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EVENING 9

DISASTROUS WRECK ON THE DENVER AND RIO GRANDE LINE

THE DEATH LIST WILL REACH TWENTY-FIVE IS LOWEST ESTIMATE AT SCENE OF WRECK.

Denver & Rio Grande Passenger Train Crashes Into Rear of Freight That Had Not Cleared the Main Line—Conductor of the Freight Train to Blame—Both Engineers Killed—Every Occupant of Chair Car Killed or Injured—Hard to Get at the Wreck on Account of Cliff and Precipice—Injured List is Thought to Be About Thirty-Five—Hold Bodies in the Wreckage Until Investigation.

Glenwood Springs, Col., Jan. 16.—It is believed the dead in the wreckage resulting from the collision of a passenger and freight on the Denver & Rio Grande road last night two miles from here, will reach 25 to 50. Thirty are supposed to be buried in the ruins.

Among the known dead are: Identified Dead. EDWARD GOODING, Omaha. ARTHUR WILLIAMS AND WIFE, Des Moines. MRS. L. EZELL, Williston, S. D. SIGMUND OLSEN, engineer of the first freight engine. GUS OLSEN, passenger engineer. The freight was a double header. Chair Car Cut in Two.

The first news of the wreck was received here by the crew of the passenger immediately following the ill-fated train here. The chair car was cut in two. The tourist car was telescoped and part of the freight wrecked. The scene is hard to reach because one side is a canyon and the other side a steep precipice. Late reports reaching headquarters of the railroad at Denver says the death list will exceed 25. It is stated 20 bodies were recovered. Thirty-five are known to be injured.

Bring Bodies to Glenwood Springs. Eighteen dead and 20 injured have been brought here.

The responsibility for the wreck has not been fixed. It is reported the freight crew disobeyed orders by

leaving Dotsero before the passenger had passed. It ran onto a siding some distance away, but the end failed to clear the main track. Not a single person in the chair car is thought to have escaped death or injury.

Looked at Watch Wrong. A message received here says the wreck was due to a mistake by Engineer Gus Olsen of the freight train. In looking at his watch he thought he had 10 minutes to spare. He made a dash by Dotsero, where he should have waited for the passenger, for a siding down the track. He rounded the curve and was just running on the siding when the passenger thundered along and crashed into the freight.

Hold Bodies for Investigation. The bodies were not taken to Glenwood Springs as first reported, as the coroner will not permit them to leave the scene until after an investigation.

Death List May Be Enormous. Survivors are arriving at Glenwood Springs today and say that as many as 80 may be dead in the wreckage. Owing to conflicting reports it is impossible to get an accurate number of the dead. Some reports say the dead will not exceed 25.

On account of the extreme lateness of No. 6 this morning the Joseph train did not wait for it as it usually does on Saturday. Therefore, Joseph and Wallowa points will not get Portland mail accumulating there since Thursday morning, until Monday.

Hains to Write Book. New York, Jan. 16.—Thorton Hains, who was acquitted yesterday on a charge of participating in the murder of William Annis, stated today he will write a book, entitled, "The Unwritten Law." He will remain here a few days, and then go to Washington to get his daughter, and will then reside at Bay Rridge.

Uncover Americans' Bodies. Washington, Jan. 16.—The bureau of navigation today received a message from Admiral Sperry, telling of the recovery of bodies of the American Consul Cheney and wife, in the ruins of the legation on January 15. The hospital ship Culgoa will bring them to Naples today. A shipment home is being arranged for, says the dispatch.

SKULL SPLIT; LIMBS CHOPPED

GRUESOME MURDER DONE IN BALTIMORE LAST NIGHT.

Woman Aged 81 Years, Horribly Mutilated in the Cellar of Her Home—Blood-Covered Ax Found Near Body—Daughter Arrested, Accused of the Crime—She, in Turn, Places Guilt on Son of the Victim—He Denies All Knowledge of Crime.

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—The mutilated body of Sophie Goufal, aged 81, was found today in the cellar of her home. Near her was an ax covered with blood.

The skull had been split open, and the lower limbs chopped to pieces.

