

## ROYALTY VISITS UNITED STATES

### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND FAMILY FETED IN NEW YORK

#### VISIT FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HALF CENTURY

Whitelaw Reid and Wife Entertain the Duke of Connaught, His Wife and Daughter—Princess Patricia First English Princess to Step on American Soil—Select Few to Be Guests.

New York, Jan. 22.—The arrival of the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, and uncle of King George V, with the Duchess of Connaught, and the Princess Patricia, a daughter, here today is the first visit of royalty to the United States in more than half a century.

Avoiding the large crowd at the Grand Central station, they were bundled into automobiles and hurried to the home of Whitelaw Reid who welcomed them for breakfast.

At noon a luncheon was given by the Reids to a few intimate friends of the Reids who attended. They will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reid until next Thursday when the unofficial visit ends and they will return to Canada.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken to guard the royal party. This afternoon they were escorted by secret service men in automobiles in their trip over New York. The princess is the first to ever visit this country and she was delighted with New York. The Reids, it is said, have cut down from 400 to 300 the number who will attend the functions given in the honor of the Duke and his wife.

#### WILL VISIT TAFT.

### Secret Journey to Washington Is Plan of the Duke.

New York, Jan. 22.—It was learned today that the Duke of Connaught, despite contrary reports, will visit Taft in Washington, leaving secretly Thursday night. They will probably talk over the advisability of the king and queen visiting the United States should they visit Canada in 1913 as they plan. This lends an international significance to the trip which was supposed to aid the Reids' fight for social supremacy.

A big dinner to the royal couple will be given tomorrow night.

## 4 OFFICIALS DIE IN WRECK

### BEAR END END COLLISION HITS SPECIAL CAR.

#### Illinois Central and Rock Island Trains Collide Fatally.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The bodies of former President Hanahan of the Illinois Central, P. O. Melcher, second vice president of the Rock Island and Attorney Pierce were brought here, and Attorney Wright's body sent to his home in Memphis today. They were killed at one o'clock this morning when train No. 3 collided with No. 5, on which the railroad official's special car was attached. Except the Illinois Central official, no passengers were hurt. Both were through trains. Hanahan was enroute to Memphis on a railroad conference. The wreck occurred at Kirmundy, Illinois.

President Markham of the Illinois Central is conducting an investigation into the whereabouts of No. 25's flagman who disappeared after the wreck. Officials say it was his duty to flag No. 5 and they allege he failed to do so.

#### Donworth Not in Race.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—It is reported this afternoon that Federal Judge Donworth has withdrawn his resignation. He is enroute to Tacoma and could be reached for verification, but it is generally believed the report is true.

## TRAPPER LOST IN HILLS AND POSSES DISCOURAGED

### HAD LEFT HOME EARLY SATURDAY MORNING WITHOUT BREAKFAST AND WOULD SOON WEAKEN PHYSICALLY IN STRUGGLE WITH DEEP SNOW IN THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICTS—TRACKS GIVE GOOD CLEWS

Posses of ranchers and foothill residents are combing the dense forests out from the Red Apple orchard near Mt. Emily for a young man named Roy Crandall who early Saturday morning lost his bearings while inspecting his traps and has not been heard of or seen since. It is generally conceded that he has died from exhaustion and cold and his body probably devoured by predatory animals which are known to have their habitats in that vicinity. A large force of men are today searching the district for further trace of the young man but friends and those interested are resigned to the belief that Crandall is already dead, and if alive, will need relief to sustain life over the night.

At a late hour this afternoon no further information is obtainable from the scene of the hunt.

Systematic search of a posse of 17 men is going on and it is scarcely possible that the lost man or his body will escape the searchers.

#### Left Home Saturday.

Crandall took his departure early Saturday morning without breakfast, intending to return shortly. To inspect his traps would ordinarily not require much time and he calculated in returning in time for breakfast without difficulty. From later developments it has been found that he discovered one of his traps was missing, having probably been carried off by a partially imprisoned coyote. His track showed to the hastily instituted searchers that followed his failure to return for breakfast and ere long it was found that he had wandered away from the string of traps and was circling as one will when lost. The Saturday searchers left the tracks Saturday evening. Crandall was then headed in a northeasterly direction to a point where no one lives.

