Wickersham Talks

Say Governor Should Have More Power

Seattle, July 15—In an address before the Bar Association, Judge Wickersham of the Third Alaska Division, said that Fairbanks, Alaska, was like Fairbanks of Indiana, pure gold. Relative to the government of Alaska he said that the Governor was merely a figurehead with power to appoint only his own secretary and notaries, and that all the powers of government were vested in the federal judges. This he stated was all wrong, and that not only was it due to the governor to be vested with these powers, but that the judges would be glad to be rid of these duties. He requested the Washington Bar Association to assist by every means in their power to bring about this change. The governor, however, he said, should be free from political obligations.

Washington, July 15—The war department has decided that in the event of war the state militia will be retained in the coast defense department.

Boise, July 15—Dr. McFee, of Wallace, Idaho, has been placed under arrest charged with purjury, having testified that he saw Orchard in Wallace in August 1901, when Orchard has confessed that he was not there. The Prosecution is bringing forward witnesses to rebut the testimony given by the defense, all of whom corroborate Orchard. Warrants are being issued for other witnesses for the defense, charging them with perjury.

Seattle, July 15—Sand ballast, taken on by the steamer Ohio, at Nome, has been found to contain gold, and the crew is now busy engaged in washing it out.

Washington July 15—The transport Crop is now enroute to Nome with soldiers for the post at that place, has been ordered, immediately upon her return to take on a cargo of naval mines and torpedoes for Manila.

San Francisco, July 15—Unless a settlement between the operators and the telegraph companies is reached today, a general strike of the operators will be called throughout the United States, tying up every line in the country.

Washington, July 15—A Jap was discovered yesterday draughting the defenses of the Washington Navy Yard. He was placed under arrest.

Seattle, July 15—The labor unions of the city have combined and raised money to start an afternoon paper. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the Star, but the deal has not been completed.

Seattle, July 15—Rev. Beattles, a delegate to the Christian Endeavor Convention from China, made the statement that he believes that Germany gave orders for the murder of its ambassador to China, Baron Von Kettler. At the time of the uprising in China, that it might use this as a lever to secure control of enormous coal deposits in China, which it has since done.

Paris, July 15—During a parade on the champs Elysees yesterday, an insane man fired two shots at President Fallières, but missed him. The would be assassin was immediately captured by the enraged citizens, who attempted to lynch him, but he was rescued by the police and taken into custody. President Fallières was perfectly cool.

San Diego, July 15—Fred McGill, a millionaire banker, of Clinton, Ill., was arrested here this morning charged with the murder of his wife last May. McGill had just married his stenographer and was on his honeymoon journey when the arrest took place on information received from his home. His second wife and her daughter have also been arrested as accomplices. McGill's first wife died under suspicious circumstances, but it was believed until recently that she committed suicide.

Boston, July 16—An explosion occurred on the battleship Georgia yesterday, while at target practice, killing eight men, including Lieutinant Goodrich, son of Admiral Goodrich. The explosion was caused by a spark from the smoke stack entering the powder turret.

San Francisco, July 16—Witness brought forward by the prosecution have failed to connect president Glass of the Home Telephone Co., with the bribery of city officials. Hensley says that Halsey was convicted of bribery, but was offered immunity from punishment in order to convict the telephone officials including Glass. Director Scott of the telephone company refused to testify, and was sent to jail for five days for contempt of court.

Los Angeles, July 16—The Pacific Club has offered $10,000 for a purse for a contest between Gans and Jimmie Burns.

Seattle, July 16—Delegate Cale arrived from southwestern Alaska. He states that he is confident that the president in his next message to Congress will recommend territorial government for Alaska. Cale will use every endeavor to secure an adequate mail service on the Yukon hereafter.

Yakima, July 16—Congressman Jones has announced his candidacy for the U. S. Senate to succeed Mr. Ankemy, making a stand upon his record as secongessman.

Montgomery, Ala., July 16—An investigation of the insane asylum reveals a horrible state of affairs. The patients have been literally starved to death, having had to pick over the refuse in the garbage cans to sustain life. Because of this diet disease has been epidemic and deaths so numerous as to call attention to the matter. The commissary funds have beengrafted.

Washington, July 16—The Interstate Commerce Commission is urging the president to prosecute Harriman under the Shipping Act Trust Law, declaring that the consolidation of the various Western roads under the Harriman system is nothing but a gigantic trust.

Seattle, July 16—The department has ordered that the Alaska Cabinet again resume shipping records. These reports which consist of the dates of sailing of various vessels leaving from or for Alaska ports, were sent by the various cabin offices free of charge, but were ordered discontinued about a month ago.

St. Petersburg, July 16—It is reported that Count Tolstoi, the famous Russian novelist and social reformer, is dead at his home at Yuli.

Seattle, July 16—Christian Endeavor delegate Rev. Mr. McMillan of Alaska in an address before the convention last night made the statement that the reservation system has done more to empower and degrade the Indians than any other evil in the Northland. He urges that steps be taken to do away with this system entirely.

Washington. July 17—Secretary Loeb announces that Roosevelt will positively consider running again for the presidency. He says the president is contemplating a trip to Alaska as soon as his term expires. He will visit the western portions and the interior on a hunting trip.

St. Louis, July 19—The Standard Oil Co. has filed a denial of the charges made against it and a number of other corporations that they have been parties to a conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Boston, July 17—So far there have been nine victims of the explosion on the battleship Georgia. This morning Edmond Walsh, a seaman, died from the injuries received, and a number of others, it is feared will not survive.

Portland, July 17—Vice-President Fairbanks passed through Portland without being welcomed in any manner. He was on the way to Astoria to visit Senator Fulton, and the anti-Fultons are so strong in this city that they succeeded in killing all attempts to honor the Vice-President. This is the coldest snub ever given to a federal official in Portland.

New York, July 17—It was announced that Wilson Mirner, who was recently divorced from his first wife, will marry Heven A. Green, a newspaper writer, early next month.