

RIO GRANDE SHOP WALK OUT THIS MORNING

Three Hundred and Fifty Employees in Salt Lake Throw Down Their Tools and Strike, in Obedience to Orders From a Committee Representing Them in Denver—Same Scene Enacted at Grand Junction Today—Not a Question of Wages, Simply One of Recognition of the Union.

Denver, March 16.—At 10 o'clock today 1,500 machinists, boiler-makers and members of kindred trades working in the Denver & Rio Grande shops, went on strike, in response to an order issued by W. J. McQuency, representing the machinists' national organization, after a final conference at which Manager A. C. Ridgway, of the railroad refused any concessions.

"The strike will ultimately spread to every road in the Gould system, and affect roads all over the United States," said Mr. McQuency. "There is every indication that the struggle will be a long one, and fought hard on both sides."

The strike is the result of an order posted by the road a month ago, abrogating all contracts with the unions. Since that time, numerous conferences have been held between the men and the company, but it was impossible to reach an agreement.

After a couple of tense weeks, the finale in local labor circles came this morning. The shopmen of the Rio Grande, in obedience to orders from a committee, representing them in Denver, threw down their tools this morning and are now out for an indefinite period. In the neighborhood of 350 men are out. A Grand Junction the shopmen also walked out and by this evening it will probably that the entire system will see the shops closed.

The walk-out was expected in a way and yet rather sudden. It came about through the company's abrogating its agreements with employees, or in other words, the company's avowed determination to maintain an "open-shop" and ignore labor unions. The wage question was not an issue to any great extent. The company announced several weeks ago that on March 14, it intended to abrogate its agreements and at that time the employees talked "strike."

COMMITTEE IN DENVER.

A committee, made up of shopmen, machinists and other employees and men, was sent post-haste to Denver to confer with officials of the company and frequent conferences have been held. Just what transpired at these sessions has not been given out to the men, themselves, even. A committee of men, however, was sent to Denver to confer with officials of the company and frequent conferences have been held. Just what transpired at these sessions has not been given out to the men, themselves, even. A committee of men, however, was sent to Denver to confer with officials of the company and frequent conferences have been held. Just what transpired at these sessions has not been given out to the men, themselves, even.

MEN GO HOME.

It was not thought by a good many of the men would strike, as times in the past, the men would walk out, but the workers were determined that their organizations were to be recognized as in the past. At the second the word came over the wire that the men were to strike, and they went out almost gladly.

RULES RESPONSIBLE.

The rules which caused all the trouble followed.

Effective March 16, 1908, the following rules and regulations for the government of shop and engine house employees will be observed: The hours of work shall be regulated from time to time as per instructions from this office.

The present hourly rates of pay will remain in effect.

Mechanics and helpers, including car men, if required to work after 6 p. m. week days, will be paid time and one-half for actual time worked; also time and one-half for Sundays, Decoration day, Independence day, Labor day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day.

Mechanics regularly employed in engine houses, whose service covers every day in the calendar month, also car repairers, car inspectors and car cleaners, regularly employed for every day in the calendar month, will receive straight time and pay for work performed on all days of the month. The day force, if required to work after 6 p. m. and the night force, if required to work after 6 a. m., will receive time and one-half for actual time worked.

"When it is necessary to send mechanics, helpers or car repairers on the road they will be started time while traveling and time and one-half for actual time worked between 6 p. m. and 7 a. m., and actual living expenses while away from home."

"Any employee who has a grievance and desires to appeal his case may do so in person, or he has the privilege of selecting two men from the same trade in his shop and with him representing him in the proper official, who will give the matter prompt attention."

"If a man is called from his home at night, the minimum pay will be for the hour."

The rules are signed by T. B. Purvis, superintendent of motive power and car departments.

EMPLOYEES ORDERLY.

