

## IROQUOIS SINKS WITH 17 MOSTLY WOMEN, ABOARD

### PEOPLE ASHORE WITNESS THE DISASTER

YESTERDAY'S WRECK FAR MORE SERIOUS THAN FIRST REPORTED FROM SIDNEY.

### WRECKAGE STREWS COAST

Sinking of Iroquois in Squal Yesterday Afternoon Attended by the Death of at Least 17—Second Life Boat Swamps and All Aboard Go Down—Women Remain in Disengaged Cabin Drown.

Victoria, April 11.—Inquest over victims of the Iroquois wreck yesterday in which one man was believed dead, but wherein 17 were drowned, was begun today at Sidney, Captain Sears and all the survivors who are able, attending. It is likely adjournment will be taken after today until it is possible to tell how many perished when the small steamer, heavily loaded with passengers, capsized during a squall. It is now believed that 17 drowned. Nine bodies were recovered and 12 survived. Wreckage is scattered all along the coast and Indians are scouring the coast line searching for bodies. Many at Sidney witnessed the boat sink just off the harbor but they could not aid. About half the dead are women.

The bodies recovered are: Miss Isabel and Mary Fenwick of Victoria; John Brydson, P. McPhillips, Jan Bactaron, Ernest Hartnell, steward, A. D. Monroe, purser; Andrew Olsen second engineer and two Chinese.

**Second Lifeboat Sinks.** Captain Sears who with Engineer Thompson and three Indians, escaped in a life boat, said they saw the second life boat swamp near the wreck but were unable to render aid. He said eight or nine were in the boat. Several women remained in the cabin which floated off the sinking hull, but was dashed to pieces on the rocks later. The boat sunk in 14 fathoms.

**Second Recent Disaster.** This is the second disaster within a month. The steamer Sechelt, on Mar. 24, sank on the straits of Juan de Fuca where 26 were drowned under practically the same circumstances.

**Child Finds Home.** James G. Kilpack, of the Boys and Girls' society of Portland, is here today on his way to Elgin with a bright little three-year-old girl for whom he has found a home in one of the prominent families at Elgin. Mr. Kilpack is devoting his life to the care of orphans and the Eastern Oregon country is visited by him frequently.

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## HAWAIIAN PLANTERS DRIVE SLAVES AND JAPS MENAGE THE ISLANDS

Washington, April 11.—A sensational statement that a majority of the inhabitants of the Hawaiian islands are practically slaves to sugar planters and that Japanese settlements would form an effective force against the United States in time of war, is the gist of the report made to President Taft today, by Commissioner General of Immigration Keefe. He asserts the claim that whites cannot work on the island is a lie to

### AFTER WICKERSHAM'S SCALP.

Washington, April 11.—To ascertain whether Attorney General Wickersham has present connections which will disqualify him from holding office, Representative Rainey introduced a house resolution today calling for an investigation. This is the first step to oust the cabinet officer. The committee will ascertain the number of trust prosecutions begun, and not finished, and learn why.

## PIONEER OF 91 YEARS DEAD

### GRANDMA BRADEN PASSES AWAY AT ADVANCED AGE.

Came to La Grande in 1887—Death Peaceful—Funeral Yesterday.

Ladd Canyon, April 10.—(Special)—Folding her tired hands over her peaceful breast, Mrs. Susan Braden, more familiarly known as "Grandma Braden," has passed away to that beautiful land where suffering is never known. She has been a widow 30 years and has made her home for years with her only child, Fred Braden. "Grandma" was always very active in life and was even able to read until the past two years, although she was never bed-fast. She passed away very peacefully at 4 o'clock Sunday morning while sitting in her chair, after five days' illness.

Susan L. Braden was born February 14, 1820, at Collins, Erie Co., New York. She was married to Samuel C. Braden May 1st, 1850, who died in the year 1880. She came to La Grande, Oregon, in 1887 and died at the home of her son, F. W. Braden, April 9, 1911, at the age of 91 years. She leaves to mourn her loss one son F. W. Braden and four grand children: Claude of La Grande, Sam, Frank and Miss Kate of Ladd Canyon.

The funeral services were conducted at her sons home, April 10, at one o'clock by Upton Gibbs. School was closed all afternoon in respect to one who was loved and respected by all who knew her and who will ever be remembered.

She has passed away like a troubled dream. Has crossed the brink of the silent stream Where the messenger waits with oar and bark To pilot her over the river dark.

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**EBENEZER J. HILL**  
Connecticut Congressman Who Has Been Active Business Man.



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Hill, the Connecticut representative, was named today as a member of the minority house ways and means committee and is one of the men who bear the distinction of being the first to be elected to a committee by a viva voce vote.

