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MISSOURI HIT BY A TORNADO

TOTAL DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT SOMETHING LIKE THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

STATE PRISON IS IN RUINS

Though Prisoners Have Ample Opportunity to Escape, All Fight Against the Fire Which Broke Out Following Destruction of Many Buildings by Wind—Jefferson City Is Center of the Cyclone.

St. Louis, June 9.—Many cities of Missouri are isolated today following a cyclone last night that did thousands of dollars worth of damage. No deaths are reported but the list of injured is large, and fatalities may follow from them. It is estimated that \$300,000 worth of property was destroyed in a single night.

The cyclone centered over Jefferson city. There, it tore the roofs of the penitentiary and early today the place took fire. Three hundred convicts fought it and finally extinguished the blaze after \$25,000 damage had been done to the establishment. The wind also unroofed the east hall where 800 convicts were confined. The dining room and kitchen were unroofed.

Fire would have destroyed the place had not the prisoners heroically fought the flames. None attempted to escape though opportunities were ample.

It is further alleged that the Southern Pacific controls two thirds of the Mexican railways, the sugar trust, the sugar business and that the Wells Fargo controls the express.

These and other big interests it is alleged, are protected by concessions made by Diaz, and consequently they use their influence in America for Diaz.

Wholesalers Complain.

Portland, Ore., June 9.—Wholesalers are complaining that they are losing thousands of dollars on account of the continuance of the Teamsters strike which has practically tied up the town. The railroads are not taking all shipments to Portland as the cars remain unloaded in the yards. It is reported that strike breakers are enroute from the east and if any arrive trouble will be almost certain.

THREE ARE GRADUATED.

Opera House Filled With Friends of Students in Academy.

Very pretty services and exercises were carried out this afternoon at the commencement of Sacred Heart Academy students, when Misses Hazel Burke, Ruby Huff and Elsa Kenned were graduated from that institution under most auspicious circumstances. The Steward where the commencement was held, was filled to the limit with friends of the graduates and a very interesting program was carried out. Rt. Reverend Bishop O'Reilly of Baker City, who is the bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese, was present and he addressed the graduates and audience with his characteristic good cheer and pleasant manner. The exercises were undoubtedly well arranged and well rendered.

Prosecutor Ends Action.

Cincinnati, June 9.—Action on the indictments against Mrs. Jeanette Ford, the woman who figured so prominently in the embezzlement charges against Fred Warriner, the defaulting treasurer of the Big Four railroad, was ended today by the state prosecutor. He declared that to prosecute her in her present physical condition would be persecution and would cause either death or mental derangement.

CAVE-IN IN DITCH.

Workmen Have Narrow Escape When Cave-in Imprisons One Workman.

Workmen filling the water main ditch on Adams avenue had a narrow escape this morning when a heavy section of rock and dirt broke away and imprisoned one of the workmen against the end of the ditch. But for his bar with which he had been working, he might have been seriously hurt, though as it was he was bruised considerably. The bar carried the brunt of the load until his fellow workmen extracted him.

Strikers Return to Work.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 9.—Forty striking employes in the Mills machine works returned to work today, following a conference with the manager of the establishment at which it is reported that a compromise was reached. The strike leaders are attempting to arrange a general conference with the owners. It is predicted that much will be done soon. It is understood that Mayor Alexander will act as chairman of the arbitration committee.

POLICEMEN GUARD RESIDENTS.

Citizens Near Lawton and Soldiers Have Troubles Anew.

Seattle, June 9.—Thirty policemen are patrolling the inter-bay district near Fort Lawton today on account of trouble having broken out between soldiers and residents. Men of the 25th Infantry, colored, are held on the reservation by orders of President Taft, but the people are aroused to great heat by the recent assaults on ladies and girls in the vicinity of the fort.

AFTER ASYLUM.

Pendleton Taking Action to Have Institution Landed There.

The following from the Pendleton East Oregonian relates the steps that are being taken by Eastern Oregon towns to have the proposed asylum located soon:

"At the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club held last evening the subject of the campaign for the proposed eastern Oregon branch insane asylum was up for discussion. A communication from Representative McKinney of Baker City was read. In the same Mr. McKinney asked that the people of this city co-operate with those of Baker City and La Grande in paying for the argument that may be included in the booklet sent to all voters by the state.

"It was the sense of the meeting last evening that the club co-operate with Baker City and La Grande in sharing this expense, provided the argument is so worded as to be acceptable to the people of this city. Secretary Ben Hill was instructed to so notify the Bakerites."

TWO DECISIONS HANDED DOWN.

State Supreme Court Decides Two Wallowa Cases Yesterday.

Two important Wallowa cases were decided yesterday by the Supreme court. One of them was the case of C. R. Elliot against Wallowa county where action was brought for damages as the result of a county road being built through the land. A Wallowa county jury gave him judgment in the shape of \$350, but he appealed. The jury's verdict was affirmed. Judge Knowles presided.

