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## CITIZENS TO TAKE A HAND

### REPETITION OF GOLDFIELD AND A CRIPPLE CREEK EPISODE IS MUCH FEARED

### NINETY PRISONERS ARE MOVED TO A VACANT BUILDING.

### I. W. W. Recruits are Scarce—Charges Made that the Police and City Officers are Cruel.

Spokane, Nov. 10.—A report is current this morning, the Citizens Alliance is forming to take a hand in the police fight against the Workers. This brings about a situation like that which existed at Goldfield, Cripple Creek and several other places which left a black page in the history of the United States.

The police this morning were compelled to move ninety of the prisoners into an abandoned school house, as the city jail and county jail would no longer hold the prisoners and it has become absolutely necessary for the authorities to renovate that prison, especially as more suits are being filed against the city and the condition of the jail will be a part of the complaint.

The situation is now becoming very serious. The Workers are finding some difficulty in securing sufficient followers for the purpose of defying the police. Representatives of the Workers armed with dozens of charges are charging extreme cruelty on the part of the

city officials and the officers of the jail as well as City Physician O'Shea are arousing sympathy throughout the surrounding country. They are threatening to ask for the dismissal of the chief of police as well as City Physician O'Shea. If this done another hard fight will come up in the city council as it is well known that a goodly part of the council will take advantage of the present situation for the purpose of deposing of the chief and physician. A large number of recruits are expected to arrive today for the purpose of continuing the fight.

Some of the conservative members of the council are in favor of repealing the obnoxious ordinance in order to reduce the expenses of the city and stop the fight. The expenses of the city in caring for so many prisoners is now becoming enormous.

## CONDUCTOR MEETS DEATH

### WAITSBURG HAS GRUESOME ACCIDENT TODAY.

### Barns at Walla Walla Burn and Good Horse Consumed.

Walla Walla, Nov. 10.—While switching this morning at Waitsburg, W. D. Flester, a well known conductor, was caught between two cars and instantly killed. He was dragged about fifty feet and horribly mangled before he was noticed by some of the crew.

### Fairground Barns Burn.

The barns at the fairgrounds were consumed by fire last night at 7 o'clock and several valuable horses were burned. The loss will be about \$15,000. No clue as to the origin of the fire has been discovered.

## BALLINGER TO SUE COLLIERS

### ATTORNEYS NOW HAVE ADVANCE MATTER AND WILL DECIDE AS TO ADVISABILITY OF SUIT

### BALLINGER APPEAR TO BE SOME EMBARRASSED NOW.

### Secretary unable to make Reply to Glavis Now But Will Hold Cabinet Session Before Doing So.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger has placed in the hands of a New York firm of lawyers the Glavis article on advance sheets of Colliers with instructions to proceed against the publishers if in their estimation the charge of libel can be sustained.

Ballinger does not hesitate to brand Glavis's statements as "unfounded and the tissue of falsehood. He hopes to be able to bring Colliers before for what he believes as their reckless publication of a sensational article.

Ballinger admits that he is considerably embarrassed at this time so far as it concerns his ability to issue a direct reply to the Glavis article because of the fact that the discussion will practically not in any way affect the Cunningham hearing which will soon be held in Seattle.

As soon as the Cabinet is able to meet with the President, which will probably be next week, the matter will be taken up. It is possible that President Taft will recommend that a reply be made immediately.

## 15 DIE WHEN TRAINS MEET

### ONE OF THE HORRORS OF SEASON RECORDED AT VANCOUVER WHEN TRAINS MEET

### NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE AND KILLING IS SPEEDY ONE.

### Man Comes to the Rescue to Remove Timbers From Bodies Placed in The Mass of Wreckage.

Vancouver, B. C. Nov. 10.—Fourteen or fifteen persons were killed this morning in an accident which occurred on the New Westminster line at 6:30 o'clock of the British Columbia & Electric Railway.

Running just ahead of the early suburban passenger was a heavy freight dragging in the rear a car of heavy timbers. This car in some unaccountable manner broke from the freight when about half way between Lakeview and Collingwood stations.

At this point the railway climbs the mountain side and the car breaking away came tearing down the mountain and before the conductor of the interurban could do a thing to warn or save his passenger the car had struck the coach. The terrific momentum of the flat car loaded with timbers swept everything from the coach level with the floor. There were twenty-five passengers in the car and none of them had an instant warning in which to make their escape. Motorman Thornburn yelled a warning to the passengers as he saw the car coming and tried to leap from the platform to a place of safety. He was caught by the runaway and instantly crushed to death. The passengers in the car were hurled in all directions and many of them were crushed almost beyond all recognizance.

George Scott, who lives near the scene of the wreck said: "It was still dark, and when I heard the crash which was almost like a peal of thunder I hurriedly lighted a lantern and went to the scene of the wrecked car. The top of the car was torn off by the car of lumber and had forced a mass of men and women into a very small space. These in the closely packed mass who were still alive were moaning and shrieking in their pain in an awful manner and I was all alone to help them. I went to work frantically to liberate them. It was fully twenty minutes before I could get enough of the poor wretches out from among the wreckage and then began to haul them out, both the dead and the living. It

was hard work and slow for some of the men were heavy. I will never forget the ghastly scene and when I had got the mass untangled I looked like I had been wallowing in blood. I then hurried away to telephone for aid and soon had plenty of help.

