

## THIRD ROBBERY OF ALASKA MAIL

### Inspectors Investigate Disappearance of \$45,000 in Dust.

### Miners Ship Gold This Way to Avoid High Tariff Charged by Express Companies—Robberies Thought to Be by an Organized Gang—No Reliable Clue Found.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 22.—A Fairbanks, Alaska, special says: What is believed to be the biggest plot for robbing the United States mails ever discovered is now in operation in Alaska. Only yesterday word was received from the coast that the third pouch missing in a month had been reported at Skagway. The sack contained \$45,000 in gold dust addressed to Seattle banks.

Postoffice inspectors already in the North working on the two former robberies have taken up the latest loss. It is almost certain that the sacks were stolen while in transit on the Yukon river boats plying between this point and Dawson. Several men are under suspicion but no arrests have been made. Reliable clues are scarce.

Ever since gold dust shippers have decided to use the mails for sending out their metal, instead of patronizing the express companies, as they previously did, because of the increased tariff, the present trouble has existed. It will necessitate the employment of guards by the government to watch the gold shipments. As they have been practically unguarded up to date, robberies have been easy and it is believed that the thefts have resulted from systematic operations of bandits working with well-laid plans.

## PORTLAND BANK FAILS.

### Unable to Meet Obligations and Is Forced Into Receivership.

Portland, Aug. 22.—The Oregon Trust & Savings bank closed its doors yesterday. Its liabilities were \$2,553,927.35. The value of assets depends upon what disposition can be made of the bank's holdings of independent telephone bonds, which aggregated about \$1,300,000.

President Walter H. Moore, of the bankrupt institution, said last night that some assets not counted upon when the bank closed its doors have been found, and he hopes to pay every depositor eventually in full. For example, the lease on the corner of Sixth and Washington streets is estimated to be worth \$50,000, and the fixtures of the bank, including the safety deposit vaults in the rear of the building, are valued at a like sum. This makes an additional \$100,000, which was not counted upon when it was decided to close the bank's doors.

## SEEK OTHER WORK.

### Striking Telegraph Operators in Portland Prepare for Siege.

Portland, Aug. 22.—Striking telegraph operators in Portland are scattering in many different directions and are taking up other lines of work. The majority of those who went on strike have either left the city or have secured positions away from a telegraph key. Many will go to the hop fields, while others are away on vacations.

The men expect the strike to continue for some time, but they express confidence in the outcome and are standing firm. The watchword is "stick," at union headquarters. The strikers say the Western Union is out \$1,000,000 a day in excess of its usual expenses while the strike lasts, and the men believe they will win, no matter how long the telegraph companies resist the demands for the concessions sought.

Messenger boys on strike against the Western Union held a meeting yesterday and some broached the matter of going back to work. This was firmly opposed and upon a vote being taken, the poll showed 15 to 3 in favor of staying out.

## Sell Gems at Auction.

New York, Aug. 22.—The announcement was made today that almost all the diamonds belonging to the estate of the late widow of Leland Stanford have been quietly disposed of and the proceeds will be devoted to Stanford university in compliance with the owner's will. The sale was held at the wholesale house, London, under the supervision of a committee. It is said only \$350,000 was realized, although experts appraised the gems at half a million, and regarded them as especially valuable, and have interesting histories.

## Defines Citizenship Law

Honolulu, Aug. 22.—Judge Sanford B. Dole, of the United States District court, has decided that the new naturalization law of June 29, 1906, does not repeal the section of the act creating the territory of Hawaii, which provides that aliens residing in the Hawaiian islands for five years previous to the passage of the act creating the territory of Hawaii, may be naturalized without previous declaration of intention to become citizens.

## Stole Money Orders in Chicago.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Julius F. Eller was arrested today for return to Alamosa, Colorado, where it is alleged he stole \$2,000 in money orders from the Rio Grande railroad. Eller declares he was duped by a friend and got none of the plunder.

