

## MRS. PERRY NOT BLAMED BY PUBLIC

OF MURDERED MAN APPAR-  
ENTLY INNOCENT OF WRONG.  
ONE SIDED LOVE.

## LETTER EXPLAINED

Ellexson's Attention to the Woman Not  
Encouraged—Strange Case Where-  
in State Hopes to Produce Sufficient  
Testimony to Convict the Prisoner  
Although No Eye Witness Was Present.

Tom Ellexson killed Waldo Perry  
the state believes and as the gen-  
eral public in and around Union be-  
lieve, he did so because of his admi-  
ration for Mrs. Perry, according to  
the accepted theory. But Mrs. Perry  
in no way to blame for that feeling  
admiration and did not in the most  
note manner knowingly encourage  
admiration of Ellexson. This is  
the opinion that is also crystallizing  
the trial of Ellexson proceeds.  
Some had entertained the hope that  
the trial would bring a case wherein  
the wife of Perry had been guilty of  
seductions which in turn had led  
to the climax where Ellexson's  
love for her had caused him to take  
the life of her husband. To those who  
so contemplated there is appar-  
ently nothing in store but disappoint-  
ment, for thus far there has been  
nothing shown in the actions of Mrs.  
Perry that can be questioned and she  
stands today before the court and be-  
lieve all who have heard the case  
early innocent of having been the  
cause of the crime.

### State is Working Hard.

Evidently realizing that he has a  
complex case of circumstantial evi-  
dence to contend with, Prosecutor  
Anhoe is at work with all his char-  
acteristic energy in welding together  
the links that he hopes will form a  
chain for conviction. Many believe El-  
lexson to be guilty but the next ques-  
tion is to prove his guilt. Judge  
Amesey is protecting his client in ev-  
ery way and lets no darts pierce the

## ROADS DODGING REAL ISSUES IN REPORT

NUMBER OF KILLED IN COUNTRY  
LAST YEAR \$50.

Commerce Commission Report is Filed  
With Congress Today.

Washington, Dec. 21—The physi-  
cal valuation of railroads report of  
the Interstate Commerce Commission  
was submitted today to congress. The  
report says the railroads issued  
seats purporting to give the "cost  
property" but don't give reliable  
information even of the money invest-  
ment or the present value of the rail-  
roads. The report says railroads oper-  
ating revenues for August and Sep-  
tember were \$745,134,204, an increase  
of forty-two million over the corre-  
sponding quarter in 1909. The expenses  
for the same period were \$499,899,372  
an increase of about fifty million.  
The number of passengers killed  
during the year ending June 30 was  
118; injured 15,151; employees killed,  
18; employees injured 38,950. The  
report asserts the most important fea-  
ture of the new railroad regulation  
act is the provision authorizing the  
commission to suspend the proposed  
increase pending an investigation.

mind of the jury which he can pre-  
vent.

### A Valuable Point.

Why did Tom Ellexson, after going  
to Brown for employment in Powder  
valley, leave Brown stating he was  
going back to work for Waldo Perry  
at Union, whereas a matter of fact  
he went to Echo and then wrote back  
to Perry asking for a job?

It happens that Brown is a rela-  
tive of Perry and while Ellexson was  
working for Brown he kept posted  
through the family on the affairs of  
Perry and Perry's family. He knew  
that Mrs. Perry and children were in  
Portland and that Waldo Perry was  
alone at his home in Union. He left  
the Brown place apparently without  
cause stating he was going to Perry's  
and the next heard of him he was at  
Echo where he wrote the letter to  
Perry immediately upon his arrival  
asking for a job.

This all looks bad for Ellexson. It  
is not denied that Mrs. Perry at the  
suggestion of her mother wrote a let-  
ter to Ellexson regarding working for  
the Perrys. This is explained, however  
for Mr. Perry wanted to accompany  
his family to Portland and he had no  
one to leave at the home place. It was  
decided by the family that as no one  
else was available Mrs. Perry should  
write to "Tom" (Ellexson) and get  
him, although the family would rather  
have had some one else because  
they knew Ellexson was a hard drink-  
er.

### Ellexson Writes Letters.

There is no doubt as to Ellexson an-  
noying Mrs. Perry but that he did  
these things without encouragement  
from the woman is the general belief.

## BOWERMAN ON FINAL TOUR OF INSPECTION

ASYLUM SITES TO BE SELECTED  
SOON AFTER TOUR.

In Baker Today, Coming to Union To-  
morrow with Nottingham.

