

WILSON STAYS TO CONSIDER SCHEME

PLAN IS DRAWN UP FOR DISSOLUTION OF UNION PACIFIC AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

PRESIDENT IS ACTIVE

Instead of Leaving for Summer Home in New Hampshire, the Executive Remains to Assist in Reaching an Agreement for Unscrambling Mariner—Exchange of Stocks Proposed.

Washington, June 27.—President Wilson brushed aside all plans today for a week's trip to Cornish, N. H., the summer capital, to examine immediately the provisional agreement reached between Attorney General McReynolds and the railroad attorneys for the dissolution of the Union Pacific merger to prevent, if possible, the appointment of a receiver.

Unless a method of dismembering the Union and Southern Pacific satisfactory to the judges of the United States court for the Eighth circuit is submitted by July 1, the United States supreme court has ordered the dissolution of the merger by government receivership.

A supreme effort is being made by the president and attorney general to prevent this drastic alternative by an agreement on a plan meeting the demands of the Sherman anti-trust law and the mandate of the supreme court. Officials freely predicted tonight that the government and the railroad would present an agreed plan to the court within the time limit, although it was stated that the government's approval in all probability would be qualified. In submitting the plan to the court it is proposed to ask the judges to give a limited time before entering a final decree, within which objections displayed in the light of further study of the propositions may be filed by the government or by any of the other parties interested.

The Plan. It is understood that the agreement will incorporate as one step in the dissolution, the previously proposed plan for transferring \$38,000,000 of Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific to the Pennsylvania railroad in exchange for the latter's holding of Baltimore & Ohio. The remaining \$88,000,000 of the total \$126,000,000 of Southern Pacific owned by the Union Pacific, it is said, will be placed in the hands of a trust company to be sold within a definite period of time and in such manner to insure the substantial proportion of the stock will be sold to the shareholders of the Union Pacific.

Attorney General McReynolds objected to the trusteeship previously proposed by the railroad to the federal court at St. Paul on the ground that it was too vague and did not guarantee that the Union Pacific would surrender its ownership of Southern Pacific within a reasonable time.

These objections have been overcome by a more definite outline of a plan for the disposition of the stock. The exchange of stock between the Union Pacific and Pennsylvania will result, according to estimates, in giving the Union Pacific with its present holdings in the Baltimore & Ohio, 38.2 per cent of the outstanding stock of that company and in giving the Pennsylvania 11 per cent of the stock of the Southern Pacific.

So important was the situation regarded that the proposed plan of dissolution was considered at the cabinet meeting here today. The president had planned to leave the city at 5:30

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CHARGE OF BRIBERY IN EAST SAINT LOUIS

St. Louis, June 27.—An investigation into alleged municipal irregularities in East St. Louis, Ill., culminated today in the publication of a sworn confession of bribery made by Joseph A. Frazier, a former member of the East St. Louis city council.

The confession of Frazier details two alleged acts of bribery—the payment of \$2,000 for a franchise granting the East St. Louis Interurban railway the right to lay tracks on certain streets of the city, and the payment of \$1,000 for a franchise granting the Alton & Southern the right to cross certain streets.

DROWNINGS END ROMANCES

Billings, June 27.—Wedding announcements of Mrs. Rodman C. Hooper and Mrs. Earl Meredith, the latter a bride of a week, were received today simultaneously with the news that both had lost their lives at Edmonton, Alberta, yesterday, by the capsizing of a launch. Both women were sisters of W. Leo Main, president of the Farmers & Traders' bank here, and both formerly resided in Billings.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE MEN ABOARD SHIP

OIL STEAMER OFF STATEN ISLAND BLOWS UP AND THROWS THINGS AROUND.

New York, June 27.—Two hundred tons of fuel oil on board the steel tank steamer Mohawk, owned by the Standard Oil company, exploded this afternoon with a terrific roar and a burst of flame while the vessel was at anchor off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, in New York harbor. Five persons were killed and six others seriously injured. A dozen others are not accounted for, but are believed to have been rescued. A dozen bodies were seen floating in the hold while fireboats were pouring streams of water into the wrecked steamer tonight. The dead were machinists and sailors.

Carelessness of a machinist's helper was responsible, according to reports. Fifteen men of the crew and 20 machinists who were making repairs preparatory to the Mohawk's departure tomorrow for Texarkana, Mexico, were on board. A helper was declared to have carried a lighted candle into the hold below the fire room. In searching for a washer, he had dropped the candle and it is believed to have caused an explosion of gases in the hold. The explosion was heard for many miles. A flash of flame shot 200 feet into the air followed by a volcano of debris, and the Mohawk immediately began to settle aft, while fireboats, wrecking tugs and other harbor craft hurried to the scene from all directions.

