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# RAILROAD KEYMEN AID SIR

## QUICK'S ORDER NOT TO HANDLE BUSINESS PROVES AUTHENTIC

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On top of this news came the announcement that the local typographical union will resent vigorously any attempt of Associated Press officials to replace Messrs. Branin and Morgan, the two expert operators discharged by President Stone this morning for having walked out Monday night.

The local situation has been rendered more critical by the action of W. O. Ashby, manager of the local telegraph office of the O. R. & N., and Superintendent of Telegraph A. E. Beamer of the O. R. & N., both of whom worked last night as strikebrenkers in the offices of the Western Union.

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The word aroused the greatest indig-nation among members of the local union this morning and the actions of the two officials will be taken up at

The operators are asking for what they believe in simple justice should be accorded them, and the schedule follows very closely the New York demands where conditions are as trying as they are in Fortland and other parts of the country. The resolutions adopted this morning are as follows:

"We demand hat 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 affiliation be discontinued.

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

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Dora Jennings Claims Innocence on Death Bed

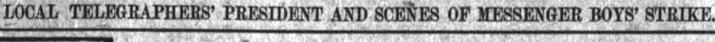
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Seven hours to constitute a day for telegraphers working extra.

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 mean-(Continue on Page Two.)





WALTER BRANIN.

## TIED BY STRIKE

Trouble Spreads Steadily and All Wires in Two Countries Closed.

and a few brokers' wires which have working agreements with the union Reports are pouring into union headquarters here from all parts of the United States and Canada of new local strikes, and a general strike order could hardly have been more effective than the independent walkouts throughout the country. President Small is expected tomorrow. On his arrival operators employed in brokers' offices will meet him to confer about going out.

One of the most severe blows struck in behalf of the striking telegraphers was when the cable operators at San Francisco left their instruments at 5 o'clock last night, ending all communication with the Philippine islands. This brings the government into the centroversy, and is believed to be strongly in favor of the employes.

The main cities in the country are telegraphically isolated. Small offices all over are being closed and country managers being ordered into the city to take the wires there. The operators are satisfied with the tleup they have effected, and declare that they are not desirous of conferring with the companies to try and bring about a peaceful ending of the walkout. the independent walkouts throughout



GROUP OF A. D. T. STRIKERS AND VIEW OF WESTERN UNION OFFICE, SHOWING PLACARD OFFERING \$3 A DAY FOR MEN

### SITUATION WORSE THAN AT ANY TIME PREVIOUS

San Francisco Might as Well Be Off Map as Far as Wire Communication Is Concerned Since Telegraph Operators Left Their Keys.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Today the elegraph situation is wore than at any time since the strike was inaugurated. San Francisco might as well be off the map, as far as communication is concerned, wire paralysis extending in all directions. The Postal is in somewhat better shape than the Western Union, but neither company is moving any ap-

great that all business is accepted subject to indefinite delay. The Western Union has been accepting business to all points under the same conditions. all points under the same conditions.

Very little business is being transacted on the stock exchange today and the little trading done showed declines.

Striking operators are going away to the seashore and the mountains and starting for eastern cities to spend their time during the term of the strike. The number leaving the city today was grater than any day this week.

Reports received here today show that the strike has spread with great rapidity, and the entire west is practically at a standstill today. It is believed that President Small will call a general strike officially some time today. Oper-

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# Young Woman Who Was Twice Tried and Acquitted Dead. The Western Union has been almost entirely cut off from communication with the south since Monday and conditions on the wires to eastern points are little better. The Postal company succeeded in recovering its Los Angeles wires today, but the congestion is so

Brother Serving Life Term in Penitentiary for Slaying Parent.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 14 .- Dora Jen nings, twice tried for and finally acquitted of the murder of her father, Norman Jennings, at Granite Hill min-ing camp September 7, 1905, died at her home in this city yesterday. Before her death Miss Jennings made a secret statement to the attending physidan, Dr. Love, which has been placed in the hands of the district attorney. Very little can be learned of the con

tents of the document placed in the hands of the physician, but it is stated that to the last Dora declared that neither she nor her brother Jasper, con-victed of murdering their father, had anything to do with the orime.

will Prosecute Jaspes.

The district attorney refused to discuss the case this morning farther than to state that the charges against Jasper will be fought through the supreme court to which he has appealed from his conviction in the circuit court.

Norman Jennings, the murdered man, was found dead in his bed September 7, 1905, in his cabin at Granite Hill mining camp. The body was discovered in the same rolm in which Dora Jennings and her sister were sleeping and suspicion was directed against the siri and her brother Jaspeh.

Dora was acquitted on her second trial some 18 months ago. It was one of the most hotly contested cases ever tries in the Josephine county court. It the belief of every one who was at a caquainted with the case that she would be found guilty. The fact that she and her smaller sister occupied the same room and with their bed but two feet from the bed occupied by the father in the little room of the log cabin at Granite Hill mining camp in which he was murdered, seemed a cartain indication that the girl must at least have been an accomplise in the



crime. But she told one story and could not be shaken from it. She declared she heard no sound during the night and that she knew nothing of the crime till next morning, when she awoke and discovered her father dead in bed.

Girl Was Self-Possessed.

During her trial Dora displayed remarkable calmness and self-possession. The cutting sarcasm and stinging invective of the prosecuting attorney brought only a pretty smile from her. She sat through the cross-examination unmoved, and the jury could do naught else than acquir her. and the jury could do naught else than acquit her.

