

AGED GROOM AND HIS YOUTHFUL BRIDE, UNTIL RECENTLY HIS STENOGRAPHER.

OF VICTOR EARTH

Monster Beam and Tons of Dirt Settle Down on Him in Excavation for Garage Between Stark and Oak.

Gus Neitziel Suffocates as No Desertions From Ranks in Portland and But Few Messages Handled - Cots for Strikebreakers in the Western Union Office.

Treacherous Black Sand in Railroad Men Apparently Bank Causes Cave-in and **Injures** Two Men Besides Killing One Man-Buried for Ten Minutes.

Neutral, But Many Plugs Pulled Out Along Line and Service Greatly Hampered -New Schedule.

Portland striking telegraphers are Crushed beneath a monster beam and then slowly and torturously suffocated growing more confident of an early to death under several tons of earth, victory and feel greatly encouraged. was the horrible and agonizing fate that | Headquarters have been established at overtook Gus Neitziel, a laborer em- the Esmond Hotel, Front and Morrison bloyed by Seaton Brothers, at 11:05 streets, where President Branin and Seco'clock this morning in the excava- retary Morgan are in charge of the tion for a new garage on Tenth between movements. A meeting was held this Stark and Oak streets. The cave-in morning at which it was decided to which crushed out the life of Neitziel present the schedule this afternoon, injured two other men and a number of which was drawn up and adopted at the laborers had miraculous escapes from meeting yesterday morning.

death. The building site where the tragedy occurred is located on the east side of Tenth street near the corner of Stark, and is owned by C. Perrine, who intends to erect a garage. The excavating work has been done by Seaton Brothers, con-tractors, and was almost completed at A. O. Sinks, who is a member of the

**THROUGH SPIDER'S BITE** 



# CRISIS OF STRIKF TO COME TODA

Arrival of President Small **Brings Operators' Trouble** to Head and Order for a General Walkout Awaits His Signature.

Conditions Are Worse Today Than at Any Time Since Telegraphers Quit -- No Desertions From Ranks Are to Be Feared.

# (Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Aug. 15 .- With the arrival of President Samuel J. Small of the Commercial Telegraphers of America in Chicago at 4 o'clock this afternoon the operators' strike will be brought to a crisis. Upon the result of the conference which Small will hold today with United States Labor Commissioner Neill, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and Secretary Russell of the Telegraphers' union will depend the future of the walk-out. It is freely predicted here that a general strike will be called before tomorrow

morning. Conditions telegraphically are worse today than at any time since the strike commenced. More offices have been

time of the accident. Barth Begins to Crumble.

Neitziel and eight other laborers had been employed on the work and the excavation was about 14 feet in depth. Yesterday afternoon the earth under the house at 88 Tenth street, on the south side of the lot, commenced to erumble, but no danger of a cave-in was antici-pated. This morning, however, the workmen dug into a pocket of black sand and it was then decided to brace

An 8x5 beam, 20 feet in length, was propped up against the dangerous sec-tion and its was then decided to brace the bank. An 8x5 beam, 20 feet in length, was propped up against the dangerous sec-tion and the men were engaged in brac-ing the bottom of the timber, when sud-denly, without warning, about 20 feet of the bank gave way. Neitziel was caught under the falling beam and buried under four feet of sand and clay. R. E. Bateman, the foreman of the work, was also struck, but the very force of the blow hurled him out of danger. J. J. Seaton, a member of the contract-ing firm, sustained a badly lacerated thumb from being struck by the falling timber. The other men managed to reach places of safety without injury. Burled Ten Minutes.

## Buried Ten Minutes.

Contractor Seaton and Foreman Bate-man immediately marshalled the labor-ers and the men frantically started to dig for tasir buried fellow workman. As it could not be diffinitely ascertained where Neitzlel was buried fully 10 min-uics elapsed before the body was re-covered.

covered. In the meantime the police had been notified and Patrolmen Casey, Gruber, Robson and Nelson went to the scene in the patrol wagon. The officers also anisted in digging out the body. Dr. Box, who resides in the neighborhood, was be hand when the mangled form was extinated. An examination showed that life was extinct and the coroner was notified. The surgeon found that nearly all of Neitziel's ribs had been crushed and his back probably broken.

