

PRESIDENT WON'T AGE MRS. BILLINGS VE TO MEASURE, SAYS STERN

Commercial Club President, Who Interviewed Taft, Returns Confident That Statehood Will Pass.

SENATE VOTE CLEARLY ON STATE RIGHTS ISSUE

Democrats, if Necessary, Will Cut Out Recall Rather Than Lose Arizona, Opinion of Local Man.

"President Taft will not veto the Flood statehood resolution," said President Simon Stern of the Albuquerque Commercial club yesterday on his return via the California limited from an extended eastern trip during which he visited Washington and had the pleasure of a personal interview with the president.

"It is my belief," said Mr. Stern, "that President Taft will either sign the bill under protest, delivering a good strong lecture to Arizona on the evil of her judiciary recall, or that he will allow it to become a law by inaction. In his conversation with me he never once stated that he would veto the bill, making it quite clear however, that he did not intend to sign it unless the objectionable recall was recalled. To my mind there is no reason why he should veto the bill, in his conversation with me he never once stated that he would veto the bill, making it quite clear however, that he did not intend to sign it unless the objectionable recall was recalled.

The very large vote in the senate for the Flood resolution was evidently along the issue of state rights. If the president insists, however, I believe that the Democrats will be willing to amend the recall for judges out and state the bill back to the president, rather than lose Arizona; for it is generally conceded that as matters stand now, if the Flood resolution is lost, New Mexico will come in automatically and leave Arizona out. There is only one real likelihood of an affirmative resolution by congress disapproving the New Mexico constitution; in fact that is out of the question; and nothing else would keep out New Mexico. This is, of course, a contingency that does not appeal to the democrats and they will certainly never allow it.

As to the matter of adjournment, the house will not adjourn until it gets ready, and I do not think that there is any danger of statehood losing by reason of an adjournment.

Mr. Stern says the standpatners in the senate have already rejected the statehood resolution today at 12:30 o'clock when the Vice-president signed it. It was then sent to the White House and if the bill is not vetoed the ten days' limitation will expire on August 22.

There is little change in the general outlook today. If the bill is vetoed, it is generally believed they will be difficult in passing it over his veto. New Mexicans will probably try to get a new resolution rushed through if a veto comes next week.

Intensely hot weather has stimulated talk of adjournment.

TEXAS NEGRO HANGED FOR INSULTING WOMAN

Farmersville, Tex., Aug. 11.—"Commodore" Jones, a negro, who is alleged, used insulting language to a telephone, was hanged by a mob here tonight. Jones was arrested yesterday. Tonight a mob of men and boys gained access to the negro's cell, marched him to the outskirts of town and compelled him to climb a telephone pole. A rope attached to the cross arm was placed about the unfortunate man's neck and he was forced to jump. The body, riddled with bullets, was left hanging.

FEAR GENERAL STRIKE OF RAILROAD SHOPMEN

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Reports from Pacific coast points that unions of railroad shop employees have served notice that they will cancel all agreements in thirty days were explained by railroad officials here today as meaning the unions have asked to be granted a conference within that period. At the expiration of thirty days the general strike may be called.

MOTHER OF FAMOUS TURFMAN CAUSES ARREST OF MEN WHO SOUGHT TO EXTORT \$500 FROM HER ON PENALTY OF DEATH.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Chicago, Aug. 11.—While C. K. G. Billings was driving his champion gelding, Ulman, to a new world's record for trotters at Cleveland today, his mother, Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, despite her 89 years, was making a little record of her own in capturing a would-be blackmailor or blackmailers, who are alleged to have made threats in "true black hand" fashion.

John Mills, a negro, and John Hendricks, a white man about 27 years, old, were arrested. Yesterday Mrs. Billings received a letter demanding that \$500 be wrapped in a bundle of old clothes and given to a man who would call and ask for work and for a package. Mrs. Billings promptly notified private detectives, who called the police to their aid. The officers were scattered about the grounds of the Billings home on West Lake street today when Mills appeared.

"I want a job about the horses here," Mills said to the maid, who answered the door. "We have no such work here," she replied.

"Well, then, how about that package?" Mills said to have asked. At this point the maid invited the mysterious visitor into the house and notified Mrs. Billings, who, owing to the infirmities of her years, was in bed. The maid was given a bundle of old clothes, but there was no money concealed within it, and this she handed to the negro, asking him to wait for a few moments. Then the detectives were notified and the arrest followed.

He expressed surprise at his detention. He said he came to Chicago last night from Cairo, and met a stranger who gave him the name of John Hendricks. Hendricks, he said, asked him if he wanted to earn fifty dollars. Mills said he was willing and he was told to visit the Billings' home and to ask for work and about the package. He was to have received his pay upon the completion of the mission.

Mills, after his arrest, led the officers to a west side saloon, where he pointed out Hendricks. Mills said he was the tool of Hendricks and knew nothing of threatening letters received by Mrs. Billings.

CHANGE FOR THOSE WITH LONG TONGUES

Wealthy Missouri Family Will Pay Well for Piece to Replace What Daughter Lost in Auto Accident.

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DOCTORS PREDICT EARLY RECOVERY OF POPE PIUS

His Holiness Sits Up and Jokes With Sisters and Officials Despite Painful Nature of Ailment.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Rome, Aug. 12.—The pope's health is reported to be improving and that he is sitting up in his chair several times during the day and joked with his sisters and officials who visited him.