Taking up the search again Sunday morning, other members equipped for a day's search started out to hunt for the missing man, but were forced to turn back without results other than that which were discovered Saturday—the fact that Crandall was lost and circling and continually working in the more sparsely settled portion of the Mt. Emily district.

#### Big Party Sent Out.

This morning Sheriff Childers instructed a posse of 15 men to equip themselves for a final search. Lack of equipment to continue on the trail handicapped the first searchers as they had no doubt but that Crandall would be found easily.

Armed with sufficient food the searchers recommenced their hunt this morning and will return only when they have found Crandall either dead or alive.

#### Hope for Man Few.

Gloom prevailed in the posse this morning. In view of the fact that Crandall is headed toward the dense forest, and this morning had been 48 hours without food and is not supplied with matches, no other end than death from weakened physical condition and cold could result. The snow is deep and it would not require many hours to completely exhaust any man of ordinary vitality. He left his skees, it seems, too, and therefore could not possibly go far. The posse left with the firm conviction that they would find the dead body unless predatory animals had devoured it.

Crandall hails from Illinois, and has been working on the Red Apple orchard of late. It is not believed he has any immediate relatives, yet this is not positively known and in case he is dead or permanently missing, efforts to locate relatives, if any there are, will be made by his employer and friends.

#### Wolves May Be Menace.

Many suggestions as to his fate are advanced, the most gruesome of which is that he has been chased by wolves

and exhausting his supply of ammunition in an effort to stay the beasts, was forced to flee and in his flight exhausted himself to the point where he became easy prey to the wolves. Little credence can be given so pessimistic an opinion, however, and the more generally adopted theory is that, excited on discovery of his inability to pick out directions correctly, he left his skees and struck out with a blind hope of reaching some landmark and exhausted himself in the effort. Word from those who participated in the Saturday and Sunday search indicates that the snow is so deep that one could not walk through it long and it has been deemed necessary to comb the underbrush very carefully lest the dead body or prostrated form escape attention.

## MERCHANTS HOME, HAPPY

### FINEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM FOR CITY

#### Convention at Medford Important to Travelling Merchants.

More desirable advertising has been given La Grande and more real acquaintance in the state of Oregon has resulted from the trip to Southern Oregon which officially ended in Portland last Saturday night, than any booster campaign ever attempted, according to those of the party who have returned from the trip. Others of the quarter hundred are still in Portland and will arrive home as nations strike them.

"From the time the car left La Grande until it reached Portland after its trip south, it was one continuous round of pleasure and entertainment," said E. Polack this morning. "We would coin songs and catchy phrases when the cars moved and every time we struck a town we were certainly the center of attraction. Every town tried to outdo the other in hospitality.

#### Medford a Real Booster.

"Medford is certainly the real booster town. They know how and do it. We found Ashland a very pretty place, of conservative people but the thing that perhaps interested us most was the chautauqua grounds at Ashland. We were shown through the grounds and it was all explained to us."

Among those who returned yesterday, having left the balance of the party in Portland, are: John Collier, Mac Wood, E. Polack, Walter M. Pierce, B. M. Sherwood, P. S. Robinson, J. H. Russell, Dr. N. Mollitor and George H. Currey.

#### ALBANY NEXT HOST.

### Merchants' Association Holds Interesting Session.

The state convention of Oregon merchants held at Medford was of a great deal of value to the business men present. John Collier of this city was chosen vice president for the ensuing year. All the committees have not been appointed to date. "The next convention will be held at Albany," said Mr. Collier today, in speaking of the recent session. "Many topics of interest and instruction to the merchants were discussed and La Grande was much in the limelight. To cap the climax was the banquet in Portland last Saturday night and again it was La Grande that had the downstage position. The Portland people

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## Fire Destroys the Equitable, New York's First Skyscraper



Photo by American Press Association.

NEW YORK'S first skyscraper, the Equitable building, in the heart of the financial section, believed by its builders to be fireproof, is a heap of ruins, the result of the fire which swept it on the morning of Jan. 20. A death list of at least nine and a property loss of about \$2,000,000, exclusive of the building, which cost \$18,000,000, are to be charged to the blaze which started in a heap of rubbish in the basement. The building took its name from the Equitable Life Assurance society, which was the owner and principal tenant. It was also occupied by a great number of law firms; some of the offices of the Union and Southern Pacific railroads were located there and securities to the value of several billions of dollars were stored in its safe deposit vaults. So sure were the owners and tenants that the building was fireproof that few of the latter carried any insurance, the former none at all. The structure, completed in May, 1870, was eight stories high, and when remodeled in 1888 occupied almost an entire city block. It was the first office building in the business section to be equipped with passenger elevators, and in its time was regarded as huge and one of the sights of New York. In the illustration the Equitable building is indicated by an arrow.

