

## EXCUSE TAFT FROM FIGHT

### EXECUTIVE WILL NOT HAVE TO APPEAR ON STAND DURING THE BALLINGER CONTROVERSY

### EFFORTS TO PREVENT GENERAL PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

Chinese boycott Pacific coast goods and are extremely angry—Number of Japanese coming to America is decreasing rapidly—Pinchot called to the stand again today in Ballinger hearing.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Conversation that Taft may have had with Pinchot over the conservation policies of Ballinger will not be introduced as evidence at present. The question was decided today by the congressional investigating committee in executive session. The action taken means that Taft will not be summoned to appear before the committee.

Pinchot was called to the stand.

Philadelphia, Mar. 1.—Powerful influence are working today to avert a general strike. The situation remains unchanged and both sides are maintaining a firm attitude of non-recession. The street car company still refuses to arbitrate. All newspapers in the city are urging both

sides to make concessions.

## JAP IMMIGRATION FAILS.

Two thousand less the past year than the one preceding it.

San Francisco, Mar. 1.—According to data given out from the office of the consulate general of Japan here today, the number of Japanese arriving in this country is constantly decreasing. Figures show that nearly 2000 less Japanese came to this country last year than during the year preceding.

## CHINESE ANGERED

Will enforce boycott on Pacific coast goods is determination

San Francisco, Mar. 1.—Chinese in this city today are preparing to enforce a boycott on American goods, both on the Pacific coast and indirectly in China, because the Federal government refuses to remove the Chinese detention sheds from Angel Island to San Francisco. The impossibility of the island is said to be the cause of the Chinese complaints.

## MARS INHABITED BY VEGETATION

Artificial canals and vegetation seen through telescopes.

Boston, Mar. 1.—Prof. Lowe's claim that Mars is inhabited was confirmed today by Mrs. Mabel Lewis Todd, wife of Prof. Todd. Mrs. Todd, who is well known as a writer and a lecturer, declares she has seen canals on Mars and that they could be of no other than artificial origin. She says its vegetation is lining the canals and not water courses, which was seen through the telescopes.

## Admit 82 New Lawyers.

Boston, March 1.—Eighty-two new lawyers presented themselves to the Supreme Court today and were sworn in as full fledged members of the Massachusetts bar.

## MAIL JOBS PROBE STARTS

### SECRETARY OF WAR HAS A PROBLEM ON HIS HANDS TO AVOID AN ILLEGAL ACT

### WANTS SOME WAY TO DODGE HOLD HELD BY P. M. S.

Has practically come to point where he must issue exclusive carrying rights to Pacific Mail Steamship Company to carry mail—Says it would be illegal to do so but has no option

## WASHINGTON, MAR. 1.—Secretary of War Dickinson today began an investigation into the subject of mail contracts and the feasibility of chartering steamships and of any other possible way of averting the enforced acceptance of the terms offered by the Pacific Mail Steamship company in transaction of business of the War department.

Dickinson appeared before the Senate committee on inter-oceanic cables which is investigating the trans-continental railroad conditions and its possible effect on the commercial value of the Panama Canal. He said he had been practically led by circumstances into a position where he must grant the P. M. S. an exclusive carrying contract. He declared the grant would be illegal as neither he or any other cabinet officer has the authority to make it.

## LOS ANGELES AFTER FIGHT

Southern California offers big bonus for heavyweight scrap

Los Angeles, Mar. 1.—Dick Ferris, the local promoter, has offered Rickard and Gleason a guarantee of \$150,000 to stage the Johnson Jeffries fight here. Ferris claims to be backed by a coterie of wealthy Southern Californians.

## FALLIERES MAY RESIGN

"Sleeping sickness" is malady which is bothering French president.

Paris, Mar. 1.—It is rumored here today that President Fallieres of France is soon to resign. It is believed the president is suffering from "Sleeping Sickness." It was noticed he has gone to sleep many times during cabinet meetings. In spite of official denials, the President's health is very poor and friends fear the consequences unless complete repose be had.

## Colonist Rates Effective

Chicago, March 1.—Transcontinental railway colonist rates from the east and central west to California and the Pacific Northwest go into effect today and will continue to April 15. The rates are \$25. from Kansas City, Omaha and the Twin Cities; \$33 from Chicago; \$49.75 from Boston and \$50 from New York.

## To War on Food Trust

Washington, March 1.—With the expectation of raising \$250,000 this month, the National Anti-Trust League, today commenced a campaign to secure funds for fighting the trusts controlling the necessities of life.

## New Station for Kansas City.

Kansas City, March 1.—It is expected that work will be pushed this month on the site for Kansas City's new \$30,000,000 union station, which will replace the unsightly structure which has been an eyesore for Kansas City, and travelers for many years. The station will probably be opened for public traffic in 1912.

## TWO SLIDES STOP TRAFFIC

### ONE SECTION OF THE SERVICE IS SHUT IN AND THE OTHER KEPT OUT BY TROUBLES

### WASHOUT ON O. S. L. STALLS MANY PASSENGER

Sub trains run in all directions today—Expected congestion will be at Huntington at midnight tonight. O. R. & N. main line is in running shape is report—Trouble in Washington still acute.

## Latest advices from the seat of trouble on the O. S. L. are to the effect that washouts have occurred at Glenn Ferry and at Mountain Home and that tracks will not be repaired for 30 hours. The Snake river is within two feet of high water mark of last year. It started to raise this morning.

