

ENGINE EXPLODES KILLING ENGINEER AND SCALDING TWO OF TRAIN CREW

Shoshone, Ida., April 20.—(Special) Engineer Bert Chapman is dead. Fireman A. F. Nichols is badly and deeply fatally scalded and mangled on both legs broken, and brakeman M. Daniels is scalded as the result of the explosion of a locomotive drawing a special freight No. 1022 near the city yesterday afternoon. Seven cars were blown off the track. The injured men were taken to Pocatello on a special.

Chapman's body was buried under the engine. Wreckers worked today lifting the twisted steel from the tracks. Hundreds of persons from Shoshone visited the wreck yesterday and today.

An engine killed, a fireman all but killed, a big high-speed engine was blown to pieces and mall cars derailed and badly disarranged blocking traffic for many hours when, late yesterday afternoon, the engine and engine exploded at Brady a small spur just east of Shoshone, Idaho, on the Oregon Short Line. Minute details are not available in La Grande today but it appears that the mall cars were piled high and how the rest of the crew escaped is mysterious to say the best.

United Press reports concerning the wreck and railroad news of the

disaster disagree materially for it steadfastly maintain d in railroad circles today that the fast mail, rather than the freight went in the ditch. Railroad row is also informed here today that two were killed, the engineer and fireman.

Brady is located on a slope where the trains ramble along at a fast clip, especially the high-speed mail train. The explosion occurred without warning and it takes but little imagination to draw a mental picture of the condition of things when the train was derailed by the explosion of the engine. Reports are conflicting.

Traffic was delayed long, indicating the extent of the smashup. No. 9 was due here last night at 9:15 and will arrive about 6:30 tonight. While the O. S. L. is equipped with some of the best wrecking facilities in the northwest, the debris has not been cleared with the customary dispatch. Mall cars are stacked in piles of the steel variety and are heavy, necessitating much time in lifting and replacing.

While relief has been accorded that blocked traffic, it was only this morning that such was the case. The mall train will reach here at 6:30 or 7 o'clock tonight and the first section of No. 17, due this morning at 9:25, will arrive about 8:45 this evening.



Who Will Win the Observer Trips Popular and Enterprising Young Ladies Here Given Opportunity to Demonstrate Their Ability in Gathering Ballots--If Your Favorite's Name is Not Here, Nominate Her.

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 1

This district comprises the city of La Grande. The four ladies residing in La Grande who at the end of the contest have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

HUFF, RUBY, Seventh and L streets	13,032
MARTIN, ERMA, 1201 Fourth street	7,000
STEPHENSON, MILDRED, Care Star Theatre	2,500
COTNER, EVA, 2,008 Oak street	1,122
WILLIAMS, MRS. Fred W., Box 504	1,004
GARRICK, NELL, Care Isis theatre	1,001
PRICE, NELL, Care Telephone Office	1,001
DAVIS, ADA, 1313 X avenue	1,001
SNOW, ALICE, 1410 Z avenue	1,001
COMBS, FRANKIE, 1201 D avenue	1,001
NUTTER, MRS. B. B., 1708 1-2 Sixth St.	1,000

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 2

This district comprises all of Union county except La Grande. The four ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROBERTSON, ZELLA, R. F. D. No. 2, La Grande	8,661
VAN HOUSEN, HAZEL, Alton	7,001
CARBINE, JENNIE, R. F. D. No. 1, La Grande	7,000
KEFFER, STELLA, Imbler	1,151
RUSSELL, BETHEL, Elgin	1,097
WILSON, EVA, Union	1,011
ARNOLD, MABEL, Elgin	1,001
SMITH, BESSIE, Elgin	1,001
VAN DE-VANTER, MRS., Medical Springs Stage Line, Union	1,001
CHATTIN, VIOLET, Summerville	1,001
WOODDELL, ETTA, R. F. D., No. 1, Summerville	1,001
HART RUTH, Higard	1,001
KELLY, BESS, Cove	1,001
HERFORD, BELL, Telocast	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 3

This district comprises all of Willowa county and Pine and Eagle valleys. The three ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

BROCK, NETTIE, Flora	3,001
EVANS, MINNIE L., Willowa	1,001

PRIZES REGARDLESS OF DISTRICTS.

