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## DICKINSON AND TAFT AT OUTS OVER CANAL LINE

### War Secretary Takes Issue With President's Plan for Federal Railroad

### Cabinet Officer Denies Government's Right to Compete With Private Routes

### Former Zone Commissioner Points Way to Relief From Pacific Mail Monopoly

## TAFT AND DICKINSON DO NOT AGREE

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That President Taft is in favor of the federal government operating the Panama railroad in conjunction with privately owned steamship lines and regardless of what effect it may have on the transcontinental railroads, while Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson is of the opinion that the line across the canal zone should not enter into competition with the American railroads, is the statement of Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore, former commissioner appointed by the president to investigate transportation conditions at the isthmus.

### Quotes Taft in Favor

The seemingly antagonistic views entertained by President Taft and his secretary of war were quoted by Baker in his report to the president. The report recommended that the government, to improve the shipping conditions between Pacific coast points and Panama, grant mail contracts to modern and fast vessels.

Quoting from a letter written by William R. Wheeler of this city, former assistant secretary of commerce and labor and now manager of the traffic bureau of the Merchants' exchange, Baker said: "President Taft expressed himself as heartily in favor of the government operating the Panama railroad in conjunction with a privately owned steamship line, and, to use his own phrase, 'regardless of what effect such operation might have upon the transcontinental railroads.'"

### Dickinson Says Nay

"On Saturday, May 1," continued Baker, "I met the Hon. Jacob M. Dickinson. He stated that he thought the government had no right to use the Panama railroad in competition with the transcontinental railroads, and, further, that he thought no secretary of war would have the right to do it, and that it should be only done by congress."

Baker expressed surprise at what he considered the apathy of San Francisco toward any movement to improve shipping conditions. Speaking of what might be done to secure real competition with the Pacific Mail, Baker said: "Under the act of March 3, 1891, the government could make a mail carrying contract with a steamship line plying directly between San Francisco and Panama. The distance is about 8,200 miles, and a contract could be entered into for a steamer at \$2 a mile. That would mean \$16,400 to be paid by the government, not as a subsidy, but as a mail contract, for the outward voyage. The steamers would have to have 16 knots' speed. At that speed and without stops they could reach the isthmus in six and a half days. The fastest time now made by the Pacific mail, according to schedule, is 27 days.

"This method has none of the dangerous consequences of retaliation by other nations, which might come if the United States would make tariff discriminations in favor of goods carried on American bottoms. If the United States aided its shipping half as much as Japan does it would build up the industry."

### INDIANS BURN AGED WOMAN AS A WITCH

#### Set Fire to Hut and Watch Victim Perish in Flames

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 22.—Believing a witch brought on the smallpox epidemic that is scourging their villages, causing the death of many of their children, the Indians of Huejotzingo, near Puebla, Mexico, burned to death an aged woman, Juana Ramirez.

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## TROOPERS AND STRIKERS IN BLOODY CLASH

### Six Killed, Ten Fatally Wounded and Scores Injured in Pittsburg Battle

### Soldiers Open Volley Fire on Mob and Desperate Fighting Continues in Streets

PITTSBURG, Aug. 22.—In a battle between state troopers and strikers to-night, following a wild riot, six were instantly killed, 10 perhaps fatally wounded and nearly a score seriously hurt. The rioting followed a day of quiet and broke without warning.

The fight occurred at the Pressed Steel Car plant at Schoonville. Following is a partial list of dead and injured made up from reports from the morgue, hospital and several physicians' offices:

### DEAD

JOHN L. WILLIAMS, state trooper.  
HARRY EXLER, deputy sheriff.  
THREE FOREIGNERS.

### FATALLY INJURED

JOHN H. SMITH, state trooper.  
LUCELIAN JONES, state trooper.  
SEVEN FOREIGNERS.

### SERIOUSLY INJURED

GEORGE KEITH, state trooper.  
JOHN O'DONNELL, state trooper.  
UNKNOWN WOMAN.

