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TROOPS ENROUTE TO MANILLA

(Scripps News Association)
Columbus Feb. 20.—The government is sending troops to the Philippines today. Two companies of the eighth infantry in command of Capt. Taggart have started for San Francisco when they will sail on the transport Logan on March 15. During the trip the troops will experiment with the patent cooking device aboard the train and if it proves a success the government will adopt it generally.

FROM NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 20.—Four companies of the eighth infantry will leave for San Francisco via New Orleans this afternoon comprising 260 men and fifteen officers.

FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH

(Scripps News Association)
Tunnel Hill, Penn. Feb. 20.—Five persons were burned to death this morning in a fire which practically wiped out the entire village. The dead are Mrs. Mary Grogan, aged sixty three and her three children, ages eleven, ten and eight respectively. Searchers also found one body which so far is unidentified.

FALLIERE'S FIRST MESSAGE

(Scripps News Association)
Paris, Feb. 20.—Rouvier read to the chamber and senate, President Falliere's first message today. The message outlines the President's foreign policy. President Falliere said that France would remain faithful to her foreign alliances and would cultivate the friendship of everybody.

SHE FAILED

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 20.—The application for a divorce filed by Mrs. Fitzgerald from G. P. Fitzgerald, a former ranchman near Los Angeles, and a large land owner in Ireland, failed. The divorce court ruling that as Fitzgerald was domiciled in Ireland, the English court had no jurisdiction.

AFTER ANOTHER COMPANY

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 20.—The grand jury today began an investigation of the charges by James D. Wells, former official of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, against a number of officials of that company. Attorney General Jerome caused to be taken before the grand jury a wagon load of books and papers which are to be used as evidence in the case.

THE POPE DISPLEASED

(Observer Special)
Rome, Feb. 20.—An attaché of the vatican states that the Pope is greatly displeased with the report from America in which Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, Iowa, is alleged as having represented the Pope as favoring the continuance of women choiristers in Catholic churches. The Pope is unopposed to female singers, but declines to sanction them forming a separate body for liturgical services.

WASHINGTON NEWS

(Scripps News Association)

Washington Feb. 20.—The house committee on Interstate Commerce today agreed to report a substitute for the Tillman joint resolution called upon the commission to examine into the subject of railroad discrimination and monopolies in coal and oil. The substitute eliminates from the Tillman resolution which passed the senate, the words "Other products" and adds, oil products.

The President today nominated John Edwards of Ohio, as assistant secretary of state, and a long list of midshipmen to be ensigns.

The supreme court today granted a writ of error in bringing the case for review wherein United States Senator Patterson was fined \$1000 for contempt for publishing an article alleged to be derogatory to the supreme court of Colorado. Members of the inter-church marriage and divorce conference representing fifteen denominations appeared today before congress and appealed for a law granting absolute divorce only after post nuptial infidelity. The committee also offered a resolution fixing the period required for obtaining evidence to sue for a divorce at two years.

EASTERN SYNDICATE INTERESTS IN OUR CITY

Will Erect Cannery, Dryer, Jelly, Vinegar, and Cider Factory— Part of a Large System.

A deal was put through yesterday that means much for Grande Ronde valley and La Grande. The Oregon Produce Company sold its storage warehouse No. 2 to a large \$4,000,000 Eastern syndicate, through their special agent, Mr. Geo. T. Powers, for \$12,500 cash. This syndicate is now arranging to build large plants at North Yakima, and Toppish, Washington and at Medford and Ashland in Oregon.

In addition to the plant purchased in this city, Mr. Powers left instructions with his agent here to select sites for the immediate construction this summer of a cannery, fruit dryer, a jelly, vinegar and cider factory, it being their intention to be in a position to handle all the fruit this valley produces, from the first grades to the culls. This will also encourage the growing of small fruits and berries. Mr.

MANY MINERS KILLED

(Scripps News Association)
Waitsburg, Colo. Feb. 20.—According to the statement issued by the officials of the Victor Fuel company, fourteen miners lost their lives in the gas explosion at the Mainland mine yesterday. This mine is nine miles north of this place. Twelve bodies have been recovered and two are said to be still in the mine. The recovered bodies are all badly burned and so disfigured that it has only been possible to identify eight out of the fourteen. The identified are John Peters, Archie Miller, Wm. Ryan, Peter Divisco, Mucale Nizzi, Mucale Orem, Steven Labana and John Bremen.

Powers was greatly impressed with the future of the fruit industry of this county and believes it will result in their making this one of the largest plants in their system. He expects to return within forty days to look over the sites for the cannery, etc., and arrange for their construction.

The Oregon Produce Company does not retire from the field here but will continue buying and selling on their own account, but will not take fruit on storage or consignment. They still own their large warehouse No. 1, and Mr. Gust says he will build another still larger on their property adjoining their warehouse on the west, during the summer.

The Oregon Produce Company gives possession on June 1st so the new company will be in position to handle as much as possible of this year's fruit crop.

MINERS' TROUBLE CONTINUES

(Scripps News Association)

Baker City, Feb. 20.—Steve Adams, alias Steve Dickson, a member of the Western Federation of Labor, was arrested at Haines yesterday. He is charged with complicity in the Stuenenberg murder. He was brought to this city and up to a late hour this afternoon has refused to talk. Detectives are also searching for Jack Simpkins, but have so far failed to find him. Both Dickson and Simpkins are implicated by Orchard's confession.

Steve Adams was taken to Boise City today on the noon train. Up to the time of his leaving he had refused to say a word. He had been living on a farm near Haines with his wife and child and evidently expected to be arrested. He said he was ready to go.

REFUSES TO EXPLAIN

Wallace Idaho Feb. 20.—St. John who was arrested in connection with the Steuenberg murder refuses to be interviewed or explain why he changed his name to Vincent. He has been here about four months. Labor leaders here declare that he is innocent. Officers are searching for L. J. Simpkins, but have failed to locate. St. John will be taken to Caldwell, canyon county, this week for trial.

STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Denver, Feb. 20.—Two members of the executive committee of the Western Federation, now in Denver, this morning made the following statement in connection with the arrest of Moyer and Haywood: "The metal mine owners in all the western states have entered into a secret compact to overthrow union labor in the state of Montana. We have been advised that a supreme effort will be made to overthrow the union and cut wages. The operators know that with the leaders in jail, our organization will either be destroyed or become dormant. Moyer and Haywood are guiltless, but charges have been preferred against them and they must stand.

The dragnet thrown out in Colorado is beginning to bear fruit. Smith Edward Green a well known miner and member of the federation was arrested today and hustled to this city. His brother Robert Green, who was town marshal and known to be a sympathizer of the miners in the trouble of 1898 and two other prominent members of the federation were also arrested today. Arrests are also expected in other camps.

E. F. Richardson, attorney for the Western Federation, reached Boise from Denver this morning. He was obliged to obtain permission from Governor Goodin,

before he was permitted to see Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, his clients who are confined in the penitentiary.

The matter of holding the preliminary examination is now under discussion, and will be decided tomorrow. The defendants demand an immediate trial, and threaten habeas corpus proceedings to force the prosecution to expose their evidence, which they desire to avoid if possible by getting the grand jury to return indictments secretly. They claim this is necessary, for fear the publicity would make it impossible to secure a jury in this county.

Four officers were present at the time of Orchard's confession, and admit that the story as published, is practically true, but refuse to give details.

Judge Smith of Caldwell has ordered that a grand jury be summoned and examine witnesses to testify against Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and others charged with the murder of ex-governor Steuenberg.

Richardson announced that the federal court would be invoked to test the authority of the state to abduct persons from the state of Colorado without an opportunity to establish their innocence.

PACKERS WIN A POINT

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Feb. 20.—The court in the packers' case today admitted as evidence a letter written to Attorney General W. H. Moody by the President concerning the investigation of the packers' business and the indictment. The packers contend that this letter proves the co-operation of the department of commerce and justice in procuring evidence. The court held that the President acted entirely in his official capacity thereby hindering the government.

RUN ON BANK

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago Feb. 20.—A run on the Jackson Trust and Savings bank began today as a result of the mentioned connection with the failure of the bank of America and the announcement that the state had begun to scrutinize securities.

FIRST LEVEE

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 20.—King Edward gave the first levee of the season today.

A WOMAN DROWNS CHILDREN

(Scripps News Association)

Fall River, Mass. Feb. 20.—An appalling tragedy is reported by the officers of the Plymouth which arrived here this morning. They report that while the steamer was well out in the stream, a woman deliberately threw her three children overboard and then jumped overboard herself. All were drowned before assistance could be rendered. The woman left a wallet containing money and a note in her state room. The officers refuse to state at this time, the contents of the note. Complete mystery surrounds the woman. The officers are loath to offer any information regarding her actions prior to her awful deed.

The note which the demented woman left has been turned over to the authorities and its contents made public. It is addressed to John Walters, Brooklyn, N. Y. and was apparently written by his wife. It briefly stated that she was dispondent and was tired of living and had thrown the children overboard and intended to immediately follow. Occupants in an adjoining state room claim to have heard the children crying about midnight. No sign of the missing ones can be discovered on board the vessel.

It has been established that the woman's name was known upon the passenger list as Mrs. B. G. Allen. The note to her husband said she could not leave the children behind. The woman was thirty six years of age. The children were a girl of eight, a boy of five, and a baby in arms. None of the bodies have been recovered.

CAUSE OF DEATH

(Scripps News Association)
Stockton California, Feb. 20.—Mercury killed James Barnett and two children which died in this city last week. Coroner Southworth completed the analysis of the stomach of James Barnett this morning and the test show conclusively that Mercury was the cause of their death. The inquest is now progressing and sensational developments are expected.

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