The employees have been quiet and refused to discuss the trouble at all; referring questions to Denver, where, it was explained, all the talking was being done. The strike was started early this morning that the machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths had asked Vice President Schaeck, if the company would sign the rules for one week, with the understanding that the men asked if it would sign them for 30 days, and when this was turned down it was plainly evident the company was out for an open shop. A meeting was held in this city at the end of last week and while no detailed statement would be made by any of the men who attended, enough leaked out to indicate that the company officials had been in the city, and that the company had a probability of a sympathetic strike, but such a step is not anticipated by anyone at this end of the line.

Some weeks back the company laid off its shop men for a half month, but this period of enforced idleness had no effect upon the spirits of the men, evidently.

COMPANY'S ATTITUDE.

The company has assumed this attitude. It will, hereafter, deal with its employees as individuals as it intends to ignore unions and any man or body of men representing labor organizations, given the right to represent them in difficulties and in all ways.

Both have been declaring their determination to stand firm and today the employees call the company's hand.

Just what the next play in the game is to be, will be awaited with interest. By the Rio Grande and its employees is only a drop in the bucket of labor agitation. Many contend the big "show down" between labor and capital is being played out in the Gould system. With spring opening up it is figured men can find means to earn bread and butter in various ways. The corporations feel satisfied at having a reckoning now, as conditions and battles are black at the present time.

So far, however, the Gould lines are alone in forcing issues to heads. Other railroad companies and their employees are getting along splendidly.

REAL WORK BEGINS FOR AMERICAN FLEET

Washington, March 16.—Record target practice by Admiral Evans, "Big 16" began at Magdalena Bay yesterday and will continue for approximately two weeks. This information was received by the navy department by wireless.

Secy. Metcalf is considering an application made today by Senator Flint of California on behalf of the residents of towns along the coast in the vicinity of Los Angeles, to have the fleet divided into four squadrons when it reaches San Pedro. Should this plan be adopted, one squadron will visit Santa Monica, one at Venice, one at Delondo and the other at Long Beach.

Secy. Metcalf has taken the request in consideration with Admiral Pillsbury of the navy bureau, and it doubtless will be approved if the arrangements are found adequate.

The torpedo boats Farragut, Davis and Fox were today ordered in commission.

"IN GOD WE TRUST."

House of Representatives Passes Bill Restoring Motto to All Coins.

Washington, March 16.—Under the suspension of the rules, the house passed the bill providing for the restoration of the motto "In God We Trust" on gold and silver coins of the United States.

THUNDERSTORM'S SHOCK DRIVES WOMAN INSANE

New York, March 16.—Recalled by a thunderstorm last night, vivid memories of the shock she sustained last summer when her husband was killed by a lightning bolt, and she was stricken unconscious, caused Mrs. Lizzie Dickson, a nurse employed in a Harlem family, to lose her reason and attempt suicide by throwing herself from a window.

When Mrs. Dickson saw the lightning accompanying the storm, she became hysterical, tore pictures from the wall, attempted to demolish furniture and was with difficulty restrained by members of the family from throwing herself to the pavement. She was removed to the observation ward at Bellevue.

Los Angeles, March 16.—Lieutenant Richard D. White, U. S. N., is in this city en route to Magdalena Bay, where he will witness the target practice of the battleship fleet and report to the navy department regarding the efficiency of the guns and gunners and the maneuvers of the ships. Lieutenant White came to sail for Magdalena Bay on the supply ship Culgo.

MCCANDLASS FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Moses Jones Who Was Struck With Beer Bottle Dies Of Injuries.

IN DRUNKEN BRAWL AT LEHI

Skull Was Found to Be Cracked in Several Places, Radiating from Spot of Impact.

(Special to the "News.")

Lehi, March 16.—Moses Jones, who was struck over the head with a beer bottle by Duane McCandless in a drunken brawl here Thursday night, died yesterday afternoon at 4. An operation was performed on him Saturday by Drs. Holbrook and Robinson, in which a piece of the skull was removed from over his right eye, where it was resting on the brain, also several congealed clots of blood. The skull was found to be cracked in several places radiating from the spot. There will be no inquest held. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Jones was 29 years old and leaves a wife and five boys.