For the first time since the inception of the strike the state troopers tonight opened volley fire on the mob. Six strikers fell at the first round.

### Troopers Are Shot

The members of the mob then opened fire with rifles. Two mounted troopers dropped from their horses fatally shot. They were taken to the Ohio Valley hospital, dying.

As an ambulance made its way from the car plant to the hospital carrying wounded troopers, the vehicle was attacked and the driver forced to flee for his life. The frightened horses attached to the ambulance plunged wildly in and about the crowd. Two men were trampled under the hoofs of the horses. The ambulance was finally driven to the hospital by a detachment of troopers.

Soon after this a deputy sheriff, not yet identified, was surrounded by a crowd of strikers. In a last desperate attempt to save himself the officer drew his revolver and emptied the contents into the crowd. Then throwing the weapon away he cried, "I give up. I am all in."

The next moment five bullets were fired into his body. Not satisfied even then, the crowd kicked and beat the body until the features were mutilated beyond recognition.

While the riot lasted, mounted state troopers galloped indiscriminately through the streets with riot maces drawn, striking the heads of all persons loitering in the vicinity of the mill.

### Wholesale Arrests Made

Deputy sheriffs and troopers broke in the doors of houses suspected of being the retreat of the strikers, and wholesale arrests were made. From 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock scores were arrested and placed in box car jails in the mill yard.

During the early stages of the rioting women were conspicuous. Some of them were armed and others effectively used clubs and stones. These women, all foreigners, apparently insane with rage, were mainly responsible for inciting the men to extreme measures.

Sheriff Gumbert at the county jail called for 50 men to serve as deputies in the strike zone at 10:20 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the sheriff started in an automobile for the scene of the rioting. He took with him 10 riot guns and two boxes of riot ammunition.

At midnight the strike zone was quiet.

### GEO. BRONSON HOWARD JAILED FOR ASSAULT

#### Novelist Attacks Actress, Demanding One of Her Rings

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—According to the story told by Miss Theodora Girard, a performer in a Broadway musical comedy production, George Bronson Howard, a novelist, compelled her to give him one of her rings Saturday and threatened to kill her.

Miss Girard did not wish to press the charge of assault she had made against Howard and was willing to withdraw that of robbery also if she could recover her ring, but Magistrate Corrigan would not let the complaint be withdrawn. When he saw the knife with which Howard, it is alleged, had threatened Miss Girard, the clerk was ordered to make out a complaint against Howard for carrying a concealed weapon.

Howard is joint author with Wilson Mizner, formerly of San Francisco, of "The Only Law." He has also written many novels and was formerly on the stage. According to the police, he said he went to Miss Girard's rooms to borrow money. Wilson Mizner supplied \$2,000 bail for Howard's appearance Thursday.

## MARSHES YIELD UP REMAINS OF YOUNG STUDENT

### Decoy Duck Painter Discovers Corpse of Missing Lick Graduate at Novato

### Gunshot Wound in Temple and Report of Personal Enemy Heighten Mystery

The body of Walter Lee Bowles, the Lick school boy who has been missing since Sunday night a week ago, was found on the Novato marshes above San Rafael yesterday, badly decomposed, with a bullet hole in his head and revolver at his side. His father, Scott Bowles, a well known hardware man of Petaluma, believes that murder was committed. Detectives engaged in the search told the elder Bowles of a clew that indicates kidnaping in an automobile. This clew, coupled with the belief that there was a bitter personal enemy in the case, gave ground to his theory, although the circumstances otherwise point to suicide.

### Started for Theater

Young Bowles, who was 22 years of age, graduated from Lick in engineering last June and returned to Petaluma for the summer. Friday a week ago he came back to San Francisco, where he found employment with Thomas & Carlson, pattern makers of 519 Brannan street, taking rooms with a friend at 954 Eddy street. When he left Sunday night to go, as he said, to the National theater, he invited his roommate to go along, but the invitation was refused. A pocketbook left in his suit case contained \$40, and it is believed that he had but a few dollars in his pocket. His disappearance was a mystery until yesterday.

