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## ROAD WORK BEGUN

(Observer Special)  
Elgin July 22—If Wallowa county does not find itself connected with the outside world in the very near future or even sooner, it will not be because of the lack of railway officials, contractors and dignitaries on the ground. For the past few days the woods in this section of the state have been as full of railroad people as the sage brush near Echo was of jack rabbits before the cannery commenced operations.

The last startling bit of information to be advanced was, that the Wallowa Valley Railway Company has been organized, with W J Cook as president and manager. Mr Cook announces that the new company has let the contract for the construction of ten miles of road and that construction work was commenced this morning. Mr Cook states that he has filed a bond with the farmers and land owners protecting them against any expense or damage which might arise by them granting his company a right of way.

## In Poor Condition

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington July 22—The bureau of steam engineering says that none of the reports of the condition of the gunboat Bennington's boilers indicated that the boilers were unsafe, although it is admitted that the reports stated that they were in a poor condition.

## Smelter King Dead

(Scripps News Association)  
Omaha Neb July 22—E W Nash, the so called smelter King, and president of the smelter trust, died here at four ten this morning. He was stricken with paralysis on May 22nd. He is survived by his wife, one son and four daughters.

## Mutiny Forestalled

By Scripps News Association  
St Petersburg July 22—Orders have been issued for the Cossacks to replace the marines who have been guarding the Kalpino works outside St Petersburg. A plot on the part of the marines to mutiny was the cause of the change, which was made as soon as the plot was discovered.

## Thirty Killed

By Scripps News Association  
Constantinople July 22—At least thirty were killed by the explosion of a bomb thrown at the Sultan. The police believe that the bomb throwing was the result of an Armenian plot. None of the perpetrators have been detected.

## TO CALL EXTRA SESSION

(Scripps News Association)  
Oyster Bay July 22—President Roosevelt and secretary Root continued their consultation this morning. The secretary will probably remain until late this afternoon. The President takes daily exercises at the oars and swimming. This afternoon the President decided to call an extra session of Congress about Nov. 13. The exact date has not been determined.

## Today's Grain Market

(By Scripps News Association)  
Chicago Ills July 22—The quotations on the grain market today in regard to the principal grains were as follows:—wheat opened at \$0.90 1/2 and closed at \$0.92 5/8, corn opened at \$0.56 1/2 and closed at \$0.55 1/2, oats opened at \$0.29 5/8 and closed at \$0.29 3/4.

## MORE GUNBOAT HORROR

By Scripps News Association  
San Diego Cal July 22—It is believed that the gunboat Bennington is damaged beyond repair. The stern is in deep water and has been slowly sinking in spite of the pumping operations. The hand pumps have been reinforced with steam pumps and five engines, but without avail. At high tide this morning the water was up to the decks and the captain's cabin was flooded foot deep. Captain Young is of the opinion that no great hole has been made in the ship, but that the explosion sprung all the plates and that the water is coming in through the seams. The hospital ship Iris and the tug Fortuna will arrive here tomorrow from Mare Island. Captain Drake and the corporal of naval inspection are also expected to arrive tomorrow.

### CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

The list of dead as a result of the explosion on the Bennington today shows fifty-five, and there are fifty-five still remaining in the several hospitals and at private homes in the city. This includes seven dead whose names are unknown and who are still entangled in the meshes of the torn machinery of the Bennington boiler rooms. They can not be recovered until the water is pumped out and the wreckage is cleared away. At the roll call last night, twenty-one were reported missing, and, while some of these may have gone ashore without leave, following the disaster, it is feared that many have jumped into the bay in order to escape the explosion and were drowned. Several who jumped were picked up in an exhausted condition. Just before ensign Perry died, he wrote a cheerful telegram to his wife and baby. A few minutes later, he folded his hands in prayer and peacefully passed away.

The cause of the explosion as definitely ascertained by examination this morning was the weakening of a crown sheet of the port forward boiler which drove that boiler back, striking another boiler and breaking the steam pipe.

### MORE IDENTIFIED

The body of S O Ehoffman, a blacksmith, was brought to the morgue from the hospital at ten o'clock this morning, making the list of the dead from the Bennington disaster run to fifty six. The others identified today were C E Rusing, a coal passer, M G Quinn and E Bromales, seamen, B A Hughes, ordinary seaman, A Kramer, coal passer, F Dreck, ordinary seaman, A Ronnal, coal passer, F W Brown, machinist of the first class Claude Bushing and A Nelson.