## ANXIOUS FOR TRIAL.

### Borah Will Do Nothing to Impede Legal Proceedings.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 23.—The statement made by Attorney General Bonaparte that Senator Borah was to be given an immediate trial was shown to District Attorney Ruick, and he was asked if he had received any word from Attorney General Bonaparte respecting the trial of Senator Borah. He replied that he had nothing to say. When asked as to the date for the convening of court next month, he replied that the session would take up September 9. The matter referred to is the reported indictment of Senator Borah by the United States grand jury that sat here in March. No official statement on the subject had ever been made until the attorney general gave out the statement sent from Washington. The understanding is that an indictment was found charging the senator with having had some irregular connections with timber transactions under which the Barber Lumber company acquired title to certain timber lands. Great secrecy was maintained about the whole matter at the time the grand jury was in session and nothing whatever of an official character had been given to the public until the department of justice gave out the statement that an immediate trial was to be given the senator. That is the first official utterance indicating an indictment was found.

## IMBUED WITH HOPE.

### Portland Operators Far From Discouraged Over Situation.

Portland, Aug. 23.—There was nothing in the countenances of the little group of telegraph operators gathered in the strike headquarters at the Esmond hotel last night that would indicate discouragement over the situation. They discussed with earnestness various phases of the progress of the strike. They say:

"We have the wires tied up all over the country in spite of reports to the contrary. Why, if a man puts a message on the wire, say, at Chicago for a coast point it is more than likely to go up into the air before fairly getting under way. He has no way to find out whether it got started, even, or not."

"We have daily reports from the chief officers in the East and letters in every mail and can say that Portland seems to have a better service today than any place in the country, and you know what we have here. The latest we have from Chicago is the dispatch received this evening stating that out of the 1,700 operators in that city we have not lost a man through desertion."

"We also hear that a strike has taken effect among the strikebreakers in that city. It seems that the company makes no distinction between first-class operators and novices in the matter of pay."

## MANNING WILL PROSECUTE.

### District Attorney Will Investigate Failure of Portland Bank.

Portland, Aug. 23.—Two announcements stand out as the most important developments yesterday in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank failure: District Attorney Manning's statement that he would prosecute the officers and directors of the bank if his investigations warranted such action, and President W. H. Moore's assurance that the bank's assets would be able to pay the depositors dollar for dollar if he were given reasonable time, unhampered by criminal prosecution or Federal bankruptcy proceedings.

Sitting as a grand jury this morning, District Attorney Manning will hear the testimony of depositors who entrusted funds to the Oregon Trust & Savings bank on Tuesday, the last day of its existence. If this evidence shall be that officials of the bank accepted deposits after the institution was insolvent, active prosecution will be started and Mr. Manning promises to land the guilty in the penitentiary.

A complaint has been made out for the arrest of the officers of the bank and a Tuesday depositor will sign the complaint today, should Mr. Manning's investigation prove the truth of the accusations already made by late depositors.

## Specimen for Mining Congress.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 23.—The production of lead and zinc in the Missouri-Kansas district this year will be larger than ever before. Last year the production amounted to more than \$15,000,000. During the 32 weeks of this year the district has produced almost \$12,000,000 worth. Great care is being taken to get fine ore specimens for the exhibit to be made at the American Mining congress which convenes here in November. Recently a piece of lead ore weighing 1,500 pounds was hoisted from a mine at Granby, Mo.

## Strike Nears End.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—After a heated meeting of the general strike committee Supervisor Treitmoie, who is a member of the committee, said: "We will all ride in a week. United Railroads bond holders are affecting a settlement of the strike. A thousand men will apply for reinstatement on the cars on a day to be set soon. Recognition of the union will not be discussed. Hours and wages will be settled between the men and the company."

## Jews Yet to Conquer World.

The Hague, Aug. 23.—The close today of the eighth International Zionist congress, which has been in session in this city since August 14, was marked with great enthusiasm. Dr. David Wolff, of Cologne, delivered the closing speech. He said, among other things, that the Jewish people must yet conquer the world.

## HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

### FAIR IS FAILURE.

### Uncle Sam Can't Get Money Back from Jamestown.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Uncle Sam may become gatekeeper at the Jamestown exposition this week. He materially assisted in financing the undertaking, but has been unable to get his money back according to agreement.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasurer Edwards is now upon the ground for conference with those in charge, and unless some definite assurance can be given that installment payments will be made on the government loan, he may place a representative at the gates to take charge of the receipts.

At the treasury department it is stated that patience has been exhausted waiting for some evidence to be shown of a serious intention to reimburse the government. By an act of congress \$1,000,000 was advanced out of the public treasury to aid in the opening of the fair, and with the consent of the exposition company it was stipulated that 40 per cent of the gross receipts would be paid the government in July, when the first installment on the loan was due, and that on August 1 and every half month thereafter \$100,000 should be paid.

Weather and other conditions were adverse to the exposition at the beginning, and delay in installing exhibits kept many visitors away.

### Settling Zone Difference.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary Taft before leaving concluded arrangements with representatives of the United States of Colombia and Panama for the settlement of the issues between these countries and the United States growing out of the separation of Panama and the creation of the canal zone. It provides for three treaties, one of which, if approved by the president and Secretary Root, probably will be sent to the next session of senate.

### Ask Guard for Operators.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Representatives of the telegraph companies visited the War department today, asking for soldiers at Ash Fork, Ariz., to protect the operators against another attack. General Bell advised them to apply to the governor of Arizona. If the governor decided that troops are necessary, he would so request President Roosevelt, who undoubtedly would honor the request.

### Keeps Ahead of Budget.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Pan-American canal construction work is proceeding faster than was calculated in the estimate presented to congress. This year's work will cost \$8,000,000 more than the appropriation, owing to the rapidity of construction. Colonel Goethals, however, will continue to work in advance of the appropriation, expecting that congress will make good.

### Navy Officials Start.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Brigadier General Murray, chief of artillery, and Commander Spencer Wood, of the navy, started for the Pacific coast, where they will lay out the so-called defense sea areas, similar to those established on the Atlantic coast. They will visit Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and San Diego.

### Cutter Manning Hits Rock.

Washington, Aug. 20.—A telegram received by the Treasury department reports that the revenue cutter Manning yesterday ran upon an uncharted rock near Valdez, Alaska. As Captain Cantwell added that he proceeded to Sitka for repairs, it is believed the Manning is not seriously damaged.

### Taft Is Off to Manila.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Secretary Taft left here today on the first stage of his trip to Manila. He is expected to make a notable speech in Columbus, O. At Seattle he will be joined by members of his family. Mr. Taft will return in December, via Suez, completing a trip around the world.

### Federation Asks Damages.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Gompers said today that the American Federation of Labor would probably sue the National Manufacturers' association on the charge of the conspiracy in beginning a concerted effort for injuring organized labor.

### Seek Bank Clerk and \$11,000.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Edwin H. Potts, until a few days ago a trusted employe of the American National bank, is being sought by the police on a charge of stealing \$11,000 worth of Erie railroad stock certificates.

### Faster Work on Canal.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The Isthmian canal commission will expedite canal excavating 20 per cent by contracting for 14 new steam shovels in addition to the 60 now working.

### Railroad Selection Approved.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The secretary of the interior has approved the selection of 400 acres of land by the Northern Pacific railroad in the Coeur d'Alene land district, Idaho.

### Held Examination at Boise.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Civil Service commission announces that clerk-carrier examinations for the post-office service will be held at Boise, Idaho, August 28.

### Ordered to Bremerton Yard.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Assistant Engineer A. C. Bastrom, U. S. N., has been ordered to duty at the Puget sound navy yard.