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS INCLINED TO DISCREDIT CHARGES THAT ARTILLERYMAN IS IN EMPLOY OF AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—The case of Private George Petr of 135th coast artillery at Fort Totten, N. Y., who is charged by Miss Clara Anita Dyer of Kentucky, with being an Austrian nobleman acting as a spy in the United States army, will be investigated by Major General Frederick Grant, commander of the eastern division.

GENERAL GRANT TO PROBE SPY STORY

All the papers in the case were forwarded to General Grant today by General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army. These include an affidavit submitted by Miss Dyer to the dinner every member of the party taking a hot bath and donning thereafter white silk kimonos.

BROTHER RESCUES CONVICT FROM PRISON

Leaves His Guard Seriously Wounded and Tied to Tree in Forest; Had Outside Help in Escape.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Anamosa, Ia., Aug. 11.—A posse of a hundred men, in automobiles, tonight, pursues in the timber belt west of Marion, Ia., Charles Smith, a convict in the state penitentiary, and his brother, a recently discharged convict who today shot William Humaker, a prison guard, and then tied him to a tree.

The fugitives are said to be well supplied with firearms. Humaker probably will die, say physicians who attended him. He was shot in the stomach. Lashed to the tree, he suffered for some time before his cries finally summoned aid.

By a ruse friends of the convict were enabled to attack Humaker while he was more than a mile away from the prison, alone with Smith. Early today, while Smith was working in a stone quarry two miles from the prison walls, some one telephoned the warden's office and asked permission to see the convict.

Half way to the prison, he was confronted by an armed man. Before the guard could draw a revolver, he was shot down, Smith and his brother then tied the wounded man to a tree, leaped into a buggy and fled.

INJURED GUARD GIVES ACCOUNT OF BOLD ATTACK

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 11.—Humaker was able to swear to a statement this evening just before he submitted to an operation. He says that only one man assisted the prisoner to escape. This man Humaker says, was waiting behind a boulder. He commanded Humaker to throw up his hands. Seeing that Humaker was reaching for his gun, the desperado shot but missed and Humaker in turn, fired but missed.

The Smith brothers then dragged the guard down a thirty-foot embankment and several feet into the woods, and here they tied him to a tree and gagged him. They threatened to kill him if he made an outcry.

SHARP EARTHQUAKE SHOCK AT SAN BERNARDINO

Los Angeles and Other Pacific Coast Points Feel Tremor but No Serious Damage Is Reported.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 11.—The most severe earthquake felt in this vicinity in years, shook business buildings at 3:40 p. m. this afternoon with such severity that the occupants flew into the streets. The damage was trivial. A previous shock had been felt at 10:20 a. m.

COMFORT LOVING JAPANESE DINE IN KIMONOS

Banquet Served to Admiral by Consul in New York Carried Out in True Style of His Native Land.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] New York, Aug. 11.—Greeted by scores of Japanese and hundreds of Americans who mingled their shouts of "Banzai!" in an enthusiastic welcome, Admiral Count Togo, returned here at 8 o'clock tonight from his tour of Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

CATHOLIC TEMPERANCE UNION ELECTS OFFICERS

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 11.—The National Catholic Total Abstinence union convention today elected the following officers: President, Very Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, Chicago; secretary, John Shaughnessy, Scranton, Pa.

REACH AGREEMENT ON WOOL TARIFF FOR PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

Madero's Stock Slumps Sadly Following Break With Radical Element of Party and Reyes Announcement.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Mexico City, Aug. 11.—Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, today announced his willingness to become a candidate for the presidency of the republic. To an Associated Press reporter he said that should the anti-re-electionists nominate him, he could not see his way clear to refuse.

At the same time, however, he declared his relations with Francisco L. Madero were cordial and that he still was the candidate for vice president of the Madero ticket.

The old fight between church and state will be resumed in Mexico. Notwithstanding the separation effected by Benito Juarez almost half a century ago the Catholic church acting through the national Catholic party, has formally issued a call for a convention to place in nomination a candidate for the presidency.

The anti-re-electionists will place Dr. Gomez in nomination appears probable in view of their formal nomination of Madero last night. Because of Madero's refusal to annul the constitutional progressive party which he caused to be created a few weeks ago, the anti-re-electionists repudiated him and named Dr. Gomez as the head of their party.

It seems certain there will be at least four candidates for the presidency. A month ago there was but one candidate in sight—Madero. With the announcement of General Reyes that he would run there was noted a heavy fall in the Madero stock and since the split in his ranks and in view of the activity shown by the Catholic party there is great uneasiness among the Madero followers.

The first convention is that of the anti-re-electionists. On the following day August 16, the Catholics are summoned to make their choice, and on August 27, the progressives, Madero's party will convene.

ROOSEVELT, TAFT AND PINCHOT ALL WRONG

Alaskan Delegate Knows What Territory's Needs Are but Has Small Faith in Bills Proposed in Congress.

[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Seattle, Wash., Aug. 11.—Alaskan Delegate James Wickersham, who is in Seattle on his way to his home in Fairbanks, today denied the report telegraphed from Washington and St. Louis that he had announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

He declared himself opposed to the Robinson-Woods coal land leasing bill pending in congress, and said: "Colonel Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot are as radically wrong in their conception of Alaska, as it is the president, and between the two interests, Alaska is being crushed."

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[By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.] Washington, Aug. 11.—The campaign publicity bill will be reported to both houses tomorrow with the conference committee recommendation that it pass practically as amended by the senate. The conferees reached an agreement today, the house members offering no objection to the principal features of the senate amendment. Chairman Rucker of the committee, believed that the bill will go to the president immediately.

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