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**GOVERNMENT AID** 

IS ONLY CHANCE

General Strike Will Be

**Called Unless President** 

Changes His Mind.

ness in the small towns and was uncer-tain as to the amount of business sub-mitted to those operators. AGE AND YOUTH UNITED STATEMENT NO. 1

No Desertions From Banks. Since the strike began, there have been no desertions from the ranks of the local strikers, and advices received from other points tell the same story. , from other points tell the same story. The only men working at the keys are wire chiefs and managers, a few old-time telegraphers who long ago quit the business but have been induced by big bonuses offered to act as strike-break-ers, and student operators, whose manipulation of the keys is very faulty and of but little value. Notwithstanding the glowing pros-pectue issued by both Postal and West-ern Union managers as to business be-ing handled, the truth is that but little matter is getting through over the

ing handled, the truth is that but little matter is getting through over the wires. Practically no commercial mes-sages are being received or delivered in Portland, and but little press matter is handled. It is practically impossible to get matter over the wires, as sympa-thizers all over the country are busy pulling out plugs and otherwise hamper-ing the companies.

# Cots for Strikebreakers.

Cots for Strikebreakers. Though the railroad telegraphers are not openly helping the strikers, there is no difficulty in telling where their sym-pathies lie, and a thousand and one lit-tile things occur during the day to show secret support for strikers. The Western Union company is stated by strikers to have brought cots into its office for strikebreakers, so that the latter would not have to leave the build-ing where they are employed at fancy wages. The strikers assert that this is contrary to the health regulations of the city board of health and will file a com-plaint to this effect. Only a crippied coast service is being maintained by the Associated Press to-day in the Pacific northwest and that by means of Western Union facilities. Not a word has been received from eastern points. S. B. Vincent, northwest cor-(Continue' on Pare Two.)

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STANUARU

D. R. Nelson, Aged Sixty-Seven, Weds Woman of Nineteen to Hush Scandal-Groom Says He Has a Steadier Hand and Truer Eye Than Any Man in Oregon. "I love this girl with all my heart. | at any time to prove the charges lodged That's why I married her," said D. R. against Nelson, whose hasty marriage Nelson, bridegroom of three score years and seven, this morning as he fondly patted his bride of 12 hours on the back. Mrs. Nelson, aged 19, agreed

that he was right. "There's Mrs. Nelson's sister cry-

Nelson's love affair, which culminated in the wedding ceremony at the Buck-ingham, began several months ago, he says, when he was bitten by a spider. Miss Deu Pree, who was then his ste-nographer, left her position to become his nurse. ing her eyes out at the Buckingham over the scandal raised about this affair. She's foolish. My wife Isn't." his nurse. Mrs. Nelson smiled and again agreed

that her husband was right. In fact the bridegroom, who is the manager of the National Finance com-pany with offices in the Marquam building, is still much inflamed over the steps taken by the officers of the W. C. T. U. to check his improper ad-vances toward several young women applying to him for the position of applying to him for the position of

tenographer. The W. C. T. U., however, is ready

Junior Oregon Senator Goes Squarely on Record as to Issues of Coming Campaign-Favors Roosevelt's **Renomination and Declares for Open River.** 

**ISSUE SAYS BOURNE** 

In the opinion of United States Sena- | to the direct primary law and reiterates

the protection and enforcement of our primary law, including statement No. I, and second, the crystalization of pub-lic opinion as to the necessity of the re-election of Roosevelt and the selection of delegates to the national Republican convention who are loyal Roosevelt sup-porters and the adoption by the state convention of a resolution instructing said delegates to vote first, last and all the time for Roosevelt." It will be observed that Senator Bourne attaches even more importance to the preservation of statement No. jority of the legislators are Republi-

bis nurse. Prior to that time, however, he was cans. Bourne's campaign for election to keeping company with her and they were frequently together at dinner. For he repeatedly affirmed at that time that several weeks Miss Deu Pree took care of him and then went east to visit rel-of him and then went east to visit rel-funds which he sent her and arrived in Portland over the O. R. & N. last night at \$:45 o'clock. At \$:45 o'clock. The license had been secured in the subject is contained in a letter all the time for Roosevelt." The license had been secured in the writen to Thomas McCusker of this city. (Continued on Page Nine.) Senator Bourne's latest utterance of sale desegates to vote first, last and all the time for Roosevelt." It will be observed that Senator Bourne's latest utterance of the time for Roosevelt." It will be observed that Senator Bourne's latest utterance of the time for Roosevelt." It will be observed that Senator Bourne's latest utterance of the time for Roosevelt."

