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## STRUCTURE COLLAPSES ON 70 EMPLOYEES

PETERBORO DRY GOOD INSTITUTION IS WRECKED WHEN WALL CRUMBLES.

## DEATH LIST LARGE ONE

Five Known to Be Dead and Many Injured—Believed Debris Hides Still Other Dead and Wounded—Adjoining Excavation Responsible for the Collapse—Loss to Building Heavy.

Peterboro, Ontario, Aug. 28.—Five known dead and eight others seriously injured have been taken from the ruins caused by the collapse of the Turnbull dry goods store today. It is feared more dead or injured are buried in the debris. About 70 clerks and customers were in the store at the time of the collapse. There were not many customers in the store when the structure collapsed, but there were some 70 employes inside and it is believed that many are more or less injured. The walls of the building were weakened by the erection of a building adjoining. The fire department and scores of citizens are searching the ruins. The property loss alone is \$150,000. Many of the clerks have not been accounted for.

### FOUR HORSES KILLED.

Guy Glenn's Engine Water Tank Team Killed Yesterday Afternoon.

Four extra choice horses belonging to Guy Glenn of Imbler, were killed yesterday while their driver was backing a threshing machine engine water tank to the river's edge to fill up with water. The rig, heavy and cumbersome, started back with a rush and in the wild scramble that followed, four horses were killed. The driver escaped without serious danger or any accident. The loss is a heavy one to Mr. Glenn.

## Efficiency Is the Keynote.

Because the Observer is in its most earnest manner calling upon the taxpayers of La Grande to go deep into the city's business before it is everlastingly too late, is no reason why anyone should think or assume that an attack is being made upon the honesty of any individual or any officer.

Where La Grande is lacking and has been lacking for many years is in efficiency. We could name a number of big undertakings that have cost too much money—some of them have been done in such a manner that reconstruction has become necessary, entailing large cost. On every hand there has been that unfortunate giant—Inefficiency—staring e at th

## DISABLED MEN OF METHODISM HAVE INNINGS

SECRETARY OF CLAIMANTS BOARDS BRINGS MESSAGE TO CONFERENCE.

## EX-GOVERNOR HAS ARRIVED

F. R. Gooding, of Gooding, Idaho, Presented to Conference Today—Lectures Tonight to Be of Keen Interest—Ride Tomorrow Morning Is the Popular Move—Session Is Busy.

## REVISED CONFERENCE PROGRAM TODAY AND FOR THIS EVENING.

- 9:00 a. m., Devotions, G. W. Brmes.
- 9:30 ..... Business Session
- 11:45 ..... Adjournment
- 2:30 p. m., Conference Missionary Sermon, R. L. L. Barnstable.
- 7:30 p. m., Address, Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, theme, "The New Orient."
- Following that address, is an address by Ezra C. Clemans, field representative for the board of conference claimants.

### FOUR HORSES KILLED.

Ezra C. Clemans came out from Chicago as secretary of the board of conference claimants to plead with the Idaho conference of the Methodist church, in session here this week, for the aged men who have given their lives to the field of preaching and now, on the brink of the grave are unable to fill charges and through lack of funds—in many instances—are homeless and helpless. Usually such a man is called a superannuated minister and some provision has always been made for him by the conference but Ezra C. Clemans put before the conference today an eloquent plea for the old preachers who are now helpless and

often penniless after devoting their entire lives to the service. What the problem is and how to solve it, were some of the points touched upon by Mr. Clemans before the conference this morning in what was the chief address of the morning session. Matters of importance came up for consideration during the forenoon, and among other things reaching a decision to go into executive session at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Matters of importance will come up at that time.

### Gooding Introduced.

Ex-Governor F. R. Gooding of Gooding, Idaho, was introduced today and will participate in the program later. Other men and women introduced to the conference during the forenoon session were:

C. H. Hadshire, district superintendent of the Columbia conference; Ezra C. Clemans, of Chicago; R. D. Ousterhout, Sunday school missions, who read his report for the year; Miss Kenworthy, representing the woman's mission and Mrs. Urah, state W. C. T. U. worker.

District Superintendents J. D. Gillilan, Boise district; H. W. Parker, Pocatello district, and W. A. Winters, La Grande district, read their reports for the past year. The pastors followed with annual reports, all encouraging and optimistic.

### Ride Tomorrow Awaited.

This afternoon there has been a big rush for reservations in the auto caravan that leaves the Commercial club tomorrow morning at 7:00 o'clock and up to 7:30. Many women are joining the delegation and Bishop Lucecock relieved any tedium about going on the trip in fear of not returning in time, by admitting that if the roads were good he would like to remain out until 9 although the worship services start at 8:30. On their return the men and women will go to the Commercial club, where libations will be served to wash down any Grande Ronde soil that might have a tendency to parch throats.

### "New Orient" Topic Tonight.

Dr. E. R. Fulkerson of New York, will lecture on the "New Orient" this evening at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Dr. Fulkerson spent about 20 years in the far east and was at one time vice consul of the United States to Japan. His lecture this evening will be highly educational and very interesting. The public is cordially invited to attend this lecture at the high school. Admission is free.

## FAMILY LIFE STRENUOUS ONE

ELGIN FAMILY AIRS TROUBLES IN COURT.