Sophie Barts, the woman's daughter, has been arrested suspected of committing the crime. He says that accuses her brother, John Goufal, of committing the crime. He says that when he went home to see his mother last night, he was refused admittance by his sister. He also said that when he was finally admitted, the sister shouted, "You killed mother." The son denies all knowledge of the murder.

MINING MAN ASSASSINATED

HELENA POLICE UNABLE TO SOLVE MYSTERY.

Prominent Mining Man of Montana and One Time President of the Union, Killed in Some Mysterious Manner Last Night—Found Unconscious and Died When Taken to the Hospital—Was Responding to Letter Supposedly From Hospital.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 16.—The Helena police are today working on a baffling murder mystery. Early this morning John Hancock, a well known mining man and former president of the Miners' union, was found unconscious in the front yard of St. John's Catholic hospital. Last night he received a note purporting to be from the secretary of the Miners' union, stating he was in the hospital and wanted to see Hancock. Hancock lived but a few minutes after being taken to the hospital.

Child Dies. Claud Childers received a telegram this morning announcing the death of his nephew, Terry Glenn, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn, who now reside in Woodland, a small place near Portland. The remains reached this city this afternoon and were taken to Summerville, where interment will take place.

ROYALTY TO COME. King and Queen of Italy to Personally Thank the Americans.

Rome, Jan. 16.—King Emmanuel and Queen Margherita may visit the United States to personally thank the people of that country for relief to the earthquake sufferers. They are seriously discussing such a step.

Mental Hearing for Thaw. Nyaack, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Justice Tomkins, of the supreme court, decided today that Harry Thaw will have a trial to determine his mental condition. The date of the hearing is not given. Justice Tomkins declared Thaw is entitled to a mental test.

MEADE ISSUES PROCLAMATION. Wants Washington to Observe Lincoln Centennial Properly.

Olympia, Jan. 16.—Governor Mead today issued a proclamation calling for a general observance of the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, proclaiming Friday, February 12, 1909, to be appropriately observed throughout the state. Mead suggests the people generally gather at their usual places of assemblage and do honor to the memory of one whose life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man."

Chamberlain is Safe. Salem, Jan. 16.—R. E. L. Beedillon of Bandon, who was reported ill at San Francisco, arrived here today. He is a Chamberlain supporter and his presence completes Chamberlain's full strength of 52 votes in the joint assembly.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA MENACED BY FLOODS AND MELTING SNOWS

MANY TOWNS ARE ALREADY INUNDATED OR MAROONED BY RAPIDLY RISING FLOOD WATERS.

Street Car and Railway Service in City of Sacramento Crippled and at a Standstill—City is Safe as Long as Levees Withstand the Heavy Floods That Surged Through the River—American River Rising Rapidly, Almost Touching the Danger Point—More Rain Predicted—Railroad Track Washed Away—Damage in Sacramento Valley Has Already Reached Thousands of Dollars, Say Reports.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 16.—A severe rainstorm, augmented by melting snow in the mountains, is creating havoc in central California today. Hundreds of bridges are washed out and roads are destroyed. Porterville, Biggs and many other towns are inundated or marooned.

More Rain Predicted. Two hundred feet of railroad track at the summit of the Sierra mountains are washed away. Weather bureau forecasts more rain.

Sacramento Suffers Heavily. In Sacramento electric service, railroad systems are utterly demoralized. The damage throughout the Sacramen-

to valley will total many thousands of dollars. This city is safe if the levees can withstand the terrible strain of the floods. Great volumes of water are sweeping through the levees. The American river is gradually rising toward the danger point.

Willamette on Rampage. Albany, Ore., Jan. 16.—The Willamette river in this city has risen seven feet in the past 12 hours, and now stands 13 feet above low water.

Danger at Salem. Salem, Jan. 16.—The Willamette has risen over seven feet in the past 10 hours, reaching the 12 foot stage at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Scenic. Scenic patrons are more than satisfied this week with the splendid work of H. Seltz, the German party leader. Last night he put on a new turn which eclipsed anything he had before attempted here. His work is fresh and shows an artist's finish. The other team, Fletcher and La Pierre, are doing some exceptionally clever stage business. Last night they favored the audience with some new hits—three-baggers—right from headquarters. The pictures are refreshingly new and interesting in the extreme. If you did not go last night you should attend this evening and you are sure to be well pleased.

Senators at Wedding. Washington, Jan. 16.—The senate

was delayed in opening today until 1:30 this afternoon to permit the members to attend the wedding at noon of Miss Lena Hemenway, daughter of the Indiana senator, to A. Bennett Gates of Indianapolis, at the New Willard hotel.

PROBE TEDDY'S CHARGE. Grand Jury Looking Into Charges Against Editor Pulitzer.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Formal action looking to a thorough investigation of the charges made by President Roosevelt that a certain New York paper libeled him in the alleged Panama canal exposure, was started by a grand jury today. The two newspaper men who supposed to have written the stories were summoned to testify.

TROUGH TRAIN FROM PORTLAND ARRIVES HERE AFTER 38 HOURS

The first through train from Portland since 2 o'clock a. m. Friday, a period of 28 hours, arrived in La Grande this afternoon at 4 o'clock, via the North Bank road. A stub train from The Dalles reached this city at midnight last night. With the arrival of this train, congested as it was with baggage, passengers and mail comes temporary relief to the traffic in the Columbia river district. It is believed that all trouble with snowslides of a serious nature at least, has ended and traffic will resume customary regularity soon. Further evi-

dence of the fact that the trouble at The Dalles is about over is noticed in the fact that No. 4, the westbound which passed La Grande at 11 o'clock this morning, was sent over the O. R. & N. to Portland, instead of taking the North Bank route as the two last trains from the east have done.

In Two Sections. No. 6 arrived this afternoon in two sections. With great stacks of mail in each section, the local postoffice made up for some of the time that the clerks have been idle during the crippled traffic period.

CLEANING HOUSE

Our January Sale is drawing to a close. We are making Special Heavy reductions on the remaining winter goods. Here are a few of the bargains gathered from each department.

LADIES' SUITS	MEN'S SUITS	MEN'S SHOES
Closing out at HALF price. Ladies' Hats, closing out at LESS THAN ONE-HALF price. Ladies' Skirts at a GREAT SAVING.	Do you need a Suit? This is the time. A large assortment at HALF PRICE.	At Junkey Prices. \$5.00 Shoes, sale\$3.45 \$3.50 Shoes, sale\$2.68 \$3.00 Shoes, sale\$1.98
LADIES' FELT Line Shoes\$1.39 Childrens— Wool Hoods28c Wool Toques29c Wool Gloves19c Wool Scarfs38c Misses— Outing Skirts38c Misses' Coats HALF PRICE.	LADIES' WAISTS A New Line to Select From. \$1.50 Waists at79c \$2.50 Waists at\$1.19 \$6.50 assorted Wool Waists at\$2.98 \$7.50 assorted Silk Waists at\$4.35	WHAT MEN WANT Home made wool Sox45c Good quality Night Shirts89c Heavy work Shirts89c Warm Mitts22c Winter Caps29c Wool Underwear89c Dress Shirts49c
SEE OUR REMNANT DEPARTMENT It will save you money		
LADIES' BARGAINS Wool Hose19c Wool Gloves29c Wool Underskirts\$1.15 \$1.00 Wool Scarfs38c	BLANKETS Large ten quarter blankets 79c Oregon Wool Blankets \$5.39	RUBBER GOODS Men's Rubbers50c Boys' Rubbers, Roolledge .49c Special prices on— Slickers Boots, Overshoes, and Rubber Coats.
THE FAIR STORE		

You Needn't Have Chaps

You can get along without Newlin's Culem Cure Cream, but you will not after you have once tried it. It is a lotion that makes chapped or roughened skin unnecessary. Cures Chaps in one night. Soothes and refreshes from the moment it is applied. Daintily perfumed; no grease or or stickness, as it is almost instantly absorbed. Your money back if the lotion fails to please.

PRICE 25c

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