In the opinion of United States Sena-tor Jonathan Bourne, the preservation of statement No. 1 of the direct primary law is the most important issue before the people of Oregon. Senator Bourne places himself square-ly on record to the effect that the legis-lature must bow to the will of the people, even though the people's choice for senator is a Democratic and a ma-jority of the legislators are Republi-

DANIEL W. LEWIS

tied up within the past 24 hours and the non-union men, officials and stu-dents who are endeavoring to work the few wires which are in commission are encountering every kind of difficulty. General Strike Order.

encountering every kind of difficulty. General Strike Order. A general strike order calling out all the operators who are still working in the United States and Canada has been prepared and awaits the signature of President Small. The situation is quiet, the strikers orderly and there have been no desertions from the ranks of the strikers. Every operator who walked out is willing to abide by the result of his action and there is no danger of any of them attempting to return to work before the trouble comes to an end. President Small's train is five hours hate and will not arrive until 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was expected at noon. When his train pulls into the station here the head of the telegraphers will be met by 1,000 strikers shouting "dor' arbitrate." Tew commercial messages are being transmitted, and even when they do reach their destination they are so badly mixed by incompetent operators that they are practically useless. Croater than a few minutes for wires have not been called and union opera-tors are at work are constantly being interfered with. One operator can cause untold trouble by jerking the loops from a switchboard as he passes, and trouble resulting cannot be untangled for hours. Employers are and union opera-tors are at work are constantly being interfered with. One operator can cause

# Employers Are Helpiess.

Brave reports are sent out from both Western Union and Postal offices to the effect that all business is being handled with but slight delay. This is discredited by the striking operators, and investigation shows that the em-

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**GALLED IN DE** Portland Resident Who Shel-Portland Camp of the Spanish War Veterans Urges Contered John Brown in gress in No Uncertain Terms to Place Liquor Stirring Days Dead. 👔 . wat file Daniel W. Lewis, prominently identi-

fied with the timber interests in the northwest for years, died this morning at his residence, 446 Fourth street. He was born in 1853 and had lived in Port-

Whereas, The abolition of the can-teen in the army of the United States suided persons responsible for its aboli-tion to promote sobriety among and im-prove the morals of the enlisted meni-but
"Whereas, Since said abolition deser-tion, druhkenness and disease have in-reased in the army, the enlisted meni-instead of spending their hours of re-reation at the canteen under the con-troj and beneficial influence of their of-ficers, now resort to the low dives that around the army posts; and
"Whereas, The consensus of opinion among the officers of the army, who have had experience both with the can-teen and without, and are therefore het-ter qualified than the officers and work-ers of the W. C. T. U. or kindred or-ganizations to render an opinion on the same, unqualifiedly recommend the re-establishment of the enlisted men's club

stroke. He was born in Huntingt and, and moved to Kansas age. He sourced with an ment during the civil war as prisoner. He was held in prison for several months. He is survived by a wide and a daughter. The sour Lewis, the well known fas formerly of the Mail normal

Reduction of Nearly One Half in Dividend Announced as Result of Judge Landis' Decision-Profits Cut in Half to Lay by Fund for Penalty Imposed.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, Aug. 15 .- The crisis in the telegraphers' strike will be reached at 12 o'clock tonight. If by that time the federal government has not interceded with a request for arbitration, the strike will be made general throughout the United States. Messages received brought information that only government intervention would prevent a call for a complete tieup of the lines of the Western Union and the Postal. Armed guards are posted at the Western Union elegraph offices today. The telegraph-ers union last night sent out a call for aid to other unions.