The three candidate who, at the end of the contest have more votes than any of their rivals, may, at the expense of the Observer, extend their trips on to San Francisco.

The four candidates who range next in standing, regardless of districts, will be entertained at the Hotel Gearhart, Gearhart Park, By-the-Sea.

All winning candidates will be given side trips to all points of interest in and about Portland; and will be taken to the leading places of amusement and recreation.

Instead of taking a trip, any winning candidate may have music lessons to the value of \$50 or a scholarship in Whitman college; in the Baker City business college or choice of several other colleges. In lieu of the San Francisco trips scholarships valued at \$100 will be arranged for, in case exchange is desired.

Miss Smith of Elgin.

Miss Bessie Smith, of Elgin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Smith, is recommended as a girl who will let everyone know that she is in the contest to win. She is known by all the people of Elgin and she knows and speaks to all of them as neighbors. She is a cousin of Miss Bethel Russell, also of Elgin. Each girl wants the other to win in the contest so that they may have a good time together at the Portland Rose Festival and at the ocean resorts.

Miss Russell of Elgin.

Miss Bethel Russell of Elgin is the brave sort of girl who voluntarily went into the contest for the fun of the thing. She took a receipt book and letter of instructions from a friend who had been nominated but who was so previously engaged that she could not compete.

Miss Bethel went right to work to gather votes and collected 92 vote coupons the first day.

She sent these in to the Contest Editor immediately with a nicely written letter stating her intentions. Young ladies who have the courage and initiative exhibited by Miss Russell will accomplish something and today the world demands men and women who dare to do things.

It is creditable for a young lady to nominate herself in the contest and to strive for its honors.

Reapportionment Ready.

Washington, April 20.—The house census committee today reported a bill reapportioning the house members. Idaho, Oregon and Montana are her, Idaho, Oregon and Montana are among those gaining one member. Washington gains two.

BOMB THROWING A METHOD OF ATTACK

AMERICANS AND NON-COMBATANTS URGED TO LEAVE JUAREZ.

AMERICAN ARMY NOTIFIED

Alarm Felt for American Prisoners in Juarez When Battle Gets Under Way—Warning to Federal Troops to Fight or Surrender Tonight Will Be Enforced by Madero's Forces.

El Paso, April 20.—A peace conference was begun late this afternoon at Madero's camp when an automobile under white flags bearing officials of the federal and provisional government, left Juarez for El Paso. Officials it is stated, bore concessions from the fed'als.

This morning Madero said he would not treat with the fed'als as he thought they were merely passing the time as they did previously. It is unknown how he will receive the delegates.

El Paso, April 20.—Unless the rebels get another attack of "manana" tomorrow, the battle of Juarez starts tonight. Insurgent commanders today formally notified Colonels Sharp and Stever, commanding the United States troops at El Paso, that they expected to attack Juarez at 6 o'clock tonight, when Madero's ultimatum to Navarro to surrender or fight, expires. Insurrectos urged the Americans to keep away from the boundary. In Juarez there are 750 regulars and 300 volunteers all ready. Madero has practically placed his 25,000 men in position for an attack.

Warning to Americans and all non-combatants to leave Juarez was posted last night. They said bomb throwing will be a part of the attack. Grave fears are held for Lawrence, Converse and Blatt, American youths imprisoned there.

Accompanied by 150 men Madero appeared in person opposite the El Paso lighter at 10:30 this morning. More than 1,000 rebels watered their horses in the Rio Grande.

Satisfied that a battle is impending, Americans by hundreds are flocking to the river bank. American troops are out in force ready to force back the crowds as soon as the firing starts.

Washington, April 20.—The state and war department officials are all agog over the receipt of unofficial information that the reply of President Diaz to Taft's note regarding fighting on the border is a sharp retort and not pacific in tone. It is reported Diaz's statement strives to create the impression that many rebels are Americans and it does not promise to protect Americans but merely repeats the old army orders and blames the Americans for the border troubles.

