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TWO RAILROADS ON ONE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Elgin is the center of attraction just at present, so far as railroad building is concerned. There is more railroad talk in and about this thriving burg than at any other point in the west. The reason for all of which is, that two railroad companies are seeking to build a railroad over the same right of way, and into the same region. A month or six weeks ago a Mr Cook stepped off the train at Elgin, and before he had been in town many days, the wise ones began seeing visions of a railroad into the Wallows valley. Soon it became noised about that Mr Cook had secured a right of way through many of the farms along the proposed route. Finally this information became known to the officials of the O R & N Company, and they were impressed with the fact that something was doing in this section of the state where they were supposed to have first rights. They instituted a quiet investigation. This little attention on the part of the pioneer company only served to cause Mr Cook to increase his energy and he proceeded to gather in rights of way contracts with greater rapidity. The O R & N, seeing that affairs were taking a somewhat serious turn, developed some speed and dispatched their agents, armed with a check book, to this here-to-fore peaceful neighborhood, to purchase rights of way. The O R & N Company not only paid cash for the right of way, taking a deed for the same, but furnished a good and sufficient bond, binding the company to protect the property owners against any loss which might be assessed against them by their failure to live up to the agreement made with Mr Cook's company. Mr Cook, seeing that he might be placed at a disadvantage by this plan of his older rival, changed his tactics to conform with the new order of things, and made and delivered a similar bond, binding his company to protect the land owners against any action which the O R & N Company might take against them. As a result, more than one

thereby hold his legal rights. Whether or not the O R & N Company think there is anything in the Wallows Valley Railroad Company, it is certain that they are keeping a very close watch over Mr Cook's actions. As an evidence of this fact can be cited that there never was a time when special cars containing high officials were as plentiful in Elgin as since Mr Cook began operations. The people of Elgin care little who builds the road, or by what name it will be known, but they in common with the people of Wallows county are anxious to have some one build the road. It is the railroad they want and care little regarding its name or backing.

INJUNCTION SERVED

This morning a temporary injunction was issued by Judge Eakin and served upon Mr. Cook, by Deputy Sheriff Frank Phy, restraining him from further work until the question of ownership can be determined by the courts. When this was served, Mr. Cook at once called his men off the right of way, but no sooner were the Wallows Valley Railway people out of the way than the O R & N Company employees appeared upon the scene and began fencing the right of way. About thirty men each with a fence post upon his shoulder, took possession of the disputed ground, and within a very short time a barbed wire fence marked the boundaries of the disputed district. The city marshal of Elgin then took a hand and informed the official in charge of the fence gang that he would not allow any fence to be erected across the acre and a quarter which belongs to the city and through which the survey passes. This particular bit of ground belongs to the city of Elgin and the said city has sold neither company any right of way.

Just what the next move will be, no one knows, but it is certain that the end is not yet, and Elgin continues to be the center of attraction for railroad people.

Socialists Order Strike

(By Scripps News Association)
Warsaw, Poland Russia July 25.—The socialist ordered a general strike yesterday as a demonstration against the Government for the execution of Okeska, who attempted to assassinate the chief of police last March.

JUDGE PASSES SENTENCE

Scripps News Association

Portland, Ore., July 25.—United States Senator John H. Mitchell was this morning sentenced to six months imprisonment in the Multnomah county jail and assessed a fine of one thousand dollars by Federal Judge De Haven.

A crowded court room heard Judge DeHaven pronounce the sentence on the aged statesman, who was plainly showing signs of worry and care. He replied in resonant tones to the query of the court, stating that his attorney had full power to speak for him. Senator Thurston made a protest against passing the sentence, stating that the constitution provided immunity from arrest of United States Senators, and claiming that section 1782 of the Revised Statutes, under which conviction was obtained, was unconstitutional. The court overruled the objection and the defendant filed a bill of exceptions. Sentence was then passed. The execution will be held until a bill of exceptions is passed upon. The defendant also made a motion for a writ of error and filed bonds in the sum of two thousand dollars, both on constitutional grounds and upon allegations of error in the trial. Mitchell was adjudged guilty of having illegally accepted fees, while United States Senator, for services rendered in the land office in expediting claims to patent.

REPORTS DENIED BY PRESIDENT

(By Scripps News Association)

Oyster Bay July 25.—A flatfooted denial was made this morning at the executive office as to the report that President Roosevelt ever had dealings of any kind with the publication "Fads and Fancies", the statement of Col. Manna to the effect that the President had furnished a picture and other material, notwithstanding.

Baron Komura, the Japanese peace plenipotentiary, is expected at Oyster Bay before the end of the week. There have been no visitors today.

Japanese Moving

By Scripps News Association

St. Petersburg, July 25.—A private telegram from Manchuria says that it is persistently rumored that the Japanese are executing a turning movement about the right wing of the army of General Linovitch. The Japanese are said to be eighty miles within the Mongolian frontier.

Anna Gleeson Jaileo

Scripps News Association

London, Eng., July 25.—Anna Gleeson, of Chicago, a notorious American shoplifter, was today sentenced to three years in prison for stealing a ten thousand dollar necklace during the recent sale at Christie's.

Timber Fires

By Scripps News Association

Chayenne Wyo, July 24.—Destructive forest fires are raging in the Sierra Madre mountains, forty miles from Dillon. Timber, saw mills, ranches, nine buildings and homes are being destroyed. The loss is now estimated at a million dollars. The inhabitants are unable to cope with the flames.

DOUBLE MURDERER IS HANGED

By Scripps News Association

Towanda Penn July 25.—Bigelow Johnson was hanged this morning for the murder of his wife and her niece. After killing his victims, he set fire to the house and burned the bodies. Before his execution, Johnson confessed to the murders.

SECRETARY TAFT WELL RECEIVED

By Scripps News Association

Yokohama, July 25.—Secretary Taft and party arrived on the Manchuria today, and the shipping and streets are daily decorated. Minister Griescom and representatives of the Japanese imperial household and four officers of the war department boarded the Manchuria and extended greetings to the Secretary and Miss Roosevelt, who held a reception on deck. The party then boarded a special for Tokio, where a detached palace is provided for their accommodation. Miss Roosevelt went to the American legation.

A SMALL CHILD LIVED IN TRUNK

(By Scripps News Association)

New York, July 25.—For two months John Mulqueen, aged six years, whose father has disappeared and whose mother is dead, has been living in a trunk in the alley of his former home on Tenth avenue. The neighbors saw the child crawling in and out of the trunk and occasionally gave him food. The police were finally notified and rescued the outcast.

THREE ARE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)

Bouff, N W T., July 25.—The explosion of dynamite in the Bank Head mine yesterday wrought havoc to the mine and annihilated three miners. The dead are Thomas Smiley, David Thomas and John Williams.

Kaiser Advises Peace

Scripps News Association

Berlin, Germany, July 25.—The foreign office today authorizes the statement that the Kaiser was in conference with the Chancellor yesterday and advised that the latter conclude peace with Japan.

DEAD FROM BURNS

Scripps News Association

Graddock Penna July 25.—As the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove this morning in the residence of Levi Tagress, the house caught fire and two children were burned to death, while the mother and an older daughter were fatally burned, and the father and two other children seriously burned. The dead are Harry Tagress, aged seven, and Myer Tagress, aged six.

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