Broken coupling on the freight car caused the wreck. The crew left the lumber car on the main line and went in on a siding to get an empty car. When the train came out of the siding it backed up on the car of timbers and the momentum mashed the coupling and sent the car down the main line to meet the oncoming coach. The entire freight crew have been arrested by the police and will be detained awaiting the action of the coroner and the grand jury.

The following are identified dead: T. Bowes, Grand View; R. S. Lyons, farmer; J. F. Stevens, J. H. Crowner, and William Johnson, conductor; W. Stevens, T. E. Holland, George Thornburg, motorman; S. M. Mitchell, A. S. Wilkinson; Harry Dayton, Thomas V. Tuttle, Charles Harris.

Injured: T. B. Jepson and one unknown man that is unconscious in the hospital. All of the killed were men.

### Probe Into Fire Rates.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Inquiry into the sentiment among business men as to the advisability of the state of Illinois undertaking the regulation of fire insurance rates has been concluded by the commission appointed by Gov. Deen, and the investigators met in Chicago today for an executive session, at which they will complete plans for the hearings which are expected to develop from underwriting and rate-making experts the facts for which the commission is seeking.

## ELECTION IS WITHOUT ADD

### EXTREMELY SMALL VOTE BEING BALLOTTED.

### Apparently Less than a Hundred Votes Will Be cast in All.

Voting on the proposition of the refunding of the \$20,000 bond issue due this fall on the old water system and the issue due in 1912 is progressing slowly today and indications are that less than 100 votes will be polled. As far as can be learned it is thought the refunding will carry. The refunding of the bonds due in 1912 is simply a business proposition as the bonds are to be sold at a lower rate of interest than they are now bearing. The polls will close at 7 o'clock this evening and the vote counted.

## MIND DEATH SAYS WOMAN

### MRS STETSON EXPLAINS HOW THE SCIENTIST HEALING EFFECTS ABSENT PERSONAGE.

### SEEMS TO LOSE HER SOUL DURING ABSENT TREATMENT

### Deposed Christian Scientist Explains To Mother Church What Mental Assassination Means.

New York, Nov. 10.—"Mental assassination" is charged today against Mrs. Augusta Stetson, the deposed Christian scientist, in a report made to her mother church at Boston by Mrs. Maud KISSAM Babcock, a farmer student.

Mrs. Babcock makes the allegation that Stetson attempted to mentally murder her by system similar to the so-called "absent treatment." She describes the mental attack as saying she was at her home at Cedarhurst, sleeping peacefully in a perfectly normal state when suddenly she began to experience a freeing sensation. She said that "her heart fluttered, luminous waves rolled towards me and covered me and the faces of many dead people appeared before me. Mrs. Stetson's blue eyes were all around the room and it seemed that my soul went out of my body." Mrs. Babcock says she staggered to the bath room and took a hot plunge but that she could not get warm nor even feel the effects of the warm water.

### Banker Suicide Still Dark.

### Nampa, Idaho, Nov. 10.—Until the state bank examiner arrives tomorrow conditions of the Middleton state bank are not attainable. F. Jordon of California has been appointed as the new cashier.

J. L. Ocheitree the former cashier left a letter explaining that he has been carrying his own worthless paper and that he had become tired of trying to cover up this fact from the directors.

## JUDGE FEARS AN EXPOSURE

### Mme. Steinhilf Threatens to Be Indiscreet Hereafter.

### Judge Catches the Drift of Her Threat And Backs Up Quickly.

Paris, November, 10.—"I am becoming angry. Don't exasperate me any longer, I have been defending myself cautiously because unfortunately I am obliged to, but if you drive me to it I will cease to be discreet." This was what Madame Steinhilf hissed this morning. Justice Devalles evidently understood what the woman meant for he immediately changed his line of tactics.

It is believed that there are great possibilities of a scandal breaking out at the trial of Mme. Steinhilf which might possibly bring disgrace upon the French nation through the conduct of some of the officials high in the government if the woman should take a notion to tell all that she knows of her attempt to rule the nation through her lovers in high places, the French court today is "between the devil and the deep sea." They dare not press the case too hard, is the belief of the populace.

## DUNN WILL BE CHIEF COUNCIL

### S. P. ATTORNEY WILL TAKE UP WORK OF LOVETT

### While Not Appointed Yet, Apparent he is Slated for Place.

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Peter F. Dunn, attorney general for the Southern Pacific, left today for New York where he will conduct the merger case in behalf of the Harriman roads. He will be gone about five months and while gone will take up the work left by Judge Lovett when he was elected president lately. Until his promotion Lovett was chief counsel for Harriman roads. While Dunn assumes the position held by Lovett, he has not yet been officially appointed, but it is so probable that it is taken as an assured fact in road circles.

## EARLY MAIL IS POSSIBLE

### SAID THAT FIRST SECTION OF NO 8 WILL COME EARLY.

### Eastern Oregon to Get Good Mail Service, if Report is True.

An effort is being made to get an earlier train here from Portland carrying mail, than now comes in the evening. The first section of No. 8 is the train which will be changed if the present plans mature. It runs empty or nearly so, carrying only equipment for the mail train headed west. Portland mail is carried by the empty equipment, however. The plan is to give Eastern Oregon better facilities by having this train carry early morning mail out of Portland, arriving here about five or six o'clock. It is said, unofficially that this can be done.

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