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THE proposed admission of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory under the former's name meets with little or no objection from the United States newspapers; but the felling is expressed that to admit Arizona and New Mexico at this time, under the name of Arizona would be a mistaken policy. The terms of the bill now before Congress seem to be agreeable to Oklahoma and Indian Territory, but in Arizona public opinion is protesting with all its might against the proposed merger with New Mexico. The governor of Arizona says that the people "would desire that their commonwealth would remain a territory rather than be joined with New Mexico"; and their delegate to Congress declared that they "would rather wait until the crack of doom." It is considered unfortunate that this opposition should jeopardize the fortunes of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and it is thought that the bill in its present form will not pass Congress.

PARLIAMENT effaced itself during the week preceding the Ontario general elections, meeting each day for a few minutes only, evidently bent on marking time until the absent Ontario members could get to work. Already two bills to amend the Railway Act of 1903 have been introduced by Mr. Maclean and Mr. Lancaster. Mr. Maclean's bill proposes to deprive the Chairman of the Railway Commission of the power conferred upon him by the Act of being the sole and undisputed judge of whatever the Commission shall choose to declare is a matter of law. It is obvious that scarcely any question can come before a court that is not a matter of law, and the Commission is by statute a court of record. As it stands, therefore, the chairman is the whole commission in every case, and if that is true why waste the public money

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by paying salaries to two dummies? There is also a two-cent fare graduated clause in the bill for which a good deal might be said, but, we suppose, it will be opposed by the railway companies. Mr. Lancaster's bill is of a trivial character.

THE Hungarian Diet seems to consist chiefly of blood and thunder.

BY the time the National Transcontinental Railway begins to be constructed the Canadian Northern system will be clear across the continent assisting greatly in relieving the western congestion and contributing to the prosperity of the Dominion.

THE following despatch, not being marked "adv.," sent out from Halifax under date March 9, 1904, was an impudent fraud on the public, and is worthy the attention of the Ottawa government which has pledged the public funds to the concern to a substantial extent.

It has been learned that arrangements are now being made with the Marconi Wireless Company for the establishment of a press association for Canada, with headquarters at Table Head, Glace Bay. A staff of from twenty to thirty operators will be employed for the receiving and transmission of news. The association will have representatives all over Canada. It will furnish and collect only such news as will be of interest to Canadian readers. The Marconi system will be used exclusively. The news collected from the different parts of Canada will be transmitted to the association's head office in Great Britain, which will be at Poldhu, for distribution among British journals. Mr. Marconi is expected here in a month or two, when the station at Table Head will be formally opened for commercial service.

THE attention of Medical Referees of Life Assurance companies is called to the following rules laid down by William Thorburn, F.R.C.S.E., in a paper upon Appendicitis, recently read before the Insurance Institute of Manchester, in respect