## MINORITY NAMES COMMITTEES

### NORTHWEST FARES BADLY ON MINORITY APPOINTMENTS.

Republicans Select Men Who Are to Act on Important Committees.

### NEW PRECEDENT SET.

Washington, April 11.—For the first time in history the house today elected its own committees with a viva voce vote, after a lengthy debate in which Representative Cannon affirmed the caucus would be found fallible, the same as a speaker might. Those elected were all nominated by the caucuses.

Washington, April 11.—Republican house committee appointments were announced today by Minority Leader Mann. Insurgents are well treated but none are on the ways and means committee. On the rules committee are Madison, Lenroot, Dalzell and Wilson. No northwest representatives are on important committees so far.

On the ways and means committee are Payne of New York, Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; McCall of Massachusetts; Hill of Connecticut; Needham, of California; Fordney, of Michigan and Longworth, of Ohio.

### BLAME FOR FIRE FIXED.

Owners of Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Must Stand Trial.

New York, April 11.—The grand jury this afternoon indicted Max Blank and Isaac Harris, owner of the Triangle Shirtwaist company, with manslaughter in the first degree as a result of the recent fire which caused the death of 143, mostly girls.

The jury found the fire regulations had been generally violated in the factory and that many could not escape on this account.

### Brigade on the March.

San Diego, Cal., April 11.—Practically the whole brigade commanded by General Bliss marched eastward today from the maneuver camp at Grossmount. They are headed for Teacarte where fighting is going on between rebels and federals.

## OHIO MOURNS AT DEATH OF TOM JOHNSON

VALIENT LEADER FOR REFORMS SUCCEUMS TO LONG ILLNESS LAST NIGHT.

### BURY REMAINS IN BROOKLYN

City of Cleveland to Show Respect to Memory of Late Mayor by Coming to Standstill Commercially During the Funeral Services—Estate Valued at a Hundred Thousand, Say Estimates.

Cleveland, April 1.—John Johnson, known from the Pacific to the Atlantic for his reform measures and his valient fight for lower street car rates in Cleveland—a campaign which involved personal encounter with his enemies frequently—is dead. Death came last night, ending a long and fatal illness.

Arrangements were made today to suspend all business in this city during his funeral which will probably be followed by memorial services. The body will be taken to Brooklyn, N. Y., for burial in Greenwood cemetery. His estate is about \$100,000.

### In Ill Health a Year.

Tom L. Johnson, who had been in ill health since he retired as mayor of Cleveland on January, 1, 1910, will probably be known in all future American municipal history as the mayor of the "best governed city in the United States" and also as the father of three three-cent street railway fare in America. He was born in Blue Spring, Ky., July 18, 1854. His father, Gen. William Johnson, a famous Kentucky legislator lost his fortune in the civil war and at 15, young Johnson was thrown on his own resources. He promptly secured a job as a horse car driver on the streets of Louisville, and began learning the business in which he later made fame and fortune. Johnson served later as chief of police of Louisville but soon became interested financially in the street car system of Indianapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, and Brooklyn. Patents on various street car appliances helped him financially and made him an authority on street railway matters. He was practically at the height of a most successful career as a street railway magnate, when in 1888 he retired from business to carry out cherished ideas of social reforms, among which was that of becoming the father of three-cent street railway fare in America. This idea had been imparted to him by Henry George, whose influence over Johnson's entire life dated from the time when on a railway train Johnson bought a copy of George's "Social Problems." Later they became fast friends and worked together at carrying out various reforms.

On George's advice Johnson entered

## CALL ROOSEVELT "BIG FOOL"

### GOTHAM WOMEN ANGERED BY RACE SUICIDE THEORIES.

"Let Roosevelt Attend to His Own Family Affairs" Is Cry.

New York, April 11.—Prominent New York women are out today with roasts on Col. Roosevelt for the statement recently in the Outlook that marriages which produce less than four children should be considered sterile.

Mrs. Martha Townsend, treasurer of the Women's Political society, among others, said: "Roosevelt is a fool and a four flusher. Let him arrange for his own offspring but let him shut up about the rest of the United States. Words I'd use to describe his egregious idiocy, wouldn't be printed."

politics, running first for congress but being defeated in his first race when he campaigned on the free trade issue. Later he was elected, serving two terms from 1890 to 1894. Here one of his most noteworthy achievements was the ruse by which he forced the printing of the entire text of Henry George's "Protection of Free Trade," into the congressional record and its free distribution to the entire country.