McCandless was retained in custody pending the outcome of the assault, and upon Jones' death he was taken to Provo, where the case goes into the hands of the county attorney. A charge of murder will no doubt be lodged against him. McCandless is 25 years old, and has a wife and one child.

DONATION TO CHARITY REAPS RICH REWARD

New York, March 16.—Bernard Satsky, an expressman of Newark, took \$1 to the congregation Anse Russian temple to give to the rabbi for charity.

"You might as well enjoy your charity," he was told. "Use the dollar to go to the charity ball of the congregation tonight. It will be just the same."

Satsky went to the ball and before he started for his stable afterward he heard that the coupon on his ticket for the ball was the one that had drawn in a raffle a three-story dwelling house in Prince street, unencumbered by mortgage.

BILLS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Washington, March 16.—By the vote of 3 to 2, the sub-committee of the senate committee on the judiciary today declared unconstitutional all of the bills intended to remove federal barriers against states exercising control of their police powers, for the regulation of the liquor traffic. Hearings on these measures have been held covering almost the entire present session and the bills were advocated by representatives of practically all of the states where there is a strong prohibition sentiment. The members of the sub-committee are Senators Knox, Nelson, Fulton, Bacon and Rayner.

DESPONDENT CLERK A SUICIDE

Washington, March 17.—Despondent because of his transfer from one substation to another in this city, William A. Ridgeley, for 20 years assistant superintendent of carriers in the Washington postoffice, jumped to his death from the fourth story of his home at 1104 Thirteenth street, Northwest. He had not fully recovered from the inhalation of illuminating gas a fortnight ago. He was 63 years old and had been a postal employee for 40 years.

TAILOR STILL LIVES WITH BULLET IN BRAIN

New York, March 16.—Despite the fact that he was taken to the Williamsburg hospital with a bullet in his brain, Oscar Zorn, a tailor, is still alive and today the delicate operation of placing a silver plate in his skull will be performed at that institution.

JAPANESE STATESMEN WRESTLE WITH FINANCE

Tokyo, March 15.—The government of Japan, finding that the self-imposed burden of nationalized railroads is likely to prove too heavy, is now engaged in consideration of tentative projects for relieving itself and at the same time serving the double purpose of building up the industries of the country, providing additional exports for its subsidized steamship lines, and increasing its own income by the revenue derivable from increased production. To the layman nothing presents so difficult a problem at the present time as that of high finance in Japan.

APPROPRIATION MADE TO CARRY ON WORK IN UTAH

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., March 16.—The agricultural appropriation bill as reported to the house on March 11, contains an item for the appropriation of \$15,000 for irrigation and drainage work to be carried on by the officers of experiment stations under A. C. True, director of that office.

The legislation of Utah at its last session appropriated \$5,000 to be expended on the condition that the expenditure of a similar amount by the department of agriculture of the United States be made to carry on this class of work.

The work in Utah includes both irrigation and drainage, the irrigation being under the direction of Prof. McLaughlin of the Agricultural college at Logan, Utah. The drainage work is under the direction of C. F. Brown of Salt Lake City.

At Logan experiments have been carried on for six or eight years to determine how and when to apply water in order to secure the best returns as to quantity and quality of crops to be raised. The results of this work for all years is now being compiled by Prof. McLaughlin.

The drainage work has been chiefly in the reclamation of lands which have been injured by alkali, owing to the rise of ground-water where water has been used too liberally or wasted from ditches. The department has been very successful in reclaiming such lands and the proposed appropriation is for the continuation of the work along the lines already laid down.

BIGGEST IRRIGATED AREA IN THE WORLD

Twin Falls Project in Idaho Now Covers Nearly Two Million Acres.

VERITABLE INLAND EMPIRE.

Last Link Is Forged in Chain of Reclamation Plans Which Will Place Gem State Far in Lead

(Special to the "News.")

