

EIGHT INJURED

While Working at Winchester Light Plant.

BIG PLATFORM GIVES AWAY

Men Plunge Into Cement Pit, a Distance of Thirty-Four Feet—Frank Gilliam Is the Most Seriously Injured.

Eight men were quite seriously injured at Winchester this morning, when a platform, on which they were working, gave way under the strain of a heavy piece of machinery, and allowed them to fall into a cement pit thirty-four feet below.

The injured are: Frank Gilliam—Injury at base of brain, shoulder dislocated, cut and bruised.

Grant Tipton—Left leg and right thigh bruised and cut.

W. Johnson—Left shoulder mashed. Minor bruises on body.

H. Whitecher—Bruises on right arm and body.

Jack Decker—Bruises on legs and body.

L. Woody—Sprains and bruises of right shoulder and right leg. Nose cut and bruised.

Ory Woody—Minor bruises and cuts.

John—Minor bruises and cuts.

The accident occurred at about 8:30 o'clock this morning and shortly thereafter word was telephoned to this city. Drs. Seely, Sether & Stewart were summoned and left for the scene of the accident immediately by automobile. Temporary relief was administered by the physicians, and the patients were later taken to their respective homes where they are now resting as easy as could be expected. Gilliam, who was one of the first to fall into the pit sustained the most serious injuries, and it will be some time before the physicians can predict the final outcome of his case. Gilliam appears to be playing in hard luck—having been one of the men who was injured a few years ago when the county bridge collapsed at Umpqua. Following the latter accident Gilliam was incapacitated for several months.

According to reports received from Winchester today the eight workmen had hoisted a part of the heavy turbine upon a high platform and were about to lower the same into the cement pit for emplacement. The weight of the platform and men was too much for the structure and without warning one side of the structure suddenly collapsed. Unable to grasp nearby projections the eight men slid off from the platform and plunged downward into the pit for a distance of something over 30 feet. In most cases the fall of the men was broken by iron beams, and thereby averted serious injuries. Fortunately the machinery, which weighed about a half a ton, became wedged between some projections and did not descend into the pit. Had the machinery have fallen into the pit it is probably that every man working on the job would have either been killed or permanently maimed. According to The News informant the piece of machinery which was probably responsible for the accident was a part of the monster turbine now being installed at the plant of the Douglas County Water and Light company.

While the injuries of the men are painful, the attending physicians believe that they will recover—with the possible exception of Gilliam. The extent of Gilliam's injuries cannot be determined for several days. As soon as the news of the accident was received here local officials of the Douglas County Water and Light Company notified physicians, who left for the scene shortly thereafter.

Improvement work on the Win-

chester water and light plant has been in progress several months, and fortunately this is the first accident of consequence that has occurred.

EXPRESS RATES WILL BE LOWERED, ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY.

A. F. Rapp Goes To Chicago To Confer With High Officials Of the Company.

A. F. Rapp, of the Wells-Fargo Express Company yesterday went to Portland to confer with the superintendent of the district before he started east to be present next week at a meeting in Chicago of representatives of the company from over the United States to confer with President B. D. Caldwell in regard to the rate cutting that takes place December 1. In all express companies following an order issued some time ago by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

That the Wells-Fargo Company expects to compete actively with the Parcel Post is the announcement made by George C. Sewell, local agent of the company. For some time plans have been going ahead for the abolishing the present system of rates and arrange the territory of the United States into zones after the manner of the parcel post which is divided into eight zones. Such a lowering of rates and establishing of zones will reduce the profits of the company on merchandise packages by one half. As an example of this the present rate from Seattle to San Francisco for a two pounds package costs 16 cents by parcel post, and 35 cents or over twice as much by express. After December, this difference will be done away with and the express companies will reduce their rates.

NEW SITUATION

Confronts American Officials In Mexican Trouble.

UNREST SEEMS ON INCREASE

Believed That Actual Warfare Will Be Delayed at Least Sixty Days—Ministers To Mexico Meet.

(Special to The Evening News.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Confidential advices to the state department direct from Mexico City indicate that there is the greatest activity among followers of Huerta. Wholesale arrests are being made in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate the dictator. It is understood that Huerta plans to have all of his leading opponents in the metropolitan district locked up before congress meets tomorrow to canvass the election returns. Huerta's rivals freely admit that they are defeated.