A score of men who were blown overboard were rescued unhurt from the water. Others clung to stanchions and rails or huddled in the bow, whence they were dragged to safety on boats.

WEST VIRGINIA STRIKE SEEMINGLY INEVITABLE

Charleston, W. Va., June 27.—Negotiations looking to a settlement of the proposed strike in the New River coal field July 1, where 15,000 miners are employed, were called off tonight and the call for a general strike was issued and mailed throughout the field by the officials of the United Mine Workers of America. Conferences have been under way to prevent the strike for the last three days.

The miners' officials and coal operators with Governor Hatfield as a mediator, however, failed to reach a solution of the trouble. Tonight, with no agreement in sight, distribution of the strike order was authorized by the miners' officials.

Conditions on Cabin creek, where about 1,500 miners are on strike, were quiet tonight. Preparations are being perfected for holding a mass meeting of miners at Eskdale Sunday.

then counsel for the railway company and later corporation counsel of East St. Louis, and got from him the full \$3,000 bribe money.

Lambert was succeeded as mayor this spring by John M. Chamberlin who was elected on a reform platform. Lambert supported the Chamberlin ticket in the campaign.

Lambert's house was closed today. Neighbors said he had left the city in an automobile early this morning, saying he would not return until Monday. All the others named as recipients of bribe money vigorously denied the accusation.

SHRINERS TO PANAMA.

Panama, June 27.—A grand pilgrimage of Mystic Shriners of the United States to the Panama canal will take place the latter part of August. It is planned to hold an initiation ceremony at the bottom of the Miraflores locks on Labor day. The pilgrimage will be under the auspices of the shrine of the temple in St. Paul, Minn. Three steamships have been chartered to carry visitors to the isthmus.



MONTANA SUFFRAGISTS ELECT MISSOULA WOMAN PRESIDENT

BEARMOUTH ROBBER HAS DISAPPEARED ENTIRELY

WAS OUT OF THE PEN ON PAROLE AND HAD BEEN KEEPING POULTRY FARM.

Helena, June 27.—(Special.—George F. Hammond, the Bearmouth train robber, was released from the state penitentiary on parole April 7, and who until recently was engaged in poultry raising two miles south of Helena, has mysteriously disappeared and fears are expressed that he has been murdered.

Hammond was known to have a cache of money and diamonds, or at least he had boasted of having such a cache, and it is feared that perhaps some other discharged prisoner in an effort either to obtain the proceeds of the cache or the secret of its location, killed the former bandit.

On the morning of June 16 Hammond was seen on his ranch. That afternoon a letter was left for him and a bill of groceries, both of which were untouched when neighbors came Friday and found his young chicks dead of starvation, an incubator of eggs ruined, and other evidence of an unprepared and unexpected absence.

A short time before he disappeared Hammond asked a neighbor to sketch a trail over to Buffalo creek for him, which would take him out between Clancy and Basin on the Great Northern. He also received \$100 from a friend at Deer Lodge, kept only \$5, returned the balance, and then borrowed \$5 here from the Salvation Army and \$15 from a bartender.

Northern Pacific detectives and the officers have been keeping an eye on Hammond ever since he was discharged, to make sure he was sincere in his professed reformation. Vague reports have been received of Hammond having been seen near Deer Lodge and near Bonner, but have not been verified.

Hammond was paroled on the recommendation of Warden Conley and on that of W. J. McFetridge, chief special agent of the Northern Pacific, who wrote under date of April 4 to the pardon board, as follows:

"Mr. George Hammond, who is serving a sentence of 15 years in the Deer Lodge penitentiary for the holding up of one of our trains near Bearmouth, Mont., June 16, 1904, has about completed his sentence and I have advised that he is making application for a pardon.

"The company believes that Mr. Hammond has been sufficiently punished for his crime and waive all objections and are in favor of the board granting his request."

It is thought the Northern Pacific was actuated perhaps in the hope of securing the booty in the cache, if being established that not all of the plunder stolen was recovered when Hammond and his partner were arrested. Hammond's term expired June 23.

MISS JEANETTE RANKIN. Head of the Movement in This State—She Will Undertake March to Washington—Advocates of Equal Suffrage Advised to Get Busy

Livingston, June 27.—(Special.—Thirty delegates from all over Montana met here today to make plans for a better organization of the woman suffrage movement in this state and what they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm. Miss Jeanette Rankin presided and told of the plans for a raid on Washington on August 1 which promises to make the March 3rd parade in that city pale into insignificance. Miss Rankin will herself go from Montana and plans to leave next week and will make the trip by auto from city to city, the machines to be furnished by suffragists in the



MISS JEANETTE RANKIN.

cities she passes through. She will hold mass meetings in every city along the way and get signatures to a massive petition which will be presented to congress on her arrival. The movement will commence next month from every state in the Union and among the prominent suffragists who have already declared their intention of going to the capital city are: Mrs. Fitzgerald of Massachusetts and Mrs. Helen Hoy Greedy of New York. The announcement of the march to Washington says suffragists will go on foot from nearby states and by caravan, trolley, horseback and autos and trains.