The mystery of his disappearance was solved by chance by William Paif, a house mover of San Rafael. Paif had a job of painting decoys for duck hunters at Las Callinas. He was crossing the marsh when he stumbled upon the body. He hastened away to give the alarm. The body was later removed to the coroner's office at San Rafael.

### Gunshot Wound in Head

The left side of the head was marked by a gunshot wound. A 32 caliber revolver, with one shell empty, lay at the side of the body. An investigation shows that the gun belonged to the elder Bowles. Personal papers had been burned in a little pile at the boy's feet. He had evidently stumbled into the fire after the shot, for his trousers were burned about the ankles.

In the family home in Petaluma the broken hearted father, after receiving the news, declared:

"I am positive that my son did not commit suicide. He could not do such an act. We have a clew that leads me to believe that the boy was taken to the spot in an automobile the night he disappeared. He was taken there by force. The detectives have evidence of it. My boy had no bitter personal enemy. I can't say more now. But I believe this enemy is responsible for my boy's death."

### Blames Personal Enemy

The detectives from whom the father received this evidence were hired privately for the search.

The boy's friends, on the other hand, believe that he was driven to suicide by ill health. At the Lick school he was an unusually industrious and persevering student. Recently he underwent an operation. Overstudy and ill health are believed to have preyed upon his mind. Instead of going to the theater he might have taken the train for Petaluma, his friends say. He might then have been influenced to step off at Novato and to turn to the marshes, where, they declare, the burning of the papers goes to show that he had deliberately taken his life.

Friends of Bowles offered additional information leading to the suicide theory. It is said that the young man was infatuated with a Miss Ferguson, a musician, who is said not to have returned his affection. The police authorities scout the idea of violence because of the condition in which the body was found. In a handkerchief were found his watch, some keys and \$4.55 in money. Acquaintances of the young man discount the theory of kidnaping brought up by the father of the young man. They say that this arose from the fact that young Bowles was seen in an automobile by nearly all his friends in Marin county.

Bowles was nearly 6 feet tall, but not physically robust. The inquest will be held today at San Rafael and the funeral will follow tomorrow at Petaluma.

### FIRE CAUSES \$1,000,000 LOSS IN DECATUR, ILL.

#### Panic in Hotel and Water Famine Follow Disaster

DECATUR, Ill., Aug. 22.—Fire caused an estimated loss of \$1,000,000 in the business district here today, the blaze starting at 1 a. m. and resisting the efforts of the fire fighters until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Following the fire Decatur faced a water famine. It became necessary this afternoon to shut off the supply in the residence districts.

Later a blaze was discovered in the engine room of the Decatur hotel, half a block west of the district destroyed. There was a panic among the guests, but prompt work by employees saved the building.

## BOWLES' BODY FOUND MURDER SAYS FATHER

### HARRIMAN TO TAKE "AFTER CURE" NEXT

### Loss of Weight, Paleness and Movements Indicating Fatigue Seen Aboard Ship

ON BOARD STEAMER KAISER WILHELM II, Aug. 22.—(Wireless via Cape Race.) E. H. Harriman has remained in his suite since he embarked at Cherbourg on August 18, homeward bound.

His last wish as he left France—"My only hope is that the voyage back will be as good as that coming over"—has not been realized. The weather has been disagreeable and a stronger man might prefer to remain indoors.

Harriman shows signs of the "after cure," which it is understood he will take at Arden, his country place. His movements, though not feeble, are those of fatigue; he is pale and has the appearance of having lost weight. All foods served him are carefully prepared under orders from his physician.

### Wall Street Shows Anxiety

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Perhaps never in the history of this country has so much public interest centered in the home coming of one man as that evinced concerning Edward H. Harriman, who is due in New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm II about 8 a. m. Tuesday.