Man Says Wife Abused Him; Wife Says He Abused Her.

Family troubles that amounted to real bodily injury to both participants, if both parties are to be believed, were told in circuit court yesterday and today when Ava Cook of Elgin, brought proceedings to have a divorce granted her from her husband, George H. Cook. The case was heard before Judge Knowles and many Elgin people testified in the case.

The last piece of cross examination was heard today when Anna Cook, pretty little 8-year-old daughter of the man and wife, denied that her mother had struck her father with stove wood, or pulled him from a sofa by his hair, or done other equally "cruel" things as alleged by the father.

The wife says that she was brutally mistreated over a course of years extending back almost to the time they were married in England. She sets out, and Mr. Cook admits some of it, that in England he was arrested for persistent cruelty to her. He pleaded guilty before the magistrate, and was later arrested and convicted for a similar offense. Other incidents are

## Huerta Modifies Reply and a Far More Hopeful Tone Cheers Washington

Washington, Aug. 28.—Cable advices to the state department from Emissary Lind, declared that Huerta had many concessions in his new note to Uncle Sam virtually accepting Lind's proposals, but that the United States let matters stand as they are until after the presidential election in October. Commenting on a dispatch in the latest editions of the New York Herald, which say that Huerta is prepared to accept the American mediation, Secretary Bryan said: "The best we can say is that the prospect is encouraging." It is stated unofficially in quarters, that Huerta's latest message now in progress of translation is perhaps more favorable than they are willing to admit. Officers said that one soldier to every three miles of Mexican border would be sent to Texas to maintain neutrality.

Vera Cruz, Aug. 28.—Emissary Lind reserved passage on the liner Morro Castle, which sails tonight, but has

related, but the scenes shifted a few years ago to Elgin and there he was arrested and pleaded guilty to the same charge and was fined heavily. For the fourth time in their lives, he was arrested the story goes, at Elgin last spring but fought the case and was later indicted by the grand jury for alleged brutality to his family. In the meantime divorce proceedings were brought, and yesterday and today the case came to trial. Mr. Cook contends in his answer that he was mistreated by his wife and knocked over the head with a stove poker dragged from a sofa and from his room by the hair of his head, was hit by stove wood and an ax in her hand, and he denies having mistreated her. Mrs. Cook had the stand in rebuttal this morning and said her husband had frequently denied parenthood of one of their children.

### HORSTMAN INJURED.

Local Contractor Caught by Falling Safe—Left Arm Broken.

Joe Horstman, a local contractor, who has just completed the main portion of installation of a new glass front in the Hill drug store, was seriously hurt late this afternoon when a big safe under process of moving in the West store, slid on him.

He accepted, this morning, a contract to move the safe, and was jacking it up by raising one side at a time a trifle with jack screws. During the process it seems one side was raised a trifle too high and the heavy load slipped off the blocking, catching Mr. Horstman.

One arm was broken above the elbow and it is feared he is hurt internally.

### Colorado Golf Championship On.

Denver, Aug. 28.—With a record list of contestants the Colorado state golf championship tournament began today on the links of the Lakewood Country club here. Nearly 100 players representing all the clubs in the state participated in today's qualifying round.

notified the purser that he might cancel his reservation. He walked the streets today unprotected and unmolested.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Emissary Lind telegraphed from Vera Cruz and advised the administration that he would reach Mexico City tomorrow. It is believed that he is returning in response to Huerta's request for a renewal of negotiations.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Cable advices from Emissary Lind indicate there is still strong probability that Huerta is accepting Wilson's peace suggestions. Lind's latest note, however, didn't confirm the report that Huerta had accepted the peace plan in full, but the fact that Lind has announced that he will stay in Mexico indefinitely is considered encouraging by the Washington officials. The state department has made public the gist of the latest cable from Lind. It said: "The request for an exchange of ambassadors is withdrawn," but Huerta hopes the present ambassadorial personnel in Mexico City will continue until after the October election.

### More Negotiations Possible.

Mexico City, Aug. 28.—Foreign Minister Gamba's latest note to Lind was published here. Its most important point is that Huerta is still constitutionally excluded from being a candi-

date for re-election in October. This, it is believed paves the way to future negotiations. The note does not say that the American mediation plan will be entirely accepted.

### Recruits Sent South.

St. Louis, Aug. 28.—A special train carrying 173 recruits from the Columbus barracks, left here today for Texas city.

### Thaw Under Guard.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 28.—Harry Thaw's lawyers are guarding the fugitive in Canada as it is feared he will be kidnapped and returned to New York. Former District Attorney Jerome, has gone to Quebec to tell the Provincial Premier Gouin, that Tuesday's proceeding are farcical.

### Caminetti Case Progresses.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—With the exception of Peter J. Tehany, secretary of the state board of control, under whom Caminetti, for a time, was employed, the Sacramento witnesses today were the same as those who laid the foundation for the prosecution in the Diggs case. All efforts of the government to reveal Caminetti's domestic affairs through Tehany, were frustrated. F. A. Linder, a clerk at the Riverside hotel, testified to the adventures of the eloping quartet, taking up the testimony where it was dropped by the railroad men who testified yesterday.

## FIRE IN IMPERATOR CAUSES CