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## FIRE DESTROYS PENDLETON BLOCK

**LaDow, Block owned by Mayor Matlock  
A Complete Ruin**

Pendleton, Sept. 3.—Fire this morning gutted a portion of the Matlock-Taylor block, doing damage which was not estimated at the time the Tribune went to press. This is the block known as the old La Dow block. Shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning the night clerk of the Golden Gate Hotel who was standing in front of the hotel, on the side walk heard and felt an explosion which was so heavy that he says it created a jar where he was standing. Almost instantly flames burst from the building across the street and he turned in an alarm of fire.

The fire department turned out promptly, but seemed to be disorganized and it was some time before water was thrown upon the flames which by that time, had gained alarming proportions. After a hard battle the conflagration was gotten under control but at 2:45 there was still a large blaze which threatened great damage.

### STARTED IN CIGAR FACTORY.

The explosion which evidently caused the conflagration is unexplainable, no one being able to advance a theory as to what could have exploded in the portion of the building where the blaze first burst forth. From appearances it is believed that the flames first broke out in the Pendleton Cigar factory or the back of Platzeeder's meat market. Mayor Matlock is of the opinion that the cigar factory was the starting point.

Howard & Swingle's office, as well as the cigar factory, is totally destroyed and it is understood that many valuable papers and books were burned. The loss to this fire for A. J. McMullen, who owned the cigar factory, is not known, but is expected to be heavy.

Over \$75,000 is the value placed on

the building by Mayor Matlock, and he states that there is not over \$25,000 insurance. This is the valuation and insurance of the whole block and it is thought that the loss to the owners will be about \$25,000 on the portion that is destroyed. There will be a loss to people who were living in rooms in the portion of the block which was burned, but this cannot be estimated. Some damage is done to the Umatilla Meat company, but the place was not gutted and much of the stock was removed by the crew.

### OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Everything in connection with the fire in the Matlock-Taylor building points to incendiarism. People going to lodge in Secret Society hall early in the evening noticed that the fire door between the part of the building at the extreme west end and the one next to it, was closed, a thing that has not been done before in years, and the first explosion, heard, is learned to have been a lamp which a bystander declares was hurled from a window in the back of the building. There is no clue to the incendiary.

### Taggart Certain

Scripps News Association

Wooster, Sept. 4.—That the arguments in the Taggart divorce case will be reached by tomorrow noon seems certain. It is said that Taggart is so certain that he will be awarded the custody of the boy that he has made partial arrangements for a residence in Columbus where he is to be stationed. Mrs. Taggart is equally sure of getting the custody of the children and has made arrangements for their care in a private school in Chicago.

## Terrible Slaughter

By Scripps News Association

St Petersburg Sept 4.—Advices from Caucasus state that a revolt broke out on an enormous scale. The details are meager but the casualties number 5000. The viceroy cables that he is unable to cope with the revolt.

## Less Damage in Cove

C M Stackland, the Cove orchardist, was in the city today and says that the wind storm of last week did less damage to the Cove fruit than it did in this section. In many places but five per cent of the fruit was blown off the trees and in a few cases as high as one quarter was lost.

## Thrice Nominated

Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz of San Francisco, has been unanimously nominated by the union labor party, for the third time.

## TREATY NOW COMPLETE

Scripps News Association.

Oyster Bay, Sept 4.—President Roosevelt has received from the emperor of Japan, the following message of thanks and appreciation for the part played by the President in the negotiations which resulted in a cessation of the hostilities in the far east:

Tokio, Sept 3, 1905. The President: I have received with gratification your message of congratulations conveyed through our plenipotentiaries and I thank you warmly for it. To your disinterested and unremitting efforts in the interests of peace and humanity I attach the high value which is there due and assure you of my grateful appreciation of peace based upon principles essential to the permanent welfare and tranquility of the far east. (Signed)

### READY TO SIGN

Portsmouth, Sept. 4.—With the work of engrossing the treaty completed the way is clear for the signing of the treaty. M Morris for the Japanese and M Rosjevovski for the Russians who had the work of engrossing in charge, labored most of the night in getting the document in shape for final action.

### RED TAPE ARRIVES

Portsmouth, Sept. 4.—Assistant Secretary of State Pierce called this morning with the special red tape with which to tie the Russia Japan treaty. He was informed that the engrossing was completed.

## THIEF IN DEAD LETTER OFFICE

Washington, Sept. 4.—Charles F Moore, of Colorado, for 10 years a clerk in the postoffice department, has confessed to taking railroad tickets from letters in the dead letter office and has been dismissed.