Though given her freedom, the girl was not at ease. She was not seen around Grants Pass for several months. When she returned she was no longer the plump, rosy-checked lass who had laughed and smiled through a murder trial only a little while before. She was a mere shadow of her former self. She was continually haunted by some unseen jerror. What this was no one knew, and no one knows yet, for the girl would say no word about the crime. The prosecuting attorney said the girl would take the stand during the second trial of Jasper, who was jointly indicted with her and confess the crime. But as Jasper's second trial has not yet occurred Dora did not take the stand. Those who know her best declare she would not have done so, even had the trial occurred when her health was still spared her.

OREGON'S RAILROAD ACCIDENTS IN JULY

Salem, Or., Aug. 14.—The railway ommission has today issued a sumary of accidents for the month of the in Oregon. It shows the following: assangers injured, 2; employes injured, other persons killed, 5; no passents or employes killed.

Western Union and Postal Telegraph Managers Report Local Conditions Better—More Operators Being Added Daily, Is Claim of Dumars.

According to statements issued this morning by the local managers of both the Western Union and the Postal Telgraph company the Portland offices re but little behind in the transmistion of messages. Conditions are reported to be improving and more operators are being added each day. Wilsam Dumars, manager of the Western fallon office, stated that 15 men are at ork and he expected to increase the orce to 20 tomorrow.

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The Associated Press service in the northwest is demoralized. Practically every operator has left the keys and each has received notice from the directors that his services are no longer required. The right within the Associated Press shows every indication of being a bitter one and the directors assert they will not reinstate the operators who walked out Monday evening. S. B. Vincent, northwest correspondent, says 7,000 words of Associated Press matter were delivered over Western Union wires last night and there is still a slight service by his means.

There is not the slightest likelihood that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers

Struggle Bitter One.

Romance Connected With Young Woman Who Refuses to Join Strikers.

That the strike of the local telegraph as shown today when news leaked out of the marriage July 7 of Miss Laura Knapp, a pretty operator at the Western Union office, to J. C. Campbell, a mail carrier working at station E.

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Miss Knapp hails from Knappa, Oregon, and has a host of friends among the striking operators despite the fact that she has refused to join them in their fight against the telegraph company. Although asked to swell the ranks of the atrikers, the male operators who quit their keys have not been disposed to show resentment at Miss Knapp, or rather Mrs. Campbell's determination to stay with the company in its hour of trouble.

When asked whether she was really and truly married to Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell blushed and demurely replied: "Yes, but how did you find out? James and I wanted to wait a while before making the announcement public. Really, I do not think it is anybody's business but our own, anyway. "Do you?" she asked, poutlingly. Then it was further divulged that James and Mrs. Campbell have their eyes on a pretty little cottage somewhere away from the rest of the world where they can live all by themselves. For that reason Mrs. Campbell determined to stay with her work until October when she will have helped her "(Continued on Page Two.)

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Telegraph Strike Is Cause of Record-Breaking Drop in Prices on New York Exchange Today-Failure of Pope Company.

Panic Follows Announcement of Insolvency of Concern and Latest News of Walkout of Operators-Loss to Big Financiers.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Aug. 14.—A slump in values breaking all records occurred today in the stock market.

To cause this enormous decline in the securities of all corporations listed on the local market various conditions entered. Chief among these, of course, was the almost complete tie up of the telegraph lines of the United States as far as commercial business was concerned. Added to this was the report in financial circles that the Pope Man-ufacturing company had gone to the wall with liabilities close to \$25,000,-

Effect of Strike. The strike of the operators all the force out of financial sales, buyers being very hard to find and then are caught only by sharply declined values. Buyers one minute today were sellers the very next moment, taking their losses and buying in again at a still lower figure. Point after point was lost by the values of the leading securities.

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Millions of dollars were lost within the course of a few moments, this great sum coming out of the pockets of the big financiers because few small folks could afford to stay in the market and put up the big margins asked for by brokers in order to protect themselves against loss.

In some instances stock market brokers were asking margins as high as \$20 a share and none would accept business today unless speculators put up security equal to \$10 a share for each share dealt in, no matter what the price of the security was.

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In the trading today losses of \$4 or more a share were quite common on the New York market. Union Pacific lost nearly \$7 a share at one time today, closing nearly \$5.50 under the last bid price of yesterday.

Amalgamated Copper lost \$5.25 at the close of today's session and probably would have lost more had the session been of greater duration. American Smelter common closed with a loss very close to \$5 a share, as did Great Northern preferred.

### BEGIN ALTERATIONS IN POSTOFFICE TOMORROW

Contract Is Let for Changes on First Floor-People Will Not Have to Stand in Street to Wait for Mail on Sunday.

Not only will the changes greatly help employes of the postoffice, but will be a boon to the public.

One feature that will relieve the weary persons who stand in line at the stamp windows will be the building of a stamp room in the corridor on the Yamhill street side of the building. Three windows where the public can buy postage stamps will be kept open at all hours of the day when the new room is added.

Another change for the benefit of the public will be new mailing windows. These will be placed on hinges so they can be swung back and used as distributing windows on Sundays. When the changes are completed the public will not have to stand in the street in

Postmaster John W. Minto received word this morning that the bid of Langford & Walker for alterations to the first floor of the postoffice building had been allowed and work of tearing out partitions, installing new rooms and adding other features that will greatly facilitate handling the rapidly growing business of the office will be commenced tomorrow or Friday.

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## Indications are, however, that the struggle will be a hard one. The operators are better organized than ever before and the companies are determined to send their business. They are using every possible means to obtain strikebreakers and in this city are managing to transmit the greater part of their messages. Business is only being received with the prevision that there may be several hours' delay in delivering. Mr. Dumars is uncertain regarding the time that will be consumed before the time that will be consumed before was victorious yesteriles in the primary of the SCHMITZ FOR MAYO