Boise, Idaho, March 16.—With the filing of papers in the office of the state engineer by the Twin Falls-Bruneau Land & Water company for the control of certain water rights from the Snake river and other streams, a link was formed in the chain of irrigation projects under the management of the above named company to make the already famous Twin Falls tract the greatest irrigated area in the world. The papers just filed with the state engineer ask for the appropriation of waters sufficient to irrigate 900,000 acres lying in Owyhee county, adjacent to the Twin Falls tract. This combined with the enterprises already under the control of the above named company, they will irrigate the Glens Ferry project on the north will make the greatest "Inland Empire" on the continent, embracing approximately 2,600,000 acres of choice land, which could support a population of 200,000 people.

Idaho already has more irrigated land than any other state in the Union, and has reclamation land under the provisions of the Carey act than any other state; but such movements as the one above referred to and the assurance of an appropriation by Congress of about a million acres of Carey land will easily put Idaho in the front rank of the "irrigators" of the world.

NEARLY TWO MILLION ACRES.

To carry out the present plans of the Twin Falls company in completing the Bruneau project, which they recently completed, and orders already on hand, an expenditure of \$30,000,000 will be required. These projects will embrace 1,700,000 acres. They are as follows:

Twin Falls South side.....	240,000 acres
Twin Falls North side.....	240,000 acres
Twin Falls Salmon river.....	150,000 acres
Twin Falls Bruneau.....	150,000 acres
Total.....	1,720,000 acres

UNITE WITH SERVICE.

In order to secure sufficient water through the medium of the great Snake river for the irrigation of the immense tracts of land, the Twin Falls company have united with the reclamation service, which is engaged in constructing the Shoshone irrigation works, in the conservation of an immense body of water in Jackson's lake, Wyoming, which will be used as a huge storage reservoir, capable of affording a continuous and liberal stream of water during the whole year.

For the carrying of water to the Twin Falls-Bruneau tract the present Twin Falls canal of over thirty miles in length will be enlarged to immense proportions and extended another thirty miles.

Certain contracts have already been let and construction work will begin right away and it is thought that the work on the Salmon river project will be sufficiently advanced as to make an opening to land settlement in June next.

JAPAN AND CHINA AGREE TO TERMS

Steamer Tatsu Maru is Released And Incident Will Soon Be Closed.

MUST SALUTE THE JAP FLAG

Officers of Offending Ship Are to Be Punished, Cargo Will Be Bought And Demurrage Paid.

Hongkong, March 16.—The Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru has been released by the Chinese authorities.

Peking, March 16.—The full terms under which the Tatsu Maru, the Japanese steamer that was seized by China in February on the allegation that she was conveying arms and ammunition to the Chinese revolutionists, has been released, are as follows:

First—China agreed to punish the officers who lowered the Japanese flag on the Tatsu Maru and to send a warship, where the vessel was seized to fire a salute as the Japanese flag is released.

Second—The Tatsu Maru is to be released at once.

Third—China will purchase the arms and ammunition seized.

Fourth—She will punish the officers who committed this breach against international usage.

Fifth—The victory of Canton will settle the amount of demurrage for the retention of the steamer and her cargo in the Japanese consul and finally, Japan agrees to exercise extra diligence against her subjects in the matter of smuggling arms into China.

HITCHCOCK IS ACQUIRED.

New York, March 16.—Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, today was acquired by direction of Justice Blanton of the supreme court today and brought by several young girls, after one of the girls had testified that the allegations she had made against the actor were untrue.

The acquittal was on the indictment growing out of charges made by Ellen Von Hagen. There are several other indictments on similar charges still pending.

BIGAMIST GOES TO JAIL.

Napa, Cal., March 15.—Archey F. Winfrey, charged with bigamy, pleaded guilty in the superior court today and was sentenced to three and a half years at San Quentin and \$500 fine. Winfrey married Miss Celeste Marr of St. Helena in December last, deserting her in San Francisco. Mrs. Winfrey No. 1, whom he had wedded in Denver, Colo., only 10 days before Miss Marr, has also commenced an action to have her marriage annulled.

MASSACRE FEARED BY FRENCH CONSUL

Paris, March 16.—The situation between the Haysan government and France has become acute and critical. The French legation at Port au Prince mentioned a general massacre of the white residents of the islands is feared. This information was conveyed in an official dispatch to the foreign office from M. Carteron, the French minister to Hayti.

