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REAR END COLLISION OF NO. 5 AND SPOKANE FLYER AT BRIDAL VEIL RESULTS IN DEATH OF FOUR PERSONS AND INJURY OF MANY PASSENGERS AND TRAINMEN

ANOTHER VALENCIA INQUIRY

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 6.—Congressman Humphreys of Washington, called upon the President this morning to ask for a special commission to investigate the Valencia affair. The President said that he would take the matter up with Metcalf, and see what could be done. Metcalf says he is doing all he can under the law. Humphreys said that he did not question the honesty of the inspectors, but didn't believe that they were competent to handle the investigation. He said "It is the openly expressed belief in Seattle that the Pacific Steamship Company has too much say so in the present investigation." Secretary Taft announced this afternoon that the President had selected Lieut. Col. Burkholder, Lieut. Col. Palmer Wood and Lieut. Col. Reed to be brigadier generals and immediately to be relieved. All of these served in the civil war.

A TAX RAILROAD

In the rate debate today, Murdock of Kansas, made an attack upon the railroad magnates, and favored the Heyburn bill. He also criticized the conversation of the house and agreed to close the debate on the bill tomorrow afternoon. The Senate also reconsidered the bill for dental surgeons in the army and improving the medical corps and sent them both to the calendar. The Senate also agreed to the Tillman resolution looking into the Chinese boycott, attempting to learn what remedies will remove the hostility of the Chinese toward the United States.

TO PUNISH HAZERS

The President this morning in a letter to congressional committees on naval affairs asks that the law be remedied to make the punishment for hazing accord with the enormity of the offense. He says that dismissal is the only punishment prescribed to serve in some cases. He says that this is not sufficient and he also

suggests that minor cases should not be tried before court martial but left to some administrative officer.

The examination of former chief engineer Wallace of the vessel was resumed today. Among the causes of delay Wallace declared that Commissioner Grunsky yielded to his friends on the Pacific coast to point out parts of work where Redwood and Oregon lumber could be used as purchases of that character might be made. Although yellow pine might be preferable. He said that Taft had refused to accept the benefit of his experience in such a way as to almost crush him.

MINERS FAVOR STRIKE

(Scripps News Association)
Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—The miners of this district voted today to oust President Bollen and Vice-president Bellingham from office for opposing, at Indianapolis, their demand for higher wages. The sentiment here is strong in favor of striking.

NEGROES BURNED

(Scripps News Association)
Baltimore, Feb. 6.—Nine negroes were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a cabin seven miles from this city this morning.

The only inmate to escape was a negro, who has been arrested. All of the victims were subpoenaed to appear and testify in a murder case against her paramour.

TO INVESTIGATE INSURANCE

(Scripps News Association)
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 6.—Thomas Lawson, accompanied by Governor Broward of Florida, and former General Monette of Ohio, arrived this morning to hold an insurance conference with Governor Cummins.

FINED FOR POACHING

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Feb. 6.—W. J. Woodside, S. E. R. Desmidt and W. E. Wood, who fitted out and managed the Carmencita for a poaching trip to the seal rookeries, were this morning sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 each by Federal Judge DeHaven. A stay of execution of five days was granted.

LAW SUSTAINED

(Scripps News Association)
Salem, Feb. 6.—The supreme court sustained the constitutionality of the anti-scalping law which was passed by the last legislature.

Atlantic Express Running Away Passed the Flagman Sent Back to Warn it and Crashed Into the Flyer on the Main Track

(Scripps News Association)

Portland, Feb. 6.—Passenger train No. 3 from Spokane, known as the Spokane Flyer, was crashed into by the Atlantic Express, No. 5, 4 miles east of Bridal Veil at 5:30 this morning. No. 5 was running away, probably caused by a broken steam pipe. The engineer and fireman were driven from the cab by the terrible cloud of steam. Every person in the rear end of the Pullman on No. 3 was killed or injured. The car was totally demolished.

The killed are: ANDY EDWARDS, traveling baggage man for a local transfer company. EDWARD SINNOTT, aged 27 years, of Portland.

TWO UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS

Those injured, probably fatally, are: MRS. W. RILEY, Waila Waila. JOSEPH RUSSELL, East Oakland. ENGINEER W. H. SWAIN, badly scalded.

A train with wrecking apparatus and with physicians and nurses left the city for the scene at 9:15 this morning.

Both trains were west bound, the express followed the flyer, and was supposed to be running cautiously. A flagman had been sent out from Bridal Veil Falls to warn the approaching train. The flyer was standing on the main track at that place. About four miles east a steam pipe in the engine of the express burst quickly filling the cab with highly heated steam, almost scalding to death Engineer Swain and his fireman while they were endeavoring to stop the train.

Swain was so badly scalded by the live steam that he could not reach the lever. He then crawled back over the tender to reach the air pipe. Even as he was doing this his train rushed past the flagman, who had been sent back to stop the approaching express. The next minute came the crash. Fireman Lewis Morgan finally aided in shutting off the steam.

The engine of the express ploughed its way through the Pullman on the rear of the flyer. Both car and engine lay a tangled mass of wreckage, enveloped in a cloud of scalding steam.

Those who were in the Pullman, unconscious of the destruction that was rushing onto them, lay dead and injured among the debris.

When the crash occurred there was the greatest excitement at Bridal Veil. The entire population rushed to the assistance of the wounded. There was but one physician in the village and an appeal was sent to Portland, where a special train with physicians and others was dispatched to the scene.

A hurried examination showed three dead and one dying. Several others are seriously injured. The dead and injured were sent to this city as soon as the special train arrived.

No. 5 left La Grande last evening about one and one-half hours late and ordinarily goes ahead of the Spokane flyer.

FIVE ARE KILLED IN WRECK

(Scripps News Association)

Helena, Feb. 6.—A runaway freight on the Great Northern crashed into the overland passenger two and a half miles west of here and killed five and severely injured several others. Fire broke out in the wreckage and all the passenger cars were burned. The dead are: Conductor Charles Bricknell, of Helena; Bridge Inspector J. Robertson, of Missoula; Express Messenger Edward Josick; Foster Senegales, of Helena. One unknown passenger and brakeman Jeff Brown are fatally injured and an unknown woman and several others are badly injured.

MINISTER COMMITTED SUICIDE

(Scripps News Association)

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 6.—Rev. George Simmons, recently made manager of Yates' senatorial campaign, committed suicide this morning. The deed was caused by gossip connecting his name with immoral conditions. Simmons was one of the most prominent clergymen and business men in the country. He was pastor of the Baptist church, president of two savings banks, an author of religious works and a lecturer. The complaint was made against him by parents of boys in the Baptist Boys' Brigade. The editors of the city papers warned him that if he left town within twenty-four hours in order to save the boys' reputations there would be no prosecutions.

He leaves a widow but no children. The Peoples Saving bank, one of Simmons' institutions, failed today. It is said that it may suspend business.

VALENCIA IN GOOD CONDITION

(Scripps News Association)

Victoria, Feb. 6.—Before the Dominion Commission this morning Captain Collier, Canadian inspector of hulls, and J. A. Thompson, Canadian inspector of boilers, testified that on the last inspection they found the Valencia in good condition. They testified they found the Valencia in good condition. They testified that they preferred tule buoys to any other kind.

RESERVE PRIVILEGES

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Feb. 6.—The following privileges have been granted by the forest service: To R. L. Higley and A. V. Higley, permission to conduct a store, hotel and post office in the Olympic forest reserve, Washington; to John B. Ryan, permission to use land in the Cascade Range forest reserve, southern division, Oregon, for feeding place for cattle; to Charles A. Small to occupy 120 acres in San Jacinto forest reserve, Cal., for a health and pleasure resort on payment of an annual rental.

PHILADELPHIA FIRE

(Scripps News Association)

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—A big fire is raging in the wholesale drug and rubber warehouses on Fourth and Market Streets this morning. Three men were injured in the fire and a four story building was gutted. The loss is \$80,000.

LAWSON BEFORE LEGISLATURE

(Scripps News Association)

Des Moines, Feb. 6.—Lawson addressed the legislature asking the members to give the policy holders their rights. He asked that Cummings act as trustee for the policy holders and said that he would ask to have LaFollette, Johnson and the governors of Minnesota and Florida act also.

COULD NOT PROMISE IMMUNITY

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Attorney General Moody appeared as a witness in the packer's case this morning to prevent the suggested issuance of subpoenas for Dices and Tecum against the President of the United States. The President wrote a letter to Moody during investigation by Garfield. Moody said the letter was a scientific paper and would produce a verified copy if desired, the original having passed from his hands.

Moody said at recess that he would not object to the introduction of the letter and to the interpretation put upon it by the packers who are trying to show that it proves the existence of a working agreement between the department of justice and commerce and labor.

Attorney General Moody today expresses the governments position in the case, for the first time, saying "Garfield had no power to promise immunity or threaten with punishment. Immunity is in law and if the packers are within the law no action of Garfield's can effect the status of the case. The government did not use the information obtained by Garfield. There is absolutely no cooperation between the departments of Justice and Commerce and Labor in regard to the packers case."

LABOR LEADER RETURNS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Michael Donnelly, the labor leader who disappeared from Cincinnati and was gone several days, returned here this morning according to reports from the labor headquarters. Callers were denied admittance at the home of Donnelly.

SQUADRON AT SAN DIEGO

(Scripps News Association)

San Diego, Feb. 6.—The Pacific Squadron, commanded by Admiral Goodrich, and including the flag ship Chicago, cruiser Boston and a number of torpedo boats, arrived this morning. The fleet is anchored in the bay and will remain a week.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Wheat opened at 84½; closed 85½; corn opened at 44½; closed 44½; oats opened 50½; closed 50½.

NEW DRESS GOODS

We have just opened a large shipment of novelty dress goods, which includes all the new grays and the seasons first and choicest showings in the most popular shades and patterns. When down town stop in and look them over. We shall be pleased to show you through and assure you, you will not regret the time spent.

Price 50c the yard and up

New Shoes

New Shoes

For Men, Boys, Women, and Children. With a very few exceptions all our spring shoes are here. The styles are snappy, and what is better still, we are able to sell you this shipment at the old prices—You probable know there is a heavy advance in shoe leather, in many instances as much as 50 cents a pair. Remember all new shoes at old prices.

Royal Tailors New Spring Samples are Here

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

PACIFIC COAST ABREAST

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Feb. 6.—People in this country are just beginning to realize that these stories about New Englanders being the greatest inventors of the day are composed approximately 99% hot air. Careful examinations of government documents show that the man on the Pacific Slope is just as ingenious as the most thoroughbred Yankee that struts the streets or clambors over the pennyroyal hilltops of New England.

This month is granted to New Englanders: Connecticut heads the list of states that produce patents. During 1905 a patent was issued to every 1,201 persons in that state. But then California is not so slow. She ranks fourth with a patent for every 1,425 persons. The next New England state on the list is Massachusetts in sixth place, while Washington is not behind in ninth place, with a patent issued during the year every 1,865 persons. Rhode Island, in tenth, is the only New England state heard from until the tail ends are reached. Montana holds fourteenth place with a patent for every 2,362 persons; Oregon, seventeenth, with an inventor among every 3,256; Idaho twenty-second, 3,762; and Utah, twenty-sixth, 4,069. Alaskans haven't time to invent; they are too busy digging gold. A handful of idle ones found time to think out a few new things, or to be exact, one person in every 63,441.

WON'T THIS BE A CONVENIENCE FOR YOU?

We are always trying to improve our service in every way possible. We feel that the more people we can accommodate and the more convenient we can make it for them to do business with us, the more trade we will get, and have therefore inaugurated a system of free delivery service whereby you can have drug store goods delivered to your home or place of business without extra charge.

Use our telephone or get word to us in any way you wish and we will promptly deliver whatever you want, whether medicines, sick-room supplies, or sundries.

In many cases where sundries are ordered we can give you a chance to make a selection the same as you would over our counters. May we serve you?

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La Grande, Oregon.