Jay Bowerman and J. N. Notting-  
ham, the Portland senator, are in  
Baker today making the last and final  
investigation of the sites offered by  
that town for the proposed eastern  
Oregon asylum. Mr. Bowerman pro-  
posed to come to Union tonight, in  
company with Nottingham, and make  
the same sort of a final examination  
there tomorrow. Other examinations  
and inspections prior to this one,  
were preliminary and with the pres-  
ent inspection, coupled with the rec-  
ommendations made by the previous  
committees, the final decision will be  
made.

A soil expert from Corvallis is now  
at Union making his study of soil  
conditions there. A final report can  
be expected soon.

A large delegation of local business  
men are going up to Union tonight to  
meet the governor and his party and  
plan to return on the delayed train.

### SPECIAL MESSAGE TODAY.

Taft Recommends Appointment of  
Men to Establish Boundaries.

Washington, Dec. 21—Declaring  
the calendar of Wednesday is pecu-  
liarly sacred, Speaker Cannon today  
refused to permit the immediate con-  
sideration of the Taft special mes-  
sage to congress. The message rec-  
ommended the adoption of a law au-  
thorizing the president and the state  
of Texas officials to mark the bound-  
ary between Texas and New Mexi-  
co. The house adjourned this after-  
noon for the holidays. Senate adopted  
Taft's recommendation.

### "Big Jury" is Discharged.

Rock Springs, Texas, Dec. 21—  
Without finding an indictment or fix-  
ing the responsibility the grand jury  
which has been investigating the  
lynching of Antonio Rodriguez, whose  
death caused the anti-American riots  
in Mexico, were discharged today.

## CRUCIAL HOUR OF STRIKE NOW AT HAND

STONE GIVES NEIL 24 HOURS TO  
PERFECT PEACE BETWEEN  
THE WARRING FACTIONS.

## DELAY IS INTOLERABLE

Neill is Working With Both Factions  
but Unable to Accomplish Anything  
in the Way of Satisfactory Compro-  
mises, it Begins to Appear That  
Strike is Actually About to Come to  
a Head.

Chicago, Dec. 21—Whether the loco-  
motive engineer's strike on sixty-one  
western railroads will be decided with-  
in twenty-four hours, according to  
President Stone today. He said: "I  
won't tolerate further delay. It must  
be short and sharp decisive action."

Commissioner Neill is trying to  
arbitrate the differences and held a  
conference with the railroad manag-  
ers and holds one this afternoon with  
the employees. Indications are they  
are not near any settlement.

"Unless Neill is able to do some-  
thing this afternoon, we are going to  
act," said Stone. "Delay is intoler-  
able. The railroads have offered us  
thus far an increase of 9 1-2 per cent.  
This was of course refused. All other  
offers made regarding the questions  
at issue also have been rejected."

Railroad officials say Stone is only  
bluffing. Neill is said to be doing all  
he could to prevent a strike, but  
would not discuss it.

### ALDRICH TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Mystery Increased When Senator  
Was Taken in an Ambulance.

New York, Dec. 21—Senator Ald-  
rich was taken to the Roosevelt hos-  
pital today to undergo an operation  
on his hand, and although it was given  
out that the senator was not in a  
serious condition, an ambulance was  
used to convey him to the hospital.  
The ailment is described as a stiffen-  
ing of the tendons of his left hand,  
the result of an accident which befel  
Aldrich some few months ago. At the  
time of the accident it was announc-  
ed that Aldrich was struck by a taxi-  
cab or a street car but no witnesses  
who saw the accident were found and  
the report spread that he had been  
attacked.

### LORIMER FORMALLY CLEARED.

Committee Files Report and Asks to  
be Excused at Once.

Washington, Dec. 21—Exonerating  
Senator Lorimer of the charges of  
bribery in connection with his elec-  
tion to the senate, the committee on  
elections and privileges filed its for-  
mal report today. Senators Beveridge  
and Frazier did not sign it. "In the  
opinion of the committee Senator  
Lorimer's title to a seat in the senate  
is not shown to be vitiated by the use  
or employment of corrupt methods or  
practices," says the report.

The committee in the report asked  
to be excused from further considera-  
tion of the case. Senator Burrows,  
Depew, Dillingham, Heyburn, Bulke-  
ley, Republicans, Bailey, Paynter,  
Johnson and Fletcher, Democrats,  
signed the report.

### GAS FRANCHISE TONIGHT.

Important Transaction Will be Con-  
sidered Along With Minor Matters

Among other matters to come up  
for final consideration by the council  
at its meeting tonight will be the  
passage of the gas franchise. This  
will undoubtedly go through this eve-  
ning and be cleaned up. Other mat-  
ters include the selection of three sa-  
loon licenses to fill the vacancies now  
existing. Only five were selected at  
the last meeting.