"CROOKED KING" TILLMAN'S TARGET

With His Pitchfork Style He Pays His Respects to the President.

BLAMED FOR MANY THINGS

Alleged "Cold-Blooded Facts" Cited By Carolinian in His Arraignment Of Roosevelt's Policies.

Washington, March 16.—Clint what he claimed to be "cold-blooded facts," to show executive responsibility for many of the evils which exist, Senator Tillman, in a speech made in the senate today said:

"In the same category of 'keeping the work of commerce to the ear and breaking them to the hope' if the newspapers are to be believed, he is even being played (trick) with these same rich malefactors and is ready to grant amnesty to all past trust offenders."

"In the most pronounced language he has denounced the combination between labor organizations and the boycott but on the eve of an election panders to this same vote by demanding changes in the law as interpreted by the supreme court. The ignorance of the law is to be relieved from the prohibition of the supreme court's decisions, but along with it must go the relief of capital. Once relieved, the malefactors of great wealth will smile in triumph over their victory while labor will find itself no freer than before."

A FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER.

Mr. Tillman charged many of the evils in connection with the recent financial flurry to the president and his administration and said:

"These are only a few of the achievements of this 'crooked king.' With others of his kind, he has created a Frankenstein monster, which, unsatisfied by the banner of ignorance and heartbroken women, threatens to devour and consume his creators who were able to quench his thirst by torrents of gold poured out by the federal treasury."

He charged the senate and house with absolute subservience to the wishes of the chief executive.

"Servility and cowardice are the order of the day," he said.

Mr. Tillman also asserted that every effort was being made to control the negro vote and coming back to the charge of favoritism on the part of the president towards the wealthy, he said:

MONEY IN CAMPAIGN.

"The poor fools who were shouting his praises have so far failed to understand that the bad government which the Republican party has given 'the people' is due solely to the ignorance and debauchery of the people. Misled and deceived by the newspapers, which are owned by the rich men, they are organized and disorganized, trails along behind the banner of Republicanism and shouts for Roosevelt and his policies. The millions who have been robbed, are equally as enthusiastic as the 'crooked king' who have been benefited. The capacity of the people to govern themselves wisely and protect their interests is seriously called in question by existing conditions. The money which came by dishonest means and methods is used to control the machinery of nomination at Chicago. The price of negro delegates in the south rises day by day. The officeholding oligarchy, manipulated and led by a high official of the government under Roosevelt's sanction and orders and reinforced by millions in the hands of the corrupt friends of the 'crooked king' is opposed in the struggle for the control of these southern delegates by beneficiaries of Republican misgovernment, who want to be left alone in the enjoyment of power and the benefits of their private fortunes which the existing conditions afford."

"It is a battle between predatory wealth on the one side, with the prestige of the president thrown in the balance in behalf of his favorites. Civil service rules, pernicious activity of government officials, bold and unblushing efforts to dictate his measures in the senate, House or compel his own re-nomination for a third term are conspicuous factors of the situation."

CRUISERS IN RESERVE.

Washington, March 16.—The first class cruisers New York, St. Louis and Milwaukee are to be placed in reserve at the navy yard at Philadelphia, to allow them to be ready for service within 24 hours.

NEW NAVAL REGULATION.

Washington, March 16.—An effort will be made at this session to have Congress enact a bill recommended by Secy. Metcalf authorizing the acceptance and care of gifts presented to naval vessels. Nearly every vessel has some gift or another, largely, however, silver service, given by the states or cities for which the ship is named.

Most of these articles, as far as figures have been obtainable, amount to half a million dollars. The legislation is desired particularly because the gifts may arise as to the status of these gifts in case of their loss by theft or otherwise.

SUPPLIES FOR FLEET.

Washington, March 16.—Large shipments of supplies of beef, potatoes and rice for the supply ship Arctura are to be sent to Panama by the navy department. The supplies are to be put aboard the vessel about March 29 for the torpedo boat destroyer flotilla now at Panama.

PLASTER QUARRY CLOSES.

