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## REMAINDER OF STRICKEN CITY IS STEADILY SLIPPING INTO THE SEA

### Natives and Tourists alike Buried in the Trenches

#### World Rushing Provisions to Stricken People--Second Tremble Tumbles down Structures

## VERGERE TELEPHONE SELLS OUT TO NEW CORPORATION

The Vergere Telephone Company exists in a general perfection of all central, no more. The Company's holdings have been purchased by the Home Independent Telephone Company, a new firm just organized and incorporated with a capital stock of \$75,000. The new company is headed by W H Bohnenkamp as president. The incorporation papers specify that shares shall be valued at ten dollars each, and that the principal office of the company shall be in La Grande. The Vergere Telephone Company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$4000. The Vergere Company extended new lines into Wallowa county, improved the ones they already had in this county, aside

### COUNTY COURT HOUSE NEWS

Sheriff Childers has notified those of Union county who were drawn to act as jurors for the coming term of circuit court.

Lottie B. Mangers has filed a suit for divorce from Leonard Mangers. The application prays for custody of three children and severance of matrimonial bonds now existing between her and the defendant.

J J Messinger and D A Van Houten partners in a firm named Van Houten & Messinger have filed a suit against the

## Many Americans Among the Victims

(Scripps News Association)  
Kingston, Ja., January 17--Not all the Americans and English who were in the city when the earthquake came, have escaped. The first systematic search in the ruins was started today and reveals bodies of a number of whites. More will certainly be found. United States Consul Fayne this morning estimated that a thousand are dead, two thousand injured and ninety thousand homeless. The United States will be called upon for food today. Every white tourist in the section is in danger because of lack of food. The natives can eat fruit but such a diet causes pestilence among the whites.

### A SECOND SHOCK

Havana, January 17.--A second shock in Jamaica, as severe as the first one, was reported via Santiago today. Cablegrams say that tottering buildings were tumbled down. There was no second fire.

### GIGANTIC TIDAL WAVE

Holland Bay, January 17--A gigantic tidal wave swept Annota by on the North coast of Jamaica. It is reported the coast line has changed. A great stretch of the beach has sunk into the sea.

Kingston Jan 17--Foreign residents in this locality are attacked by dysentery on account of the lack of food and impure water. Natives and tourists alike, are being buried

in unmarked trenches or burned on huge pyres of debris. Ships in the harbor are used as temporary hospitals.

Outsiders have been warned to keep away.

New York, Jan 17--The shores and harbor at Kingston are sinking. There is terror lest the city will slip into the sea. The bed of the harbor is sinking and in many places the water is already a hundred feet deep.

A correspondent's cable from Holland Bay says: "The city seems shriveled up. Buildings continue to collapse, filling the streets with debris. Gas and electric supplies and the fire department are all crippled. Dead are lying about the streets, and present terrible scenes."

Kingston, Jan 17--Twenty-five millions is the estimate loss to the city and surrounding section. A statue of Queen Victoria was completely reversed but wholly uninjured.

Washington, Jan 17--Red Cross supplies to the extent of five thousand dollars worth have been ordered from New York. Ships will sail with it at once.

## TEACHERS TO GATHER IN LA GRANDE

County Superintendent of Public Schools E E Bragg, announces that a teachers' meeting will be held in this city January 26. He has arraigned an instructive program and is anxious that as many teachers as possible attend this meeting. Following is the program:

- PROGRAM**  
9:30 A. M.
- Primary Reading Round Table
  - Graded work in a one room school R A Wilkerson
  - Clay modeling in the public school Olive Conley
  - Western Literature M Snyder
- 1:30 P. M.
- Reading in the upper grades Round Table
  - Thoroughness in the grades below ninth S N Ayres
  - Educational value of type forms Omen Bishop
  - Irving's Rip Van Winkle--Suggestions to teachers of American Literature Fanny L Barber

## WRECKED AT BILLINGHAM

(Scripps News Association)  
Bellingham Wn Jan 17--The Southbound Owl train on the great Northern from Vancouver, to Seattle crashed into an open switch early this morning and collided, head on, with a passenger just in from Seattle.

Frank Watts, who was oiling the engine was instantly killed. Engineer Scott of the Owl train may die. The engine and one car is wrecked.

## ADAMS CITIZENS RESORT TO FORCE AND GET COAL

Driven to desperation by the fuel famine the citizens of Adams in Umatilla county headed by the Mayor, held up the mixed train running between Walla Walla, and Pendleton, Tuesday evening, and forcibly compelled the train crew to set out a car of coal. The conductor was first ordered to run the car onto a side track and when he said he could not possibly do it without orders from headquarters, they compelled him to wire to Supt. Campbell in Portland. After the train had been held for an hour and several messages sent back and forth between the railroad men and the coal dealer in Walla Walla to whom the

coal was consigned, the citizens ousted the engineer from his cab and switched the car onto the side track themselves, then allowed the train to proceed on its way.

It is said that the engineer showed fight and that he did not give up until several guns had been drawn.

### LAGRANDE MAN THERE

On the mixed train were several passengers among who was Rev. W. H. Gibbon of the Baptist church in this city. He was bound for Walla Walla and was a spectator to the holdup scene.

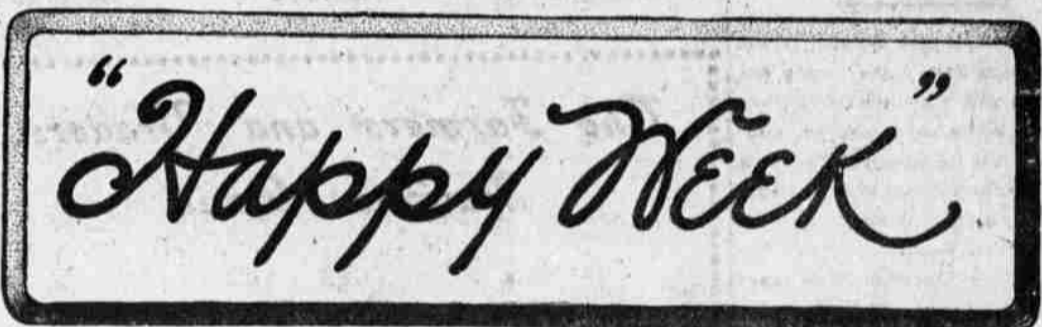
## MORE CRIMES FOR SCHEFFER

Not only is Henry Scheffer, the misanthropic Russian, alleged to have taken nearly \$150 worth of jewelry, but this afternoon it was discovered that more than forty dollars worth of hides and pelts have been stolen.

A few days ago Mose Harris and Scheffer had occasion to step into the barn where the pelts were stored. At that time the Russian had the keys to the door

in his possession. This afternoon, when Moss wanted to enter the store room, he could not find the keys, and accordingly forced in the door. Expecting to find hides and pelts piled high, he was astonished to find only one pelt left.

While there is no direct evidence that Scheffer sold the hides, still such conclusion is a plausible one. He knew where they were stored and had the keys.



Only a few days left to pick the big bargains at The Fair store

### SALE CLOSES ON SATURDAY NIGHT

We have added many new things to our list to make it worth your while to buy the last few days.

### LEATHER IS NOW UP

We would call attention to our boys' and girls' shoes. As everyone knows the price of leather has advanced, and having bought our line before the advance, will continue to sell at the old price until the line is closed out.



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