The other case was that of W. J. French & Co. against Lillas A. Stevens to recover on family supplies. Judge Knowles sustained a motion for non-suit, but the decision was appealed. The high tribunal upheld Judge Knowles.

Accused Trooper Caught.

Washington, June 9.—Lieutenant Miller, commander of the colored troops at Fort Lawton near Seattle, wired the war department today that Bledser, the accused negro trooper was turned over to the civil authorities and that no shadow of suspicion rests on the other members of the regiment.

DIAZ CONSPIRED WITH COURTS JURORS INSPECT TURNTABLE

SUCH IS TEXT OF CHARGES THAT HOUSE TOMORROW WILL BE REFERRED IN

YANKEE INTERESTS SCORED

Magazine Writer, Turner, Will Help Promote Investigation Against Mexican President—Charged That Courts and Federal Officers Were Tools in Hands of the President in Fighting His Enemies.

Washington, June 9.—Charges that President Diaz of Mexico has been using United States federal officers and courts as tools to prosecute his own political enemies, will be made tomorrow before the house rules committee by Representative Wilson, who will demand an investigation.

John Kenneth Turner, the magazine writer, who recently wrote "Barbarous Mexico" will appear with evidence to back Wilson's charges.

They claim they have documentary evidence to prove that Wall street interests forced American officials to prosecute Diaz' enemies in America. The allegations declare the Guggenheims control the Mexican copper output and that Rockefeller controls the rubber, oil and oils output. It is alleged American holdings in Mexico amount to nine hundred million.

Just what other charges are in the allegations is not known. It is believed that another scandal is brewing and that court officials and federal officials who will be thrown into the limelight with many disagreeable charges and accusations. Washington is eagerly awaiting the full announcement of charges tomorrow.

Rioting in Primaries.

Mexico City, June 9.—That rioting will mark the primary election on June 25 is feared by the authorities who are preparing to meet emergencies. Feeling is high because Diaz is practically forcing the nomination of Ramon Carrol as vice president. Francisco Madero, his opponent, is reported to have been arrested at Sattillo today.

BUSY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the city council last evening seven members were present, Mr. Logsdon being the absentee. The petition for paving Sixth street with hard surface paving was read, showing over two thirds of property owners, and petition was granted.

Committee on sewer districts reported favorable and the same was adopted. The city clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Fowler and Mr. Jones for bids on doing the city's hauling and that the lowest bidder be awarded the contract. Supplies were requested for the water plant and request was granted. Engineer Dowling's report on sewer system received approval of the council and it was adopted. J. L. Mars submitted a bid for concrete work and accompanied it with certified check.

When the matter of city printing was received a communication to the judiciary committee from the Observer was read in which the price for printing was only one-third the amount the printing committee had recommended paying to other parties. The Observer contended there had been no bids asked for, that the printing contract had not been regular and therefore it had a right to put in a public bid to the council and the taxpayers. Upon vote there were four votes against the Observer's bid and three voted for it. One councilman being absent there was no ma-

JURORS INSPECT TURNTABLE

CHARLES GRAHAM INDICTED

O. R. & N. Accuses Him of Having Stole Coal From Esds—Amount of Fuel Said to Have Been Taken is About Five Hundred Pounds—Will Plead Next Saturday—Standley Case Will Go to Jury Soon.

Slight diversion was accorded the jury in the Standley damage suit against the O. R. & N., a case which was commenced yesterday morning and is still holding the attention of court, when the jurors were sent to the round house turntable this morning. The location of the pit, its working principles, and other points that necessarily should be cleared up before a just decision can be reached, were discussed.

It is not likely that the case will be given to the jury until late this evening. There is considerable evidence on both sides, and court attaches do not anticipate the beginning of a new case this evening.

Chas. Graham Indicted.

One of the secret indictments returned by the grand jury yesterday, was a charge preferred against Chas. Graham of this city alleging that Graham stole coal from the O. R. & N. yards. The amount alleged to have been taken is in the neighborhood of 500 pounds. Graham was arraigned and will plead next Saturday.

Late this afternoon no further report had been made by the grand jury since yesterday afternoon, and it is believed that the inquisitors are preparing to close up their present session.

The next case up is that of Clark against Marshall, an Elgin case in which several witnesses from Elgin will be called. They have been here for two days waiting for the case to be called.

be notified of the existing ordinance. Horses in the future must never be left on the streets without being tied, according to a decree issued last night.

Adjournment was taken until next Wednesday night.

CARPENTER WINS FAME.

Former La Grande Engineer Averts Horrible Wreck on D. & R. G.

Engineer Carpenter, who some time ago ran an engine out of La Grande, has won laurels for himself on the Denver and Rio Grande in averting a disastrous accident. The details of the accident in which Mr. Carpenter figured, are related in a clipping from a Denver paper:

The quick action of D. E. Carpenter, one of the best known engineers on the Rio Grande, prevented what might have been a terrible wreck, possibly costing scores of lives when he stopped a runaway train Friday morning about 8 o'clock, four miles east of Helper.