## VERY IMPORTANT CASES DECIDED YESTERDAY

UNION SCHOOL FRACAS IS FINAL-  
LY SETTLED BY SUPREME  
COURT'S ACTION.

## ROUND HOUSE LIEN SETTLED

Hector McDonald of Wallowa is En-  
titled to Seven Hundred Dollars for  
Right of Way Held by O. R. & N.  
Union Citizens Have Right to Voice  
Their Selections for School Site Af-  
ter Long Legal Fight.

Union taxpayers will have a voice  
in the selection of a school site at  
that place, according to a decision of  
the supreme court handed down yes-  
terday and dealing with the Union  
school fracas. In the beginning of the  
litigation, Baxter and some 150 others  
signed a petition for an injunction re-  
straining the school board represented  
in this case by M. F. Davis from tear-  
ing down the old court house for the  
purpose of building the new high  
school on that site. The temporary re-  
straining order issued by Judge  
Knowles was made permanent at the  
conclusion of a long series of argu-  
ments before the court here. Then it  
was taken to the supreme court and  
yesterday the court affirmed the deci-  
sion of the lower court.

It means that Union taxpayers will  
have a voice in placing the site. This  
will entail some loss of time in get-  
ting the building under way. Bonds  
have already been floated for the  
building.

### ROUND HOUSE LIEN OFF.

Supreme Court Decides Crane Com-  
pany Does Not Hold Lien.

The local O. R. & N. round house  
has not got a mechanic's lien plastered  
on it, which was claimed by the  
Crane company. When the building  
was completed some three years ago  
the Crane company brought suit to at-  
tach a mechanic's lien on the local  
round house claiming non payment by  
the Erie Heating company. The case  
was brought to the supreme court af-  
ter attacks and counter attacks here,  
and the decision of the lower court,  
Judge Knowles presiding, had been  
affirmed. The Crane company has no  
lien on the round house.

This has been one of the most im-  
portant pieces of litigation before the  
local courts.

### MacDONALD CASE SETTLED.

Right of Way Dispute in Wallowa  
County is Finally Settled Too.

A piece of litigation over a right of  
way in Wallowa county that has  
usurped the attention of the courts  
for several years, was ended yester-  
day when the Supreme court ruled  
that the O. R. & N. is entitled to per-  
manent title to the right of way  
through Hector MacDonald's land by  
the payment of \$700. The trouble  
arose sometime ago over the fact that  
the O. R. & N. secured the right of  
way but the company did not build  
through the land in compliance with  
time limits in the right of way con-  
tract. After the road was built, the  
land owner, Mr. MacDonald, brought  
injunction proceedings to restrain the  
company from building further. With  
many ins and outs the case event-  
ually went to the supreme court to be  
decided as noted.

### Germany Feels Slighted.

Berlin, Dec. 21—Fraternalizing of  
English, American and French fleets to  
the exclusion of vessels is said to  
have caused bitter feeling on the  
part of German naval heads. The fail-  
ure of the American fleet on its Euro-  
pean tour to stop at Wilhelmshaven,  
although it passed within four hours'  
run of the port, is regarded as an af-  
ront by Germany's naval officials as

the itinerary of the fleet as outlined by  
Taft and the navy department, they  
regard it as an affair between nations.  
Count Reventlow, an eminent Ger-  
man naval expert is one of the lead-  
ers of the anti-American faction who  
are making much concerning the al-  
leged slight.

### FIREMAN AND SPECTATOR DIE.

Fire in Cincinnati Results in Two  
Deaths, Injuries and Losses.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21—A fireman and  
a spectator were killed and ten fire-  
men were severely hurt in a fire to-  
day that did two million damage. The  
dead are: Robert Greer, fireman and  
a boy, unidentified. The fire broke out  
early in the Krippendorf shoe com-  
pany's factory and spread rapidly to  
the Taylor-Poole Leather Co. and de-  
stroyed it and damaged eight other  
factories before it was subdued.

### New Commissioners Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 21—The senate  
this afternoon confirmed the nomi-  
nations of McChord and Meyer as a  
member of the Interstate Commerce  
Commission.

### SNOW STORM IN KANSAS.

Storm Reaching to Continental Divide  
Is Delaying Traffic.

Denver, Dec. 21—A severe snow  
storm, extending from Southern Kan-  
sas to the continental divide is ap-  
proaching today. Telephone and telegraph  
lines reported considerable wire trouble.  
Trains are delayed. The storm is  
moving eastward.