(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Aug. 15—Hundreds of persons were killed and injured today by an ex-plosion of a dynamite factory at Doe-mitz. Part of the town was destroyed and the inhabitants are fleeing, fearing other explosions. Many workmen were blown to pieces.

(Jearnal Special Service.) New York, Aug. 15.—A reduction of nearly one half in Standard Oil dividends was announced today, the immediate result of the \$29,400,000 fine recently imposed upon the corporation by Judge Landis of Chicago. This extraordinary cut is taken as evidence that the directors are fearful that they cannot escape payment of the fine, and they last night from President Samuel Small are therefore preparing to husband their

are therefore preparing to husband their resources in order to meet the smargen-cy. The immediate loss will fall on the stockholders, whose dividends will be cut almost in half. The quarterly dividend declared today is at the rate of \$6 a share or \$24 per annum. For the last two years the rate has been 40 per cent. In 1904 the stockholders received 36 per cent divi-dends, in 1903 44 per cent, in 1902 45 per cent, in 1900 and 1901 48 per cent. The Standard Oil company has an au-thorized capital stock of \$100,000,000, of a par value of \$100. Therefore, it pays as a dividend \$24,000,000 this year, or almost a quarter of the total par value of its stock. There was a rumori some time ago

stockholders rightly figured that if the public was not going to pay the fine the stockholders would have to go down into their jeans for the amount. This is what caused the recent heavy and persistent selling of Standard Oil stock. These same frightened speculators also sold other shares they held which were under the control of the Rockefeller clique, and this is what started the heavy declines in copper shares and caused the slump in the rest of the list.

**ALASKA TRIP CONTEST CLOSES TODAY** 

scriptions may be mailed, together with remittance to cover, in Portland or anywhere, at any time today. If the envelopes bearing these subscriptions are postmarked August 15 the contest votes will be allowed for them, in favor of the contestants named.

To apply on the Alaska trip, contest substriptions mailed on August 15 must reach The Journal office by midnight Saturday. Announcement of the result will be made on Monday next,

The Journal party will leave Portland August 24 and will take steamer at Seattle for Alaska August 26. The contest for scholarships continues until early in September. The Alaska trips are The Journal's awards to friends of the leading contestants as designated by the contestants themselves.

Tokio, Aug. 15 .- The Russo-Japanese

DEAD AT ATLANTA PI-AI -IR

last night to Miss Deu Pree, his former stenographer, he admits was but a move to head off the impending scandal.

Beginning of Romance.

JULIA M'KINLEY IS

(Journal Special Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 15 .- Julia McKin-

ley, cousin of the late president, William McKinley, is dead. The dead wom-

an was one of the most beloved patriots of the south and was founder of the

The Journal office will be open tonight until 8 o'clock to receive subscriptions from contestants. Sub-

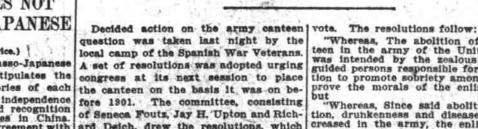
inviolability of the territories of each the canteen on the basis it was on beand the preservation of independence and integrity in China and recognition of equality in opportunities in China. The Japanese receive the agreement with fore 1901. The committee, consisting of Seneca Foutz, Jay H. Upton and Richard Deich, drew the resolutions, which were afterward adopted by unanimous

INTEREST JAPANESE question was taken last night by the (Journal Special Service.) local camp of the Spanish War Veterans. A set of resolutions was adopted urging agreement as published stipulates the congress at its next session to place

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Troj and beneficial influence of their of-ficers, now resort to the low dives that have sprung up like cancerous growths around the army posts, and "Whereas, The consensus of opinion among the officers of the army, who have had experience both with the can-teen and without, and are therefore bet-ter qualified than the officers and work-are of the W. C. T. U. or kindred or-ganizations to render an opinion on the same, unqualifiedly recommend the re-establishment of the enlisted men's club where beer and light wines may be served; now. "Therefore, We, the members of Scout Young Camp, No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans, hereby resolve that it is the unanimous opinion of this organization that congress at its next seasion should it repeal the anti-canteen bill and grant

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