Concluding the statement is said to deplore the border troubles but declares Mexico has nothing for which to answer.

Taft should be empowered to use whatever power is necessary to prevent the Douglas, Arizona, "out rage," now threatening El Paso, says Stone, democratic, of Missouri, who discussed the American situation in the senate today.

He said the president should be authorized to use force if necessary, even if it lead to an invasion of Mexico, in the protection of Americans. Stone said he did not believe Japan was concerned with the American maneuvers.

Members of the house committee on foreign affairs are decidedly against intervention of Mexico, according to Congressman Sulzer, after the committee members had conferred with Taft today on the matter. Sulzer said no serious move will be made without serious deliberation.

He asserted every effort to invade Mexico would mean re-organization of the United States army to double or triple its present strength.

A quarter of a million men, Sulzer said, will be necessary for the success of such a project, and it would require a year to gather them.

GUILTY OF DOG POISONING

CIRCUIT COURT JURY CONVICTS TWO MEN.

Employees of Sewer Contract Work Guilty—Sentenced Tomorrow.

What is declared to be the first conviction of dog poisoning in this city in several years occurred late last night when a jury in the circuit court found E. Evans and Glen Smith guilty of having thrown poison to a dog owned by Nate Zwielfel.

These two men were employed on the sewer contract by B. S. Davis and it was while the sewer work was passing the Zwielfel residence on East Adams avenue that the poisoning is alleged to have been done.

The men will be sentenced tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock, but it is understood the defendants will file an appeal.

PORTLAND GEM W. R. HAMILTON SHOP ROBBED PASSES AWAY

ROBBERY OF COOL SORT, OCCURRING BEFORE HUNDREDS

Portland, April 20.—Special detectives on the trail of the robbers who last night walked into Crown Jewelry company's store, and held up one of the proprietors, R. A. Cowie, and escaped with \$16,000 worth of jewelry and \$200 worth of watches, reported they have found no trace of the thieves today.

The robbery was of the coolest; the men walked in from the crowded Washington street, while one compelled the proprietor to remain quiet, for their reached into display window secured diamonds and rifled the safe and then walked out again.

Foreigners at O. A. C. Entertain.

Corvallis, Ore., April 20.—(Special) The Cosmopolitan club, an organization of foreign born students at the O. A. C., representing India, Japan, Russia, Germany, Scotland, Canada, England, Norway, South America and the United States, gave a clever entertainment recently, the program of which included many instructive and amusing features.

After a piano solo by Miss Vena Rickard, an associate member, and an address by the president, J. K. Fairchild of Portland, giving a history of the club since its organization a year ago for the purpose of bringing together the foreigners to become acquainted, to form international friendships and forward thus the cause of international peace, the 29 members answered roll call with quotations of authors from different nations all over the world. Hindu magic was demonstrated by T. Khankhoje of Wardha, India, and an address on "Poetical Japan," was given by S. Nishisaki of Yamaguchi. An international quartet, composed of two Japanese, a Norwegian and an American, sang Home Sweet Home, each employing his own

language and all singing at once.

After a description of the historical origin of the Japanese sword dance by Khankhoje, the performance, with naked swords, was given by Kakuji Okamoto of Kumamoto, Japan, while the song-poem accompaniment was given by Motchi Kawashima of Tokyo. R. E. Duncan of Portland represented the negroes with a well-rendered selection from Paul Dunbar, the negro poet, and Prof. J. B. Horner concluded the program with an address on the Nile country and methods by which the American agricultural colleges can aid Egyptians by establishing up-to-date methods of rice culture.

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NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.
Nomination Blank—1000 Votes.

THE OBSERVER CIRCULATION CONTEST

I nominate

Address

District No.

Phone No.

Only the first nomination blank counts 1000 votes; each subsequent blank 1 vote. Names of people making nomination will not be divulged.

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For (Name)

Address

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