## WAR BREWS BETWEEN ITALY AND FRANCE OVER RECENT SEIZURES

Paris, Jan. 22.—War between Italy and France is a grim possibility. The French fleet at Toulon is being held with steam up and ready and unless Italy replies to the demands made by France for an apology for seizing two French liners by tonight, it is understood the French fleet will be ordered to proceed to the Mediterranean for a demonstration. Italy wants the matter

settled by the Hague tribunal. "We cannot have peace except with dignity. France must demand reparation and be compelled to go the limit to force Italy to recognize the rights of the French people." This was the speech made in the chamber of deputies this evening and was warmly applauded. The premier, in replying, said he believed that Italy would release the prisoners.

#### To Try Stepmother for Murder.

Oroville, Cal., Jan. 22.—Much interest is manifested in the case of Mrs. Erma L. Rumball, who was arraigned in court here today to stand trial for the alleged murder of her 13-year-old stepdaughter, Helen Rumball. The little girl was found dead in the attic of her home near here last June. In the morning of the day of her death, the stepmother had whipped her and bound her to the studding of the at-

tic because, according to the stepmother the little girl had misbehaved. It was one of the hottest days of the year and the consequent heat in the attic was increased by an incubator in operation. The supposition is that the girl fainted from the heat and in falling to the floor was strangled by the rope with which she was tied. The medical examination showed that her neck was broken in two places. When the facts became known Mrs. Rumball

## BLOW STAGGERS LOCAL OPTION

### PERMISSION TO SHIP LIQUOR TO DRY COUNTIES

#### SUPREME COURT NULLIFIES PROHIBITION LAW

In Test Case, Supreme Court Rules That Liquor Can Be Shipped Into Dry Counties and Prohibition Is Dealt Serious Blow as a Consequence—Convictions More Difficult.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The supreme court of the United States today delivered a hard blow at the prohibitionists. It handed down a decision to the effect that liquor may be shipped from one state into the "dry" counties of another state although this is prohibited by laws of a prohibition state.

This action further removes the possibility of enforcing prohibition or decreasing drunkenness it is pointed out. With prohibition of shipping into a dry county as a basis of prosecution many convictions have taken place in "dry" counties but it is said that with any individual lawfully exempt from prosecution for shipping to dry territory, prohibition will be less effective than ever before.

The decision was handed down in a test case. The Cook Brewing company of Indiana sued the Louisville & Nashville railroad for refusing to accept consignments of beer for interstate shipments to dry counties. The railroad defense alleged it was obeying the law, but the court's ruling is that it should not refuse shipments.

#### Lower Steel Tariff Urged.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A reduction of from 30 to 50 per cent from existing rates was recommended in the iron and steel revision bill, the text of which was given out today by the ways and means committee. It proposes free entry of iron ore, fence wire, nails, zinc bearing ore, cash registers, linotype machines, printing presses and typewriters.

## PREMIER YUAN MUST RESIGN

### CONTINUED WAR PREDICTED BY THE LEADERS.

#### Younger Manchus Want Yuan to Resign.

Shanghai, Jan. 22.—Premier Yuan's enforced resignation from the premiership of China, it is declared today, will be but a matter of a short time. It is reported that the younger Manchus are determined to fight to retain the throne. Peking rumors say that former War Minister Yin Tohang will succeed Yuan.

That the premier is in danger of losing his life as well as his political head is believed to be true here today.

was indicted for causing the death of her stepdaughter. Arthur Lewis, a brother of Mrs. Rumball, was indicted as an accessory. Lewis was tried several weeks ago and convicted of manslaughter.

#### Railway Development in Alberta.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 22.—The Alberta legislative assembly convened today and was opened with the customary formalities. The session promises to be one of more than ordinary interest and importance. Railway development occupies a foremost place on the government program.

#### Texas Laundrymen Meet.

Waco, Texas, Jan. 22.—Waco is entertaining for two days the annual convention of the Texas Laundrymen's association.