The interest in Harriman's return naturally is widespread, in view of his importance in the financial and railroad world, and because of recurrent rumors concerning his health, which have caused furies in the stock market from time to time since his departure for Europe June 1.

Wall street is particularly anxious to know just how ill Harriman is. Also there is great interest in the report that he has obtained options on New York Central stock which will enable him to control the line long held by the Vanderbilts, thus giving him an unbroken chain of railroads from coast to coast.

### PIANO POLISHER LOST WITH \$500 IN POCKET

#### Passenger on Steamer Governor Mysteriously Disappears

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Whether Otto Wellnitz, a piano polisher, fell from the deck of the steamer Governor while at sea, or committed suicide by leaping from the steamer, or is wandering about the country unable to identify himself or find his home, is a mystery which the authorities have been asked to clear up.

Wellnitz embarked on the Governor at San Francisco July 19, intending to come to San Pedro and go thence to his home in Pasadena. He has not been seen or heard from by his family or friends since.

He had \$500 in his pockets when he left San Francisco, according to letters received by his wife in Pasadena.

### CHILD FEARS TO TELL HE SAW BROTHER DROWN

#### Body Recovered From Seattle Lake by Drags

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—After seeing his 5 year old brother Leonard drown in Lake Union Saturday afternoon, Elmer Johnson, aged 8, went home and permitted his mother to put him to bed without telling her of the mishap.

When asked where his younger brother was Elmer said that he didn't know. Searchers hunted for the missing boy all night and this morning found his cap floating on the water of the lake.

Suspecting that he had been drowned they dragged for his body and succeeded in recovering it. Elmer then admitted that he had seen his brother fall from a float into the water, but was afraid to report the mishap.

### LOSES MONEY AND NEW FRIEND IN SEEING CITY

#### Dunsmuir Man Tells Police His Confidence Was Abused

L. P. Ramm reported to the police yesterday that a boon companion he picked up while seeing the town had robbed him of \$50 in a room in the Ancon hotel at Drumm and Pacific streets.

Ramm came down from Dunsmuir Saturday and accepted an invitation to share a room with his new found friend that night.

He discovered the loss of money and friend next morning.



Portrait of Philip Bowles, missing Lick school student, whose body was found yesterday.

### CONGRESSMEN TO VIEW IDLE SHIPS

#### Get Striking Object Lesson in Advantage of Protection for Merchant Marine

The visit to this coast of the congressional delegation will give the men who have just completed the construction of protective fences around some of the country's domestic industries an opportunity to study the subject of the American merchant marine from a new angle. The fact that the American flag is fast disappearing from foreign waters has been called to their attention.

The ship owners who made the losing fight against bounty fed foreigners can and perhaps will show the congressmen the conquered fleet, dust covered and desolate, swinging to rusting cables in Mission bay and Oakland creek.

### TO GET OBJECT LESSONS

There is another more cheerful and equally convincing picture that the men who can help may see on this coast if they will. They can see what protection, as furnished by the coastwise shipping law, has done for the American merchant marine as far as the trade between domestic ports is concerned.

The American merchant marine was languishing to the point of extinction when the coastwise shipping law was passed inside that barrier of protection there has grown a great industry which is steadily increasing, but which, if the barrier of protection were withdrawn, would last about as long as a paper mill in a tropical region.

A few years ago the American-Hawaiian steamship company had not been thought of. It is now probably the largest concern of its kind in the United States. This company is at present operating 19 large freighters and running them on a schedule which allows the shortest possible time in port. The service is being constantly improved and three new and large steamers are at present under construction.

### ADVANTAGES OF PROTECTION

The Pacific Coast steamship company, which would have died a natural death if left to its own resources and without the protection of the coastwise shipping law, is operating 24 steamers, of which two are practically new.

The Matson navigation company, an even more recent growth than the American-Hawaiian line, is operating 14 vessels between here and the Hawaiian islands. Of these vessels three are steamers, two of them built especially for this trade. A new steamer, larger than any of the others, is now nearing completion.