### '94 Landslide Too Much.

Johnson was defeated in the republican landslide of 1894 but in 1901 was elected mayor of Cleveland and began his real life's work of establishing the three-cent street car fare. For years he kept up the fight and as a result Cleveland today still has a three-cent street car fare although not under exactly the condition he had hoped for. His various terms as mayor were marked by a continual fight against special privilege with the result that he quickly won the title of "mayor of the best governed city in the United States." In 1903 he ran

for governor and was defeated but was

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## 34 FORGOT TO PAY RENT

### AS MANY RESIDENCES WITHOUT WATER THIS MORNING.

By Noon Nearly All Delinquents Had Been Restored to Service.

Thirty-four forgot yesterday—they forgot to pay their water rents, and the city hall has been a continuous scene of something akin to the Mexican revolution. Water Superintendent Hoyt listened with due patience to the expressions from those who awoke this morning to find their water supply exhausted and who were later called upon to pay the \$1.00 penalty. For a time the delinquents each month could be counted on the fingers of one hand but this month the list of those who forgot was a large one. By noon a greater per cent of the delinquents paid the fine and were again supplied with Beaver creek but almost invariably the delinquents expressed opinions about the ironclad rules of the water department before producing the necessary dollar.

### NEW WATER RULES READY.

Ordinance Published Today Which Introduces the System's Laws.

All details pertaining to the use of the municipal water system are involved in an ordinance published in the Observer today. The public will find all the rules and regulations governing the system in that ordinance.

## DOCTOR HYDE TO HAVE RETRIAL SAYS COURT

KANSAS CITY DOCTOR EXPRESSES REGRET THAT HE WAS NOT FREED BY DECISION.

### MANY ERRORS DISCOVERED

In Ten Thousand Word Opinion Supreme Court of Kansas Decides that Hyde Shall Have a New Trial—The Doctor Confident of Vindication at the Next Trial—Hoped Dismissal by Court.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 11.—The state supreme court today reversed the trial court's conviction of Dr. Hyde, for the murder of Colonel Thomas Swope, his wife's millionaire relative, and remanded the case for a new trial. Hyde was sentenced to life previously after a sensational trial.

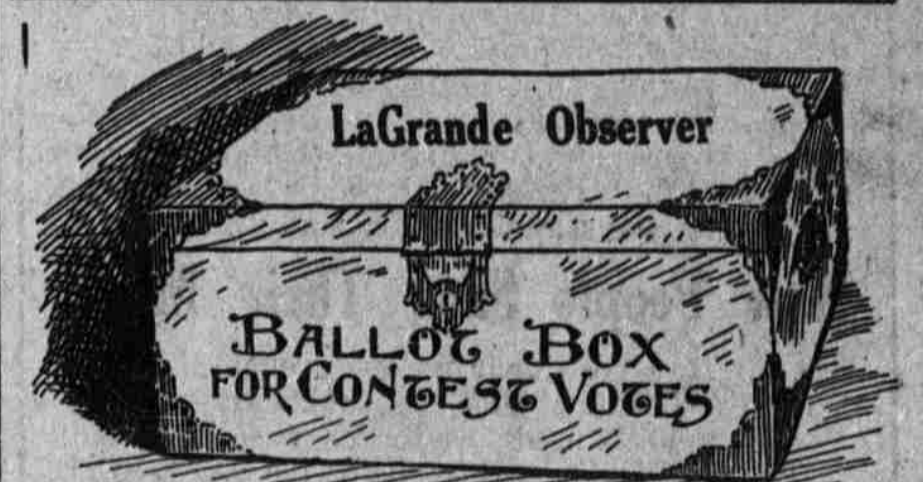
The opinion granting Hyde a new trial consists of 10,000 words, based on many errors, including deaths of other members of the Swope family, other than Colonel Swope, who died suspiciously.

### Hyde Expresses Regret.

Kansas City, April 11.—Informed that the supreme court of the state ordered a new trial, Dr. Hyde expressed disappointment and declared the whole decision should have been reversed and he freed. He said he looked forward to full acquittal next time.

### SNOW STORM AND COLD WEATHER A BOON.

Thanks to a drop in temperature several days ago, the snow storm of last night when nearly two inches fell in less than half an hour, did no harm whatever to orchards; in fact, orchard men agree that the storm has helped to retard the budding and thereby spell another bumper crop. At this particular time the trees have not reached a stage of development that frosts will injure and if the weather gods will continue to keep the mercury down and send a drift of snow now and then for about 10 more days there will be no danger of damaging frosts. A careful canvass of the fruit districts of the valley this afternoon reveals confidence for the biggest crop in history of the business here.



### VOTE COUPON.

The Great Circulation Contest. LA GRANDE OBSERVER—DAILY AND WEEKLY This Coupon Will Count One Vote.

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