### MAY HAVE INQUIRY

Acting Secretary of the Navy, Darling, wired rear admiral Goodrich, commanding the Pacific station, informing him of the disaster which happened to the Bennington, and inquiring into the cause of the disaster. Rear-admiral Goodrich is expected at any moment, when he will communicate with the department. It is expected that Goodrich will appoint a board of inquiry after a conference with the Washington authorities.

### KNEW BOILERS CONDITION

Washington July 22—Rear-admiral Goodrich has reported his arrival at Benningham and the department has instructed him to proceed with the flagship to San Diego. It is ordered that naval constructor Evans, from Mare Island, make a complete investigation of the condition of the Bennington. It was ascertained today that the officer in charge of the engines and boilers was a young midshipman just out of the academy on April 14 last. The naval inspector recommended repairs on the boilers in October 7 last and the commander reported: "Should the boiler furnace grow materially worse, urgent necessity for going to the navy yard may arise."

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

(Scripps News Association)  
Poughkeepsie N Y July 22—The grandson of Alton B Parker, Alton Parker Hall, was rescued from drowning off Esopus Island near the Parker home today by Edward Fretz, a photographer of this city. Young Hall was on Judge Parker's back, when the Judge choked and was unable to swim in the swift current, and called for help. He was unable to breathe and threw the lad off. The latter sank, but was brought to the surface by Fretz. Both were helped ashore and the boy was resuscitated.

## LARGE GATHERING AT DESTRUCTION

By Scripps News Association  
Portsmouth N H July 22—A thousand people gathered here today to witness the destruction of the Hender son Point obstruction in the Piscataqua river by the explosion of forty tons of dynamite. All the vessels in the harbor were removed to a safe anchorage, and every precaution was taken to prevent injury to property or loss of life. Governor Milcan and staff, together with other distinguished visitors, arrived this morning and witnessed the explosion. Miss Foster, the daughter of superintendent Foster, touched the button which sent off the giant charge.

## Killed By Bomb

(By Scripps News Association)  
Bismarck Poland July 22—Three were killed last night by the explosion of a bomb thrown at the chief of police at Plektr. Thirteen others were wounded, including the chief and his son. The bomb was thrown while the official was mingling with the crowd in the centre of the city.

Mrs Clark Lambertson, of Ord Nebraska, is in the city visiting her aunt Mrs G W Coleman.

## MAKE OPENING TALKS

Portland Ore July 22—Yesterday in the Federal Court the jury for the second trial of Congressman Williamson at a wassel ected, there being very little trouble in securing a panel. The jury as sworn was as follows—James Green, farmer, Sweet Home, A Rose, farmer, Jackson county; R B Collins, farmer, Hillboro, W W Scott, clerk, Creswell; Ray W Porter, black smith, Oregon City; John Mook, farmer, Multnomah county; S A Sharp, farmer, Benton county, Henry Keene, farmer, Marion county; J B Lewis, merchant, Cottage Grove; W D Barclay, Benton county; George Kirk, farmer, Clatsop county; at a dams, carpenter, Dayton.

Eight farmers, two merchants, a merchant and a clerk form the jury list to determine the guilt or innocence of the defendants. Not one of the jurors is from eastern Oregon and but one lives in Williamson's congressional district.

### STATEMENTS MADE

(By Scripps News Association)  
Portland Ore July 22 3 p m—The opening statements made by the attorneys were made today in the Williamson land fraud trial. The attorneys for the defense insinuated that the government was persecuting and bounding Williamson by hastening the trial.

## Boycott Spreads

(Scripps News Association)  
Shanghai, China July 22—The boycott on American goods has now spread throughout the Southern provinces. The area affected has a population of one hundred and fifty million people. The belief is growing that the boycott was managed by Government officers at Peking.

## REMAINS OF HERO ARRIVED HOME

By Scripps News Association  
Norfolk Va July 22—The fleet of admiral Sigbee, bearing the body of Paul Jones, passed the Virginia Capes this morning at seven twenty. The fleet was escorted by a battleship squadron under command of rear admiral Evans.

### SQ JADRON ANCHORS

Washington July 22—A dispatch from rear-admiral Evans by wireless, via Cape Henry, states that Sigbee's squadron anchored in the bay today ten or fifteen miles below Annapolis. They will get under way Sunday in time to anchor off Annapolis at ten a m.

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