The Harriman interests have just bought one steamer in the east and have two others building at Newport News. The Pacific Mail company, which they have been operating with one ship of their own and one chartered from the Pacific Coast steamship company.

That the Pacific Mail company is not losing money on its oriental service is due to the fact that the Chinese Japanese boycott is a subsidy for the Pacific Mail ships to the extent of the business it takes away from the Japanese line. The Pacific Mail company also enjoys the privilege denied to ship owners in other foreign trades of manning their ships with Asiatics, thus reducing the cost of operation nearer to the scale of their competitors.

When the congressmen take their trip on the harbor they will pass deeply laden American steamers bound for American ports, and if the pilot knows his business, they will circle a great fleet of American ships that would be busy carrying American products overseas if they were accorded the same degree of protection under which the coastwise trade is flourishing.

## ADVOCATE SUBSIDIES FOR SHIPS

### Members of Congressional Party Favor Relief for the Idle Merchant Marine

### Division of Fleet for Better Protection of the Pacific Has Several Advocates

### Representatives Reach This City on Trip to Study Conditions in Hawaiian Islands

### Trip Around Bay to Be Followed by Automobile Tour of City and a Banquet

"There is in congress a favorable disposition toward San Francisco because of your calamity, and any needs of your city will be carefully looked after by my committee."

—CHAIRMAN BARTHOLOMEW of Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

"We ought to have a line on the Pacific to Panama as well as a fleet to protect the coast. My sympathies are with the coast's exclusion policy."

—CONGRESSMAN POLIETTE ELVINS of Missouri.

"We can not build up a merchant marine without government subsidies. The request of the people of the coast for a division of the fleet is reasonable."

—CONGRESSMAN W. A. RODENBERG.

"I favor a navy large enough to protect the life and property of your people."

—CONGRESSMAN GEORGE W. PRINCE of Illinois.

"San Francisco is destined to become the largest city in the world."

—CONGRESSMAN GEORGE W. TAYLOR of Alabama.

THE congressional party en route to the Hawaiian islands as the guests of the territorial government to inquire into the needs of the territory arrived in San Francisco last evening on the overland limited. James Mc Nab, James Rolph Jr. and A. M. Davis, presidents, respectively, of the chamber of commerce, the Merchants' exchange and the Merchants' association, and Congressman Julius Kahn of this city, greeted the delegation at Benicia and escorted the congressmen and their wives to the St. Francis hotel in automobiles which were in waiting at the ferry.

### Bay Trip and Banquet

Although bound for Honolulu the congressmen will view San Francisco bay, the navy yard, the coaling station at California, the new government docks at Fort Mason, the idle merchant ships in Oakland harbor, and other points of interest before boarding the liner Siberia at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The trip around the bay will be commenced at 9:30 o'clock this morning, and on the return at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the party will be given an automobile ride about San Francisco. The congressmen will be given a banquet tonight at 7 o'clock in the colonial ballroom at the St. Francis.

Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis, who is chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, is the dean of the delegation. He is now serving his ninth term. He is also the head of the peace forces in congress.

### Believes Navy Adequate

"There is in congress a favorable disposition toward San Francisco because of your calamity," said Bartholdt, "and any needs of the city will be carefully looked after by my committee."

"We are on our way to Hawaii to see what legislation is needed. Hawaii is paying into the United States treasury about \$1,500,000 annually. They need river and harbor improvements, public buildings, agricultural experimental stations, and improvements in the postal service."

"As one of the most pronounced advocates of peace, I believe the present strength of the navy is adequate," said Bartholdt when questioned about a big fleet for the Pacific. "We are now spending more money for the army and the navy, relatively speaking, than any country on earth. I don't want to see my country in that role."

### Sees No Cloud on Horizon

"If the Pacific coast needs defense (I for one don't know against whom, for Japan begs to be our friend), then it might be advisable to divide the fleet, but there is not a cloud on the horizon, as far as I can see."

"I think we have done remarkably