The president conferred this forenoon with Boaz Long, head of the bureau of Latin American affairs concerning consular reports and conditions in the Mexican interior. Former Solicitor General Moore, who handled the Mexican situation under Taft's administration, also conferred but refused to reveal the nature of the conversation. Moore originally favored recognizing Huerta but it is understood he now favors extending recognition to General Carranza, the rebel leader.

The emissary of Carranza is expected here late today to submit the rebels' plans, and urge that the embargo on arms and ammunition be lifted by the United States. The emissary won't ask the recognition of the rebels' cause, according to Perez Romero, their confidential agent, but will pledge Carranza's word to oust Huerta within sixty days if allowed to import munitions of war.

Ministers Are Expected.

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 31.—German, Russian and Swedish ministers, whose stations are at Mexico City, are expected here today to confer with Emissary Lind concerning the probable action to be taken by the United States toward Mexico in event General Blanquet is declared president to succeed Huerta.

OREGON APPLES

Will be Specialized in Oregon on November 18.

APPLES IN EVERY FASHION

Hotels and Restaurants Will Serve Apples in All Styles, According to Agreement—Roseburg To Feature Apples.

The Commercial Clubs of the state of Oregon, in order to assist one of Oregon's most important industries, have established November 18th, as Oregon Apple Day. One that day every loyal citizen of Oregon is expected to eat all the Oregon apples he can contain.

All the hotels, restaurants, boarding houses and smaller eating places are requested to serve apples in the various forms in order to aid in the establishment of Oregon Apple Day.

With the exception of a very few unfortunates, everybody can eat apples. Not everyone can eat such apples as are grown in the Umpqua Valley, and as the residents of this favored valley will have the opportunity to eat the finest apples grown in America, it should not be necessary to more than call attention to the date.

At Easter time the children, especially the boys, take great pride in telling the number of eggs they ate for breakfast. A more wholesome diet, and one with greater reason for pride will be the similar observance of Apple Day, and it is hoped that every boy in Douglas county will eat at least a dozen apples on that particular day, thus setting a good example to his elders.

Remember, November 18th, Oregon Apple Day. Eat all the Oregon apples you can, and wherever you happen to be, include Oregon apples as a part of each of the three meals served to you during the day. Hotels and restaurants of Roseburg will be asked to feature Oregon apples on this date, and quite a little publicity

BROWN IS LAUDED.

In a letter received today from an officer of the Oregon Implement Dealers' Association, District Attorney George M. Brown, of Roseburg, is lauded for his success in convicting and affirming upon an appeal to the Supreme Court a case in which a peddler was arrested for selling vehicles in Coos county without a license. The same peddler operated in Roseburg, but was not arrested until he invaded Coos county. The district attorney succeeded in convicting the peddler in the Coos county courts and later affirmed the decision following a hearing in the Supreme Court.

will be given the places that serve these apples.

PRODUCERS' FRUIT COMPANY SHIP THREE CARS OF APPLES TO EASTERN MARKET

One Car to Baltimore, Another to Indianapolis and a Third to Sacramento.

The local warehouse of the Producers' Fruit Company, of Sacramento, Cal., is today preparing three cars of apples for shipment to distant markets. One of these cars is being loaded with Spitzenbergs, and will be consigned to Baltimore, Md. The second car, which will contain mixed varieties, will be shipped to Indianapolis. The third car, also of mixed varieties, will be consigned to Sacramento, Cal.

The fruit shipped by the Producers' Fruit company this year is of the finest, and is bringing excellent prices in the distant markets. The buying and packing of these apples is being done under the personal direction of R. C. Skinner, local manager for the company.

In the language of Mr. Skinner the apple business is better this season than for a long time past.

Mrs. R. Taylor left for her home at Tacoma, Wash., this morning after a couple of days spent in Roseburg attending to business matters.

DIE ON GALLOWS

Madford Murderers Pay Penalty of Crime.

BOTH DECLARE THEIR INNOCENCE

Doomed Men Repudiate Confession and Blame a Third Man With the Murder—History of the Case.