Miss Rankin insists that she will go (Continued on Page Five.)

CONGRESS PASSES INDIAN BILL

Washington, June 27.—(Special.—The Indian appropriation bill has passed both houses and included in it is Senator Myers' amendment increasing the appropriation for Flathead reservation from \$275,000 to \$325,000. The other reservations of Montana also fared well.

IN EAST AND SOUTH FIERCE HOT WAVE PREVAILS

MANY DEATHS ARE REPORTED AND INNUMERABLE PROSTRATIONS OCCUR.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 27.—Five deaths and 40 prostrations were caused today by the excessive heat which prevailed in Milwaukee.

The official figures showed the mercury at 95 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon but the street thermometers registered from 100 to 115 in the shade. Excessive heat still prevails tonight.

Colonel A. G. Weissert, 70 years old, past commander-in-chief of the Wisconsin G. A. R., was overcome while in his office and is now in a critical condition. Mrs. Albertine Rupp, 72 years old, went suddenly insane from the heat and committed suicide by swallowing poison.

Scores of factories and offices closed and work on the streets was halted.

Five Deaths in Chicago.

Chicago, June 27.—Five deaths and numerous prostrations were attributed in Chicago today to the heat wave, which shows no signs of soon diminishing. At 4 o'clock the temperature was a fraction over 96. The weather report said the warmest place in the country was Pierre, S. D., where the maximum temperature was 104.

Free distribution of ice in some sections of Chicago's crowded tenement district helped reduce the suffering, which was intensified by humidity.

Up to late tonight fully a score of prostrations were reported; several more deaths indirectly caused by the heat reported, and several people crazed by the heat attempted suicide.

In Kansas.

Kansas City, June 27.—This was the hottest day of the year throughout Kansas and in this part of Missouri. At Great Bend, where the mercury reached 102 in the shade, harvesting was suspended.

In Barton county, Kansas, the hands left their work. A number of points reported horses overcome in the fields. Joplin, Mo., reported 100 degrees, the highest recorded mark for June in southwest Missouri.

The mercury reached 98 in Kansas City with six prostrations.

Boston Swelters.

Boston, June 27.—Boston sweltered today under the effects of heat and high humidity and 10 persons were prostrated. The maximum temperature in the city proper was 83.5 degrees. The suicide of a mill weaver in Pawtucket was attributed to the heat.

New York Included.

New York, June 27.—Although the maximum temperature in this city was only 84, the heat was accompanied by excessive humidity and considerable suffering resulted. Seven cases of prostration were treated at the hospitals. There were no fatalities.

BOARD IS COMING WITH LANE

Washington, June 27.—(Special.—Secretary Lane will be accompanied to Montana during the coming month by members of the newly created reclamation service commission. The Sun River and probably all other Montana projects and the decision of the board will be relied upon by the secretary in determining whether or not to proceed with the Montana enterprises.

FARM MORTGAGES FOR MONTANA PROPOSED

BILL DEALING WITH RURAL LOANS COMING UP THROUGH DIRECT LEGISLATION LEAGUE.

Proof sheets are now ready of a farm mortgage loan bill which has been drafted by Attorney Albert Besancon of this city and proposed for initiation by the Non-Partisan Direct Legislation league. At a meeting of this league, held in Helena last March, a committee including Miles Romney of Hamilton, Albert Besancon of Missoula, William Crisman of Joliet, Conrad Kohrs of Deer Lodge and C. A. Drinkard of Lewistown was appointed to draw up a farm mortgage loan bill. The draft which is now presented is modeled after the laws of North and South Dakota which have proved highly successful in operation. The bill, with possibly some minor changes, will be submitted to the People's Power league for endorsement.

BOYS DIE IN RESERVOIR.

Upton, Wyo., June 27.—Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gose, aged 9 and 12, were drowned today in an irrigation reservoir. The younger lad had waded beyond his depth and his brother attempted to rescue him, although unable to swim. Their bodies were found, their arms clasped around each other.

PUNISHMENT FOR YOUTH.

Salem, Ill., June 27.—Frank Sullivan, 18 years old, under a 20-year sentence for the abduction of Dorothy Holt, 15 years old, received an additional sentence of 50 years today when he pleaded guilty to the charge of assault. The first sentence was fixed by a jury a week ago.