Hopewell Hill, Neb., March 16.—The plaster quarry of the Albert Manufacturing company at Hillsboro, have suspended operations for two months. The temporary shut-down is necessitated by the dullness of American markets. About 200 men are thrown out of employment.

POPULIST DECLARES FOR SENATOR LA FOLLETTE

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FLOODS THREATEN PERIL TO ENTIRE NORTHWEST

Cities Under Water After Ceaseless Rains—Supply of Waterworks System May be Cut off at Any Moment—Washouts and Land Slides Block All Railroad Systems—Danger of Breaking Dikes and Dams Causes Much Apprehension for the Safety of Lives and Property.

WALLA WALLA INUNDATED.

Walla Walla, Wash., March 16.—Not for years has this city faced so serious a situation as it does this morning from the floods which have come down from the Blue mountains and have made Mill creek a roaring torrent. At 1:45 a. m., so far as can be learned the following is a resume of the night's damage:

The Fourth street bridge has been washed out; part of the Third street bridge has been blasted out; the gas works has been flooded and is closed down; Main street from above Sixth street to the O. R. & N. passenger depot is reported to be under water. In the business district the water is rapidly filling basements. Outside of the city, as within, flood conditions are apparent in all parts of the Walla valley.

PORTLAND, OR., MARCH 16.—

Not in many a year have so many points in the Pacific northwest all at the same time faced such serious damage from flood as they do this morning. From last Friday until now heavy rains have fallen over the whole of the northwest and every rivulet is a roaring torrent and every river a lake. Bridges have been washed out or dynamited, railroad tracks are under water and when traffic is not delayed by these disasters, huge landslides block the way.

The most serious reports come from Walla Walla. Mill creek, which flows through that city, nearly every winter goes on a rampage, but at present it is outdoing previous records and has

FIFTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL ENDS LIFE WITH BULLET

Trenton, N. J., March 16.—Margaretta Borden, 15 years old, daughter of Harry L. Borden, shot herself in the heart last night as the result of grief. Three causes are assigned for her action: the loss of her father to a young man who had been calling upon her, worry because her mother was dying of consumption and disappointment over the placing of her two sisters in charge of her uncle in Atlantic City, forcing her to attend to the household duties.

"I am tired of it all," she said just before entering her room and firing the shot.

COUNTLESS LOST SUIT.

Washington, March 16.—The claim of the Countess of Havana, Vista against Major General Brooke for \$250,000 damages on account of his revocation while military governor of Cuba of her husband's slaughter, the castle for Havana was decided today by the supreme court of the United States against the countess.

SUPREME COURT OPINION ADVERSE TO BIG PACKERS

Washington, March 16.—The preceding by the government against the Armour Packing company, Swift & Co., Morris & Co., and the Cudahy company, all of them operating in Kansas City, Kan., under which the companies were each fined \$15,000 by the United States circuit court for the western district of Missouri, on the charge of receiving rebates contrary to the provisions of the Elkins act, was decided by the supreme court of the United States today adversely to those companies. The court's opinion was announced by Justice Day, who held that the Elkins act is applicable to transportation anywhere and that an offering of rebates is confined to the initial point. He also held it applicable alike to shipper and carrier.

BRYAN STARTS TOMORROW ON LONG SPEAKING TRIP

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—W. J. Bryan left today for Chicago, where he will deliver the St. Patrick's day address tomorrow.

He will deliver an address in Peoria March 18, and will then return to Chicago the following day. He will be at Bloomington, Ind., March 20, Covington, Ky., March 21, and will then go to Richmond, making two stops in Virginia on the way.

He will be in Pittsburgh March 27. He will stop at Parkersburg, W. Va., March 28, and will then go to Kansas City, where he will speak March 30. He will return to Lincoln the following day and will entertain the Democratic-Populist editors at a banquet at the Lindell hotel. Early in April he will take a trip through Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. He will be in Kansas City April 3 and will visit Denver April 6.

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FEAR TOWN'S SAFETY.