SALEM, Oct. 31.—Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour were hanged at 8:20 o'clock this morning at the state penitentiary for the murder in September, 1912, of George Dedasklou, a Greek. The crime was committed at Medford. Both men mounted the scaffold stoically, and before the black caps were adjusted each man made a brief statement, in which they declared themselves innocent of the crime charged against them. Seymour expressed the hope that he would be the last man in Oregon to suffer death by law. They were accompanied to the gallows by Fathers Moore and Victor, priests of the Catholic church. Seymour was pronounced dead in seven minutes after the trap was sprung and Spanos in fifteen minutes.

History of Crime.

Spanos, Seymour and Dedasklou met on the night of the murder at a pool-room in Medford. The prosecution alleged that Dedasklou had money and the other two planned to knock him on the head and rob him. A watermelon was purchased and the three repaired to an old box factory on the outskirts of the town. Spanos and Seymour say that Erks was also a member of the party. According to confessions made by the condemned men, which they later repudiated, Seymour struck Dedasklou on the back of the head with a piece of gas pipe as he was eating the melon. He was stunned and they robbed him. Spanos, according to the confessions, then declared that Dedasklou, if allowed to live, would blurt him. It was then decided that

NEW MAIL SERVICE.

Through the efforts of Postmaster L. F. Reizenstein the postoffice department at Washington has issued an order directing that a sealed pouch be carried from Roseburg to Portland on train No. 14, which leaves this city for the north at 2:15 in the afternoon. Only mail which is directed to Portland, Eastern states and Washington will be carried in this pouch, which will not be opened until it reaches the Rose City. Only first class mail matter will be carried. Mail deposited at the postoffice before 1:30 p. m. and in the city mail boxes before 11 a. m. will be carried in this pouch. The order goes into effect Monday, November 3rd and does not include Sundays. This will give Roseburg a decided advantage in north-bound mail going to Portland and beyond. Mail carried in this pouch will be sent out on the first delivery in Portland in the morning and means a saving of practically 10 hours in delivery. In Eastern mail the saving in time will be close to 24 hours.

the wounded man be killed. It was suggested his throat be cut. Spanos weakened, saying he could not do it, but finally did.

The strongest evidence against the men, outside of their confessions, was the finding of a club carried by Spanos and the piece of gas pipe used by Seymour where the men said they had hidden them. Both declared at their trials the confessions were obtained through duress.

A HARD FIGHT

Is Waged Before Court of Appeals Today.

GOVERNMENT PROBE IS DESIRED

Welfare Commission Case Is Called In Circuit Court at Portland Today—Recent Act Is Attacked.

(Special to The Evening News.) CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—Federal District Attorney Miller, of Indianapolis, today made a hard fight in the federal court of appeals in support of the contention that the federal tribunal was the proper place to try the monopolists convicted in Indianapolis, with a complicity plot to dynamite non-union buildings. The point the court seemed inclined to raise was whether the prosecution did not make a mistake in building its case on dynamiting buildings, over which the courts of the various states where dynamiting occurred have jurisdiction, rather than on the interstate transportation of explosives, under conditions which violated the federal statute.

Probe Is Desired.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 31.—The promise of a vast trust probe by the government was voiced by Joseph Davis, federal commissioner of corporations in an address before the National Association of Manufacturers in convention. "It will be possible to bust the trusts without hampering industrial development or freedom," Davis declared. The next congress, he said, will deal largely with trusts. Whether laws be enacted providing destruction of trusts or merely control of the monopolies will be determined, he said, by the question: "Does monopoly or competition afford the fairest method for all the people?"

Welfare Case Begins.

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—Hearing of the case instituted by Frank Stettin, manufacturer, against the state Industrial Welfare Commission to annul the commission's ruling providing a minimum wage of eight dollars and sixty four cents weekly for women employed by manufacturing institutions began in the circuit court today. Constitutionality of the act and establishing the commission is attacked by Stettin.

Battleship Leaves Port.

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 31.—The battleship Michigan, with Diaz and his fighting companions aboard, has left to intercept the northbound New York-Cuba mail steamship. It is understood, which will take them to Havana. It was originally intended to send the party on the cruiser Tacoma, but the plan was changed.

Russell Harness returned here last evening with a brand new Overland automobile. The car is of the five-passenger variety, is equipped with a self-starter, electric lights and is one of the finest machines brought to this city for some time. Mr. Harness has accepted the agency for the Overland car, and will sell the same throughout Douglas county. Harness drove the car from Portland to this city and experienced little, if any difficulty on the road.



Of the perilous journeys on ice-driven seas in a frail canvas boat

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