Traffic is clogged on the Oregon Short Line; the Joseph branch line is effectively blocked at two points. The Washington division of the O. R. & N. is washed out in many places. The O. R. & N. main line is still in traffic order.

Such is in brief the status of the road situation in the Northwest today. The slide below Elgin is still a tussle, though the gangs have the upper hand and it will be removed from the track quietly.

Late this afternoon it was announced officially that the stalled trains on the O. S. L. would reach Huntington at midnight tonight. These include last night's mail train and all of today's westbound passengers.

## Snow Slides Newest Trouble

The outgoing train, Conductor Grady, met a huge snowslide at a point one mile from Minam and in the canyon between that place and Wallowa. This was this morning, and since then a gang of employees hurriedly mustered together at Wallowa, have been actively engaged with shovels in clearing away the blockade. It is impossible to get laborers in from La Grande and consequently citizens of Wallowa and the surrounding country were mustered into service. The passenger train was run back to Wallowa and has played back and forth between the slide and Wallowa today with working material and men. At a late hour it was sent back to Joseph as a stub train.

## Elgin Again Terminus

The regular Joseph morning train did not leave La Grande until after the noon hour. Then it was run to Elgin and return as a stub train.

## Boise Bridge Washout

The Oregon Short Line caught the first serious effect of the Spring freshets when the bridge over the Boise river near Nampa was washed away. The damage is so severe that no trains can possibly get through today, and due to the crippled condition of the telegraph wires, it is hard to ascertain just when the gap will be bridged and through trains reach La Grande.

## Stub Train Today

A stub train, made up at Huntington, passed through La Grande early in the afternoon today and gave accommodations to Portland.

That the situation in Eastern Washington is still serious is evidenced by the fact that orders issued Sunday to sell no tickets out of La Grande for points east of Walla Walla and Umatilla on the Washington division are still effective here today.

## Telegraph Wires Down

Communication has been difficult with the outside world today, tele-

graph lines were in working order but have been out of commission much of the time this afternoon. At frequent intervals the Pacific State Telephone lines have given trouble at points west.

## River Rising Slowly

The Grand Ronde river is rising, but slowly. Meadowbrook is commencing a rampage and it is expected that the lower river will swell rapidly tomorrow unless it freezes soon. It is apparent that a great amount of melted snow is sinking into the earth and really high floods may be averted. Katherine creek is already torrent.

Boise is entirely cut off from the outside world. The loss at Caldwell from yesterday's floods is estimated at more than \$100,000.

Colfax, W. B., Mar. 1.—Colfax today suffered from a serious flood that has already done thousands of dollars worth of damage, washed out bridges and demoralized rail transportation. The entire lower end of the city is under water. South Palouse river and Spring Flat creek are both raging torrents and water is still rising. Several streets are under water and several families have been rescued with great difficulty. Word from Pullman says the water is rising there very rapidly and the entire business portion of the city is flooded.

Deposit, Md., Mar. 1.—A great snow slide, which has blocked the Seneca river at McCall's Ferry for three weeks broke today and vast ice floes backed by a wall of water 10 feet high is rushing towards this place.

Wasco, Mar. 1.—Heavy damage has been done to private and municipal property here by floods. No passenger or mail trains have moved since Friday, owing to washouts on railroads.

## Train Swept Away

Everett, Wash. Mar. 1.—The westbound Spokane local passenger train stalled in the mountains near Wellington since Feb 24 is reported in a fragmentary message this afternoon as wiped out by a snow slide. Wires are down and great fears are expressed that the 30 passengers may be swept to the bottom of the canyon 500 feet below. A relief train is being rushed to the scene headed by a snow plow.

## Miss Alkine Home.

Miss Irma Alkine, a graduate of Behnke-Walker at Portland, has returned from Portland to join her mother here.

## SLIDE VICTIMS BURIED TODAY

### ATL VICTIMS LIE IN STATE IN THE BURKE OPE. A NOISE DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS

### DEATH LIST AT MACE CANNOT BE DEFINITELY LEARNED

Seventeen is death list at Burke alone. Entire city is mourning and all business quiet—Courier brings news of conditions to Wallace—All missing at Burke are accounted for now.

## Wallace, Mar. 1.—(By courier)—All victims of the avalanche at Mace and Burke yesterday have been accounted for. The Burke death list has been placed at 17, but says the courier cannot verify in any way and it is the expectation of the authorities that more will be found. This will especially apply to strangers who may not be on the official directories of the city's inhabitants.

Thirty are suffering from injuries in the Wallace hospitals where they have been rushed for medical treatment. Many of them are so badly injured they will die and others are in doubt.

## Preparing bodies for Burial

Survivors and friends from neighboring mines have taken charge of preparing the dead for burial. The funeral services will be held from the Burke Opera House this afternoon, and all stores and banks are closed and business is suspended.

What the total death list at Mace is the courier cannot estimate. However, it is not as high as was first announced yesterday under the heat of excitement.

Disabled wire still prevent complete details from reaching this city from either of the doomed cities.

## Expect Lipton Challenge

London, March 1.—It is confidently expected that Sir Thomas Lipton will issue another challenge for the yachting cup at the beginning of the month just beginning.

## New Coats and Wraps

Our assortment of Ladies outer garments is very Complete at this store you will be delighted with the line Silk Coats

You will find here all the popular new creations in Pongees, diagonals, Taffetas and rain proof silk.

### Serge Coats

These popular Coats in style and fit are, unsurpassed in beauty usefulness short and full lengths.

### Cravinett Coats

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