### WOULD MAKE RED WHITE.

### Experts Find Signal Lights Have Two Meanings on Railroads.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The board of experts appointed to investigate the signal system of railroads of the United States will be confronted at the outset with the fact that there has been completed a more or less startling revolution in block-signal practice during recent years. This is nothing less than changing the universal and time-honored white light from a safety signal to a danger signal.

Ever since block-signaling went into effect on American railways, and even before that time, the white light at night has been notice of safety to men on "head end." It still is so on a majority of lines, but generally managers throughout the country have decided almost without exception that the best signal practice discards the white light as a sign of "clear ahead" and transfer its meaning to "something wrong; stop immediately."

This revised language has become such because of the fact that it has been discarded from the signal lexicon of the best authorities and by many of the largest railway systems of the United States.

### HARRIMAN WAS OWNER.

### In Control of Chicago & Alton When Granted Immunity.

New York, Aug. 23.—A Washington special to the Herald says:

That E. H. Harriman was in control of the Chicago & Alton railroad when it made its "immunity" bargain with the department of Justice and gave evidence which led to the imposition of a \$29,240,000 fine upon the Standard Oil company was established today, when it was officially learned that the promise of immunity was extended in June, 1906. The Alton, under the joint control agreement revealed by the Interstate Commerce commission, is now controlled by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, dominated by the Moore brothers, but in June, 1906, it was controlled by Mr. Harriman.

Whether Mr. Harriman knew of the immunity bargain cannot be learned here and will not be known until C. B. Morrison, who, as United States district attorney in Chicago, gave the promise of immunity with the approval of Attorney General Moody, arrives here on Monday.

### Uncle Sam Makes Good.

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Wilbur Spencer, who lost \$109 in paper currency in a fire which destroyed her home in Toppish some time ago, has recovered \$40 of it from the United States Treasury. Mrs. Spencer found the charred remnants of two \$20 certificates after the fire and gave them to Cashier Goodrich, of the local bank. Mr. Goodrich forwarded the two pieces of paper to the treasury, together with affidavits setting forth the facts of the case, and a reply was promptly received.

### Delegates Favor Arbitration.

The Hague, Aug. 22.—Nearly all governments have instructed their peace delegation to endeavor to bring about some obligatory arbitration, also the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration in order to save the conference from a failure. Efforts of delegates are now directed towards the arrangement of a treaty with Germany, which country had thus far opposed a world treaty on the ground that it would minimize arbitration.

### Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Rural route No. 4, has been ordered established October 16, at Vancouver, Clark county, Washington, serving 500 people and 115 families.

Albert L. West has been appointed regular, rural carrier for route No. 3 at Sherwood, Oregon. Joseph Trecker has been appointed postmaster at Goshen, Wash., vice P. G. Cooke, resigned.

### Goes Over the Testimony.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Attorney General Bonaparte conferred several hours today with District Attorney Sims, of Chicago, going over the testimony taken in the Standard Oil trial at Chicago to determine to what extent the evidence given by Harriman and other Chicago & Alton officials would render them immune to prosecution growing out of the so-called Alton deal.

### Redding Man Recommended.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Senators Perkins and Flint have recommended that Judge Edward Sweeney, of Redding, be appointed superintendent of the mint at San Francisco to succeed Frank Leach.

### Wireless Stations on Coast.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Army and Navy departments have arranged to co-operate in maintaining wireless communication between Nome and St. Michaels, Alaska, and Seattle and San Francisco.

### Buffalo to Aid Cutter Patrol.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Naval transport Buffalo sailed for Puget sound yesterday to assist the revenue cutters in patrolling the sealing waters in the vicinity of the Pribiloff islands.

### Portland Man Gets Clerkship.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Jack J. Wochos, of Portland, has been appointed a clerk in the office of the shipping commissioner at San Francisco.

