireland, August 14.—The apartment wherein Lord Ashtown was sleeping in his residence, at Glenebiery Lodge, was shattered by a bomb explosion this morning. His lordship was uninjured. The explosion is attributed to political agitators who have threatened Ashtown.

### DISTANCE FACTOR.

**This Feature of Rate Will be Brought up by Florida Growers.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Florida fruit growers have raised the question of the "distance factor" in railroad rates by complaining to the Interstate Commerce Commission that they are charged almost as much far carriage to New York as California growers pay. One of the instances cited is a rate of 94 cents per hundred on certain fruits from Florida to New York, a distance of 1200 miles, as compared to a rate of $1.15 that the Southern Pacific and its connections charge from Los Angeles to New York, a haul of 3260 miles. This, the Florida growers claim, shows injustice, which the Commission is asked to correct.

No question of discrimination is involved, for the rates are made by different roads. The real issue, if it reaches a hearing, may result in rehabilitating in popular esteem the misleading phrase, "All the traffic will bear." The factor determining the California rate is the competition which the producer of that state meets in the principal markets from his Florida competitor. If the Trans-Continental Lines charged considerably more than they do charge for the 3260 mile haul from California it would be equitable on a distance basis, as against the charge for the 1200 mile haul from Florida; but the traffic would not "move" at such a rate and the California growers would be ruined.

Noobdy has claimed that the Florida growers are ruined because by means of a low rate California is given access to the eastern markets. Florida's nearness to the best market is an advantage she does not lose through the fact that by "charging no more than the traffic will bear" the railroads put California in a position to compete.

# CONCEALS MYSTERY

## Dora Jennings Finally Dies of Tuberculosis.

## ACCUSED OF KILLING FATHER

### Jasper Jennings Was Not With His Sister When She Died—He is Waiting Trial on the Same Charge—History of the Case.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., August 14.—Dora Jennings, the Granite Hill girl who was acquitted after a lengthy trial on the charge of murdering her father in 1906, died here yesterday. The cause was tuberculosis. She made no statement before death that would clear up the Granite Hill mystery in any way. Her brother, Jasper Jennings, is still in jail here, waiting a second trial on the patricide charge.

Jasper Jennings was not at the house when his sister died, but was allowed to attend the funeral this afternoon. Dora has been sick since May. She has been living with her mother and brothers here since her acquittal last year, and having been reared in the wild, free mountain country, it is conjectured she may have contracted the malady in the county jails of Jackson and Josephine, where she was confined for many months awaiting trial.

Newton Jennings, her father, was shot as he lay in bed one night in the humble Jennings cabin in the Granite Hill district. The children claimed to have discovered his dead body when they awakened in the morning and said they did not hear any shot.

For two weeks before her death Miss Jennings was delirious. Toward the last she said neither she nor Jasper killed their father, but her mental condition was such that it is doubtful if the statement would have any weight with a jury.

Despite many predictions to the contrary, Jasper is to be tried for the alleged patricide. District Attorney Reames is here getting witnesses together. The death of Dora will have no effect on his plans.

# ASK FOR RECOGNITION

## Operators Present Their Demands.

## ASK NO DISCRIMINATION

### Portland Operators Present Their Causes of Strike to the Companies.

## UNIFORM HOURS IS ONE POINT

### Eight Hours to Constitute Day Trick, and Seven and One-half for Night, With Lunch Period—Lady Operators to be Paid Same as the Men.

PORTLAND, Or., August 14.—These are the demands of the local striking telegrapher operators to be presented to the Western Union and Postal Companies this afternoon:

"We demand that all objections on the part of the Western Union Telegraph Company against its telegraphers affiliating themselves with the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America be removed, and that discrimination because of such affiliations be discontinued.

That uniform hours for the several tricks in all offices, including branch offices, be adopted as follows:

"Eight hours to constitute a day on day tricks.

"Seven and one-half to constitute a day on night tricks, including 30 minutes for lunch.

"Seven hours to constitute a day on split and late night tricks.