Next in point of seriousness is the situation at Pendleton, although the levees built after last year's floods are still holding, there is fear that they are becoming undermined. In this case the town will suffer serious damage.

In the Lewiston, Idaho, country, railroad tracks are reported under water, bridges washed out and fears are entertained that the waterworks which supply that city will be flooded and the supply of drinking water shut off. Many families have been driven from their homes.

The Touchet and Patit rivers have washed out the city dike at Dayton, Washington.

In western Washington the rivers around Seattle are numbered among the principal sufferers. The worst of these is the Oregon Railroad & Navigation-Union Pacific system—which has not been able to send a train through for the past 36 hours. This road is blocked principally by heavy landslides east and west of Pendleton.

Train service in the neighborhood of Walla Walla and from Lewiston north is at a standstill.

The Northern Pacific and Great Northern are almost entirely out of the flood districts, though the Northern Pacific suffered from some extent of slides in the western part of Washington.

The prospects this morning are that conditions throughout the three states will be worse instead of better. According to the latest forecast, a new storm which made its appearance off Vancouver island Sunday morning, is now moving across the Pacific northwest and will cause general rains throughout the district.

PROTESTANT MINISTER TO BE CATHOLIC PRIEST

Manistee, Mich., March 16.—Returning as a Roman Catholic priest to this city, where for several years he held the rectory of the Protestant Episcopal church, Rev. Ernest Willoughby Jewell will sing his first solemn mass in Catholic church here on March 24. Rev. Jewell received the minor orders at the cathedral at Grand Rapids, Michigan, last week and will be ordained a priest next Thursday in Grand Rapids. His first charge will be at Manistee. It is said that about 15 of his former parishioners will follow him to the new Catholic church. Before he left the Episcopal church in 1907, Rev. Jewell who is a widower with three children, held vicarates at Petoskey, Calumet and Manistee, being known as an extreme high churchman.

ORDERED TO HAVI

London, March 16.—The admiralty this morning sent orders by cable to the British cruisers Indefatigable and Creasy, which are both in West Indian waters, to proceed forthwith to Hayti for the protection of British interests there.

SENATOR SMOOT'S BILL

Dry Farm Measure to Be Incorporated With Similar Bill in House.

"That Senator Reed Smoot's dry farm bill is to be consolidated with a similar bill introduced in the house, is the information contained in a letter from Senator Smoot to Secy. Lon J. Haddock of the M. & M. association.

The letter reads: "I enclose you a copy of my dry farm bill. It was successful in securing the passage of the bill through the senate, and it is now pending in the house. I have had several conferences with the chairman of the house committee on public lands, and we have agreed to consolidate the bill as introduced with mine. The non-residence feature of my bill will not be disturbed as far as arid lands are concerned." The non-residence feature is the most prominent of the bill, as it enables dry farmers to obtain the necessary tracts of land without complying with impossible conditions, drawn up when such land was thought to be impossible for farmers to occupy or care for.

N. G. U. AT ATTENTION.

Utah Militia Is In Splendid Trim for Inspection on May 11.

In the best for its history, the Utah National Guard is now putting on the final trimmings for the annual U. S. government inspection, hereafter these inspections have been made with anxiety with a certain ahead that the guard would not be in the form desired and that the holding of a man's family skeletons as possible would be all that could be done in the way of special preparation. Now, however, the army is something of which officers and men alike will be proud, and an enthusiasm exists in all branches of the service. Capt. Webb declared today that his battery could lead a hundred or more of dragoon, and that he was as ready as any man in the state to lead his men into battle.

The inspection will commence May 11 and will be in charge of an officer from Douglas. On his report the government will judge so far as Utah is concerned as to the success of its policy of making an army reserve of the militia organizations.

STATEN IS IMPROVING.

Negro Now Stands Excellent Chance For Recovery.

"Buck" Staten, the negro who was shot and thought to be fatally wounded, by Jerry Chien, Thursday night during a row in a gambling saloon at Sandy Hill, is now showing signs of recovery. He is now in an excellent state of recovery. He is now in an excellent state of recovery. He is now in an excellent state of recovery.