## VALUABLE DOGS KILLED BY THE DRUG ROUTE

HOUNDS RECENTLY RECEIVED  
FROM PENITENTIARY DEAD.

D. C. Miscoux up in Arms at Loss of  
Three Valuable Canines.

Three valuable hounds, recently  
received here from the Idaho peni-  
tentiary at Boise, and now the prop-  
erty of D. C. Brischoux the Savoy hotel  
proprietor, have been poisoned.  
About three weeks ago Mr. Brischoux  
received the hounds to add to his ken-  
nel of blooded canines and he had be-  
come especially attached to all three  
of them since their arrival. The pecu-  
niary value was considerable too.

Mr. Brischoux expresses his con-  
tempt for the dog poisoner in about  
the same way any man with a streak  
of manhood in him would and discov-  
ery of the miscreant who did the act  
would lead to immediate prosecution  
and punishment if found guilty. Not  
alone is Mr. Brischoux up in arms  
at the affair but others in the city  
are still smarting under recent poi-  
sonings and the revival of the inhuman  
habit has simply fanned the slumber-  
ing animosity the public entertainers  
toward a human being who will set  
poison for dogs.

### XMAS PRESENTS DESTROYED

Trains Carrying Valuable Presents  
Wrecked in Yard Smashup.

Chicago, Dec. 21—Christmas gifts  
valued at \$250,000 were destroyed to-  
day in a wreck on the Pennsylvania  
railroad when a passenger train and a  
westbound freight collided in yards  
here. The boiler of the passenger en-  
gine exploded, setting fire to a car  
of registered mail. After the fire was  
extinguished, a guard was thrown  
around the ashes which was shifted  
and diamonds and recovered. The en-  
gineer of the passenger was probably  
fatally scalded.

### Slide on Salt Lake.

San Bernardino, Dec. 21—One man  
is dead and five injured in a cave-in  
of a branch of the Salt Lake road at  
Meadow Valley. G. F. McCarthy was  
killed.

## 289 MINERS IN BURNING MINE IN ENGLAND

FEW BODIES RESCUED BUT GREAT  
MAJORITY BELIEVED TO HAVE  
BEEN BURNED.

## FIRE KEEPS HELP BACK

With Slight Possibility of Men Being  
Rescued in Galleries and Shafts.

Rescue Parties Plan System of Re-  
moving the Men Alive—All Found  
Thus Far Have Been Dead—Three  
Hundred in Mine.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 21—Two  
hundred and eighty nine out of the  
300 miners in the Little Hulton com-  
pany's mine near Leigh are believed  
to have been killed in an explosion  
and fire this morning. Only eleven  
were rescued. The remaining were  
trapped. Twenty bodies were remov-  
ed this afternoon and it is believed  
a majority if not all the others perished.

The explosion was terrific and the  
fire started five minutes afterward,  
shooting out of the main entrance and  
drove back the rescuers. After the  
flames in the main shaft subsided a  
small party entered a short entrance  
and recovered bodies but could go no  
further as the main shaft was block-  
ed.

The flames apparently spread to all  
parts of the mine. Though efforts were  
made to subdue the fire it was many  
minutes before the first outburst was  
controlled.

The fire is still raging, further in.  
Another rescue party is organized and  
will attempt to enter before night.

The cause of the explosion is unde-  
termined. Officials hope the miners  
succeeded in reaching one gallery  
which is not burned and walled them-  
selves up. This is believed to be their  
only chance of escape.

Among the dead are many boys  
who were employed as loaders and  
helpers. A survivor, badly burned,  
was taken from the mine this after-  
noon but is unable to account for the  
explosion.

A roll call this afternoon showed  
the list of missing to be 350 but it is  
believed many are reported missing  
who are safe with friends. Mine offi-  
cials say not over 300 were in the  
mine.

### Lewiston Receiver Named.

Washington, Dec. 21—President Taft  
today nominated Benjamin Barber as  
receiver of public moneys at Lewi-  
ston, Idaho.

## LIBERAL PEERS TO BE FORMED BY KING

SECRET CONFERENCE LEADS TO  
THIS BELIEF IN LONDON.

Nothing Definite Regarding Confer-  
ence Until Message is Read.

London, Dec. 21—A secret confer-  
ence today between the King and  
Premier Asquith gave rise to the be-  
lief that the King has decided to cre-  
ate a sufficient number of Liberal  
peers to outvote the conservatives on  
legislation to deprive the House of  
Lords of its power of veto. It was  
known that the conference was upon  
the veto question but no other infor-  
mation is given out. It is probable  
that nothing definite will be known  
until the King addresses Parliament  
when it convenes.