"Seven hours to constitute a day for telegraphers working extra.

Five hours to constitute a day on Sunday.

"Four hours to constitute a day on all legal holidays.

"The terms 'day,' 'night,' and 'late night' tricks to be construed as meaning the periods between 8 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.; 5:30 p. m. and 8 a. m., and 12 midnight and 8 a. m., respectively, provided that early night tricks shall not begin later than 7 p. m.

"That no telegrapher be compelled to work more than 4½ hours consecutively, without being allowed lunch relief.

"That all operators sending Associated Press reports of 6000 words or over shall be paid a first-class salary.

"That reasonable time for necessary short relief be allowed.

"That lady operators shall be paid at the same ratio as men, according to their ability.

"That there be a 15 per cent increase in the salaries or commissions of all operators, as the case may be.

"That the company shall supply necessary typewriters of standard make and keep said typewriters in repair.

"Where extra service is required and extra telegraphers are available for such service that they be given preference over telegraphers regularly employed on day, night, or split tricks, and that both regular and extra telegraphers employed by the Postal Telegraph Company be given the preference over telegraphers employed by other firm or corporations.

"That the sanitary conditions of the Western Union local office be improved and kept good by renovation of the toilets, provision for disinfectants, necessary repairs, and the furnishing of towels and soap for the benefit of the employes.

"That heating facilities and ventilation during winter months be such that the room will not be continually filled with coal gas and soot, and that a fairly equal temperature be maintained in all parts of the room.

### WILL END SOCIETY.

**District Attorney Jerome Gets Valuable Evidence From Armenian.**

NEW YORK, August 14.—District Attorney Jerome today announced the arrest of the ringleaders of the Hunchakist Secret Society and obtained confessions which will end the existence of the organization. Kassak Jelalian, who was arrested on Sunday confessed he directed the murders of both Father Varian and Tavschankian, the wealthy rug merchant, and pointed out the doomed men to the actual assassin.

### BLACK HAND THREATS.

NEW YORK, August 14.—The police are guarding the little Italian church of Father Sorrento to protect him from Black Hand threats of murder unless $3000 is deposited in a designated place.

### REAR END COLLISION.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—A rear end collision on the Sacramento and Stockton express and freight occurred today near Pleasanton. There was a misunderstanding of orders. There was a half car of cattle killed. Three trainmen and a mail clerk were badly injured but none killed.

### DIPLOMATICALLY SILENT.

PARIS, August 14.—Government circles refuse to discuss the possibility that France was compelled to overstep the limits of the Algeciras convention but say in authoritative statement that events may force their hands. Until they do every effort will be made to carry out the mandate France holds from the powers.

# HE ADMITS CRIME

## John Reeves Responsible for the Boulder, Col., Explosion.

## IMPLICATES THREE OTHER MEN

### Confesses to District Attorney and Just Barely Escapes Mob Which Would Avenge Death of Five and Injury of Fifty—Imagined He Was Wronged.

BOULDER, Colo., August 14—John W. Reeves, a brakeman employed on the Colorado & Northwestern Railroad, has confessed that he was responsible for destruction, by fire and dynamite, last Saturday, of the Colorado & Southern station, which resulted in the killing of five and the injuring of 50 persons. After the confession a mob gathered to lynch Reeves, but he was spirited from jail and taken to Denver in a carriage.

Reeves confessed to the District Attorney, his assistant, and several police officers. He said that he had set fire to a caboose belonging to the road he worked for because he was angered at the company for some imaginative wrong done him. The fire spread to the freight house. Reeves implicates three other men in his confession, but their names are being withheld.

### HER DRESSES BURN.

**Mary Benner Dies of Burns Inflicted by Careless Playmate.**

TACOMA, August 14.—Six-year-old Mary Benner, a daughter of Oscar Benner, was accidentally set fire by a playmate and died of her injuries. The girl ran screaming into the house and the mother threw a blanket around her. She is fatally burned however.

### TAFT READY FOR TRIP.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Taft returned this morning and began clearing away his business preparatory to the Western trip.