Mr. Carpenter was going west on No. 1 and was nearing the end of his run. The passenger train, consisting of ten cars, was ripping along at a high rate of speed, when suddenly Mr. Carpenter's eye caught sight of a string of cars lurching around a curve about half a mile ahead of his speeding train. He realized at once that it was a string of runaways. Eleven cars, heavily loaded with bullion and ore, which had in some manner broken away from the yards at Helper.

Mr. Carpenter saw that only the quickest of action would save his train from a frightful collision with the roaring peril, which was tearing towards him. He slammed on the air brakes and brought the train to a standstill with a grinding of brake shoes and a bumping of the heavy cars. Like lightning he reversed the engine and opened the throttle, starting his train backwards just as the runaway cars were within a hundred yards of the passenger train.

The passenger train gathered headway rapidly and when the freight cars collided with his train the passenger was making fairly good speed and the shock was not great and did no damage.

Mr. Carpenter started the train back toward Helper, pushing the runaways ahead of him, and before he had gone very far he met the switch engine from Helper, bearing a badly frightened crew. They were pale faced and had not yet recovered from the fright of what they felt absolutely sure would result in a terrible wreck. When they heard of the miraculous way in which the train had been stopped they could hardly believe their senses.

The train reached Helper safely and everyone was loud in their praise of Mr. Carpenter's presence of mind. Those that saw the loaded cars steal out of the yards beyond the power of anyone to catch them expected any moment to hear the crash of a collision, as No. 1 was nearly due.

TWINS BORN AT ELGIN.

Proud Father Held as Witness in Law Suit at Circuit Court.

Twin girls were born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bull at Elgin. Mr. Bull, the proud father, is held in La Grande as a witness in a case now pending in the circuit court.

The many Elgin people who are in the city to attend court, have fared richly today as a result of the announcement and Mr. Bull has been generous with the weeds.

Entre Town Sacked.

El Paso, June 9.—General Ignacia commander of the Tenth military zone, today dispatched 1000 soldiers from Vera Cruz where the Indian uprising is under way. The troops will proceed to Valladolid which was recently captured and sacked and people massacred by the Mayas. The General has ordered revenge for the massacre with extreme measures. It is believed the detachment of government troops will arrive this evening.

PROGRESSIVES IN IOWA WIN OUT

NOSES OUT VICTORY OVER THE INSURGENT LEADER WHEN COUNT IS FINISHED.

TAFT LAUD AS A LOYALIST

Final Count in Iowa Gives Different Returns From Those Predicted For It—La Follette and Insurgency Given Silent Passup By Republicans in Convention in Wisconsin This Morning.

So. Sioux Falls, June 9.—The latest returns from the primaries today indicate that George Egan, Independent Republican, secured the gubernatorial nomination over Governor Vessey by a majority of 3000.

Carroll Wins in Iowa.

Des Moines, June 9.—Governor Carroll will be renominated for governor by 3500 majority over Warren Garst, the progressive republican, according to returns from eighty-six counties. Garst was thought to be a winner yesterday.

Taft Held Up As Loyal.

Milwaukee, June 9.—Applauding fidelity to party pledges, the platform adopted by the Wisconsin Republicans here, lauds the achievement of President Taft. The platform declares he is faithful to his pledges against opposition "that tried his patience and forbearance to the uttermost." The platform also approves the tariff law "as real progressive measures." The platform further endorses the national platform of 1908, but no mention is made of insurgency or Senator La Follette, though the convention was called manifestly for purpose of defeating La Follette.

W. D. Conner, formerly a La Follette supporter, was chosen state chairman.

NORMANS ARE OUSTED.

Principal Shareholders in Portland Hotel, Don't Control It.

Portland, June 9.—Two shares of stock worth \$4,000 in open market, and which were shown at the last moment of a stockholders meeting yesterday, gave the Day brothers control of the hotel Portland and permitted them to oust the Norman brothers from the directorate and control of the million dollar hostelry. The Normans left this city last evening without a voice in the control of an institution which they own more than 49 per cent of.

MCKINLEY CONQUERED AGAIN

Second Successful Ascent Made on May 17 by Lloyd Party.

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 9.—Mount McKinley has been scaled the second time. Pete Anderson, W. R. Taylor and Charles McGonigle, who were with the successful Lloyd party, which ascended April 13, returned to Fairbanks today. They tell the story of their successful second attempt on May 17. The prospectors say Lloyd's flag on the summit is visible on any clear day.

Roosevelt Denies Speech Rumor.

London, June 9.—Theodore Roosevelt today authorized the United Press to say that he would not deliver the keynote address at the opening of the congressional campaign. Roosevelt sails from South Hampton tomorrow for America.

Jap Kills Countryman.

Stockton, June 9.—After an all-night chase Sheriff Sibley and posse captured K. S. Monolka said to be a Jap who last night murdered H. Tanouye, a fellow countryman with an axe. The victim lived until morning.