Besides taking railroad tickets, Moore is also accused of taking foreign stamps from letters and selling them. He was in charge of the minor branch of the dead letter office and received a salary of \$1400 a year.

Many letters which reach the dead letter office contain railroad tickets. These are kept on file for a certain time and then destroyed. In his confession Moore said there was no chance of the tickets reaching the persons for whom they were intended; that they had been paid for, and he thought he might as well reap the revenue from them.

The inspectors missed tickets from envelopes marked to contain them and traced the theft to Moore. When confronted with the evidence he confessed and when the case was laid before acting Postmaster General Hitchcock, he was dismissed. It is said at the post office department that Moore will not be prosecuted.

## Cholera Spreading

Scripps News Association.

Berlin, Sept 4.—The cholera situation is growing worse. The disease is spreading. Eighteen new cases have been reported from the provinces of Posen and Silesia, in Prussia.

## Report Revolt in Japan

By Scripps News Association

London, Sept. 4.—The Central News says it is reported in Rome that a revolution has started in Japan, supposed to have been caused by dissatisfaction with the peace terms. In well informed circles here the reports are regarded as absurd.

## To Paralyze Russia

By Scripps News Association

St Petersburg Sept 4.—The Narodnaya Vera declared today that the American-Japanese alliance was established in order to paralyze Russia in Asia.

## GRIND LARGE ORDERS

The boycott on American goods being brought by the Chinese in retaliation for not being allowed to dump their coolies and so called merchants in the United States, is not bothering the La Grande Milling company a particle. Their big mill is grinding out on a double shift a large order for the Oriental markets and also filling a large number of inland market orders. At present only old wheat is being ground as the new wheat must undergo the sweat before suitable for milling. The mill has about 12,000 bushels of old wheat on hand so is assured plenty of grist until the new crop is ready to mill.

Very little new wheat is in the elevator as yet, as the farmers cannot spare the teams to haul. When the first rush of threshing is finished the teams can be spared and large loads will roll in daily. More wheat is being received in Island City and Alsea where the threshing is more advanced.

## FAST TRAIN WRECKED

Scripps News Association

Pueblo Col Sept 4.—The first section of the Santa Fee passenger train No 9, carrying hundreds of G A R excursionists was wrecked one mile east of Boone, about 2:25 this morning. Forty passengers were injured. The wreck was caused by the tank of the engine leaving the track. The train was going at such a high rate of speed that it was impossible to stop before two engines and five coaches overturned, a wrecking train was sent out from La Junta and Pueblo. The Santa Fee train was brought over the Missouri Pacific tracks.

## Umatilla Refuses

Pendleton, Or., Sept. 4.—Tax Agent Morrow of the O. R. & N. company appeared before the county board of equalization today and asked that the assessment of the road be lowered from \$12,000 a mile to \$5,500. The request was denied.

## Men's Rights

Has a man a right to spit? asks an exchange, and then proceeds to answer the question thusly: "You bet he has, and a right to breathe, a right to live, and a right to express his opinion; a right to kick and a right to work, also a right to vote and a right to pay taxes, and to find fault with everybody and everything he don't like. Make a whole lot of rights, but he should exercise them all like a gentleman."

## STEAMER WRECKED ON LAKE SUPERIOR

**Seven Heroes Give Lives That Companions May Be Saved**

Scripps News Association

Bayfield, Wis., Sept. 4.—Eleven of the crew of the steamer Sevona were drowned when the boat was wrecked on the Sun Island reef in Lake Superior Friday night. Eleven others were rescued including several members of the crew and four women. Seven of the dead offered their lives as sacrifice for the rest. Of the twenty two on board the vessel of those for whom they gave their lives, four are dead. The rest reached the shore after night after being buffeted by the waves. The party was 24 hours in cutting a road through the northern wilderness to a

place of safety.

Those who gave their lives for their comrades were: Capt. E McDonald, of Northeast, Pa., Louis Durwin, first mate of the Madia and five others whose names are unknown. Four others were probably drowned.

On Friday the steamers ran into a storm and the boat started for shelter. In the course they struck a reef and those drowned volunteered to remain on the boat while the others tried to reach the shore. When last seen the men on the broken vessel were waiting for help to come to them.

## To Restore To China

Scripps News Association

Peking Sept 4.—The Chinese government is engaged in an endeavor to open negotiations with Germany and England for the restoration of Kiaochau and Weihai Wei to China.

## New York Storm

Scripps News Association.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 4.—One of the worst storms that has ever visited the central portion of the state swooped down upon this section last night, resulting in a damage that will exceed \$200,000.

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