## GET ALONG WITHOUT ZIMMER.

### Henry Produces Damaging Testimony Against Louis Glass.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The breaking of Francis J. Henry's automobile yesterday morning delayed for nearly half an hour the resumption of the trial of Louis Glass for bribery. The assistant district attorney and Rudolph Spreckels completed on foot their journey to the court while Judge Lawlor and the jury waited.

John Krause, who was T. V. Halsey's assistant in the alleged bribing of supervisors in behalf of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, was called. He told of approaching Supervisor Thomas F. Loneragan, showing him the company's plans, lurching him and suggesting to him the "inadvisability" of having a rival telephone system in this city.

Krause told of the visits of supervisors to an unfurnished suite of rooms in the Mills building temporarily rented by Halsey for the purpose, as alleged by the prosecution, of paying over bribe money. Krause acted as doorkeeper and admitted the supervisors one at a time to an inner room, where Halsey was.

With the announced intent of showing that Glass, acting as president of the Pacific States company, during the absence from this city of John I. Sabin, in 1905, authorized the expenditure by Halsey of moneys in Oakland to defeat the Home Telephone company application for a franchise there, and that the expenses of the investigation trip of the Oakland city council to Los Angeles in that year were defrayed half and half by the two telephone companies.

## TO PREVENT INTERRUPTION.

### Railway Telegraphers Send Man to Prevent Pulling of Plugs.

Portland, Aug. 21.—Local features of the telegraphers' strike yesterday were the sending of A. O. Sinks, executive member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, out on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon to stop the pulling of plugs and other interruption of service by railway telegraphers; the desertion of Mrs. L. I. Dolphin from the strikers and her return to work at the Postal office, and the partial reorganization of the messenger force at the Western Union office.

Despite these circumstances, striking operators formerly employed by both companies are standing firm and make the statement that they are more confident of winning now than at any time since they walked out. It is said the strikebreakers are being worn out by the long strain and that the companies are unable to get any competent operators whatever.

Brokers' offices were silent yesterday, not a telegraph key clicking in either the offices of Overbeck & Cooke in the Couch building, or Downing & Hopkins in the Chamber of Commerce. Wire trouble south of Ashland is ascribed as the reason for the failure of the former company to receive quotations, while the latter is said to have refused the fragmentary service offered, the firm declining to carry on operations in the present demoralized condition of the stock market without complete information of conditions in Chicago and Wall street. Yesterday was the first day for years that Portland people who dabbled in stocks could not learn the state of the market.

## WARNS CHINA AGAINST JAPAN.

### Diplomats Point Out Grave Danger of Further Incursions.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 21.—Advice from Peking state that Prince Ching is warning the Chinese government of the menace of Japan. The interview with Viscount Hayashi, minister of foreign affairs for Japan at Seoul, in which he pointed out that China should take warning by Korea's fate lest some strong nation be moved to imitate events at Seoul and put her house in order, has created a sensation among Chinese officials. Chinese look with suspicion on the Franco-Japanese agreement as intended to cover aggression in China, and officials have pointed out in memorials to the government that while Japan's impetration into Manchuria is irreparable, any further incursion should be prevented, even if foreign assistance were invited to exclude Japan.

## Root Not in Sympathy.

Boston, Aug. 21.—The Boston News Bureau says: "Notwithstanding official denials, we have confirmatory advice again warranting the publication of the rumor that Elihu Root and Robert Bacon are likely to retire from the State department. They are not in sympathy with the recently published utterances of Attorney General Bonaparte, which appear to reflect the desire of the administration to use the power of the government to punish individuals rather than to secure the enforcement of the law."

## Robbers Make Rich Haul.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 21.—Three registered mail sacks, containing about a quarter of million dollars disappeared from the Burlington train between Denver and Oxford, Neb., Sunday night. Detectives and postal officials are investigating. Superintendent Butler, of the mail clerks, believes the robbery was just west of the Nebraska line. Both mail clerks slept while the train was passing long stretches between stations.