DOZEN PROSTRATED.

Detroit, June 27.—A dozen persons were prostrated by heat here today. The maximum temperature reported by the weather bureau was 95. The government thermometer on the street level registered 105.

LAMAR WOULD TALK ON LOVETT'S CHARGE

New York, June 27.—David Lamar, the stock trader who figured in the recent testimony in Washington on the lobbying charge brought before the congressional investigating committee by Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific Railroad company, returned here today from a week's stay in Pittsfield, Miss. Lamar held a conference tonight with Edward Lauterbach, who had mentioned Lamar's name in his testimony.

"We went over the testimony given before the lobby investigating committee," said Lauterbach. "Mr. Lamar, in justice to himself, has asked the congressional committee to give him a special hearing and he has every reason to believe that the request will be granted."

Mr. Lamar made no statement.

HIS DECISION FOR THIS COUNTY

OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL A DIRECT ANSWER TO LOCAL OFFICIALS.

AN IMPORTANT RULING

State's Legal Head Declares Montana Legislation in Connection With Distribution of Forest-Service Fund Is Wholly Abortive—Federal Law is Held Supreme.

It developed yesterday that the opinion of Attorney General Kelly concerning the distribution of the fund that annually comes to Montana through the act of congress which gives to each state 25 per cent of the proceeds of the national forests contained therein, came as a direct result of the agitation of that question by Missoula county officials. Mention of the decision, in which the attorney general holds that the state has been making an improper division of the funds and that such distribution was not in accordance with the act of congress, was made in yesterday's Missoulian. Yesterday the text of the opinion was received at the office of County Attorney Dan Heyron and was a direct answer to a letter written by Deputy County Attorney Marlowe after the question had been raised by the Missoula county commissioners and after all the available data in connection therewith had been furnished the county attorney's office by County Surveyor James Bonner. The investigation of the case was commenced early in April and about a week ago Mr. Marlowe dictated the letter which brought the direct answer from Mr. Kelly. The letter from the county attorney's office was in part as follows:

Missoula County's Attitude.

"For some time I have had this matter up for discussion with County Surveyor Bonner and the board of county commissioners of this county and we are thoroughly convinced that Missoula county is not getting its just apportionment of the proceeds paid into this state by the secretary of the treasury of the federal government derived from the proceeds of national forests.

"It is our contention that the way this fund is distributed according to the enactment of the legislature is in direct conflict with the act of congress of May 23, 1908. According to the way that this fund is distributed under the state law a county in which no timber has been sold receives just as much for the sale of timber as does the county in which the timber is sold.

"This is not fair to those counties in which the timber is situated for the reason that you can readily see that valuable property in one county and property taxable there is sold and another county in the state receives just as much benefit from the sale of that timber as though the timber were situated in that particular county. Inasmuch as the act of our legislature is in direct conflict with the act of congress I think that there is some question regarding the constitutionality of the act of our legislature regarding the distribution of this fund."

Kelly's Answer.

In answer to this Attorney General Kelly says in his opinion: Hon. Dan J. Heyron, Missoula, Montana.

Dear Sir:—Under date of the 20th inst., you wrote to this office for an opinion upon a matter submitted to your office by Mr. J. H. Bonner.

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OUR POLICY WRONG REGARDING MEXICO

Washington, June 27.—A change in the attitude of the United States toward the warring factions in Mexico was urged in the senate today with the result that the foreign relations committee of that body is to take up the question immediately.

Senator Fall of New Mexico attacked the present policy and asked for the repeal of the so-called "neutrality" resolution of the last congress. Under this authority he said arms were permitted to go across the border to the Huerta faction, but were prevented by the armed forces of the United States from going to the factions opposed to Huerta.

Senator Fall praised the Wilson administration for refusing to recognize what he termed the "assassins of the president of Mexico" as the established government in the republic; but he declared the practice of the administration in allowing arms to go to one faction and not to the other had resulted in retaliatory steps toward citizens that no other nation on earth would permit.

His speech brought a response from Senator Bacon, chairman of the foreign relations committee, that was regarded by some as voicing the attitude of the administration. Senator Bacon said the solution of the present difficulties in Mexico lay in the men of the educated classes taking up arms to establish order. Enough educated men resided in Mexico City alone, he said, to establish order in the whole republic. He added that for the United States to attempt to protect her citizens by arms in Mexico meant intervention and occupation probably for all time. Senator Smith of Arizona in the debate that followed advocated the United States taking possession of Lower California in compensation for Americans killed and American property destroyed in Mexico. Senator Williams joined in urging the repeal of the "neutrality" resolution. Senator Bacon assured the senate the committee would soon consider the question.