## Arbitrate Fisheries Dispute.

London, Aug. 21.—Great Britain has accepted the proposition of the United States to submit the Newfoundland fisheries dispute to arbitration by the Hague tribunal. Meanwhile the modicum vivendi will continue the same as last year.

## FOUND GUILTY OF LAND FRAUD

### Jury Quickly Returns Verdict Against Benson and Perrin.

### Noted Case Ends in Complete Victory for Government—Aged Defendants Are Hard Hit by Result—Both Are Permitted to Remain at Liberty On Bail.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward B. Perrin were yesterday convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in securing 12,000 acres of land in Tehama county.

The verdict, which means a fine and term of imprisonment, was returned by a jury in the United States District court after being out about an hour. Benson and Dr. Perrin were allowed to retain their liberty on bail. Judge De Haven set Thursday as a day for passing sentence.

J. C. Campbell made the closing argument for the defense at the morning session, and in the afternoon United States District Attorney Devlin closed for the prosecution, summing up the case in a forcible manner. In his charge Judge De Haven instructed the jurors that if they found from the evidence that Dr. Perrin had at any time subsequent to October 31, 1903, taken advantage of the contract with Benson he should be found guilty as charged.

After the jury had been out about half an hour they filed back into court and asked for a reading of letters Perrin wrote from Washington, Snell's reply and that part of the charge relating to Dr. Perrin's liability in connection with the Benson contract. A verdict was returned within ten minutes after the request of the jury had been granted.

Dr. Perrin took the verdict very hard and was comforted by his two sons. Benson appeared to be dumfounded at the result.

The punishment provided by the statute is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years.

## NO LACK OF MEN.

### Telegraph Company Blames Operators for Congestion.

Portland, Aug. 20.—"General conditions are improving," said R. T. Reid, district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, who was in this city yesterday from Seattle.

"There has not been a day since the strike began, a week ago, that our company has not had enough good operators to handle all business, and they could have done so, but for the malicious interference with our wires by the railroad telegraphers. We have a number of secret service men and inspectors, who are on duty at suspected points and we propose to arrest and prosecute every man who is found tampering with our wires. However, there has been less disturbance on this account today than any other day since our operators walked out."

"Six months ago the operators in the employ of the Western Union throughout the Northwest were as one large happy family. But that condition has been replaced by discord ever since the men came under the influence of Sam J. Small, president of their national organization. The men had no grievances and what is more they deliberately walked out without being so much as ordered. It was not until then that they formulated a statement of grievances to be presented to the company. The same course was pursued by the messengers."

"The trouble is not that the men have grievances, nor that they were kept from their positions by intimidation. They would rather not work at all. Take the Portland office today, for instance. The company is paying \$3 a day for messengers. Seven men accepted positions as messengers this morning and before night six of them had quit their positions."

## Gompers' Aid Asked For.

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today reported to the executive council of the federation that he, John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, and Daniel J. Keeffe, of Detroit, had been entrusted by union labor with an attempt to bring about "an honorable adjustment of the telegraphers' strike at an opportune time." Mr. Gompers was asked when he thought that time would arrive, and replied that he could not say, but that it might be "at any hour, or perhaps not at all."

## Taft Favors Revision.

Columbus, O., Aug. 20.—W. H. Taft, secretary of war, tonight made what he was pleased to term his "political confession of faith" at Memorial hall. Mr. Taft made no formal announcement of his candidacy, but he was introduced by Governor Harris as the next president of the United States, which was the signal for a prolonged burst of applause. He reiterated his previous declaration that he is in favor of tariff revision.

## Stomach Full of Frogs.

Tremont, Pa., Aug. 20.—Frogs' eggs imbibed in spring water by Mrs. Walter Kaudisch, of West Schuylkill, nearly proved fatal. The warmth of the body caused the eggs to hatch instantly, and the little frogs thrived to such an extent as to cause an internal obstruction. An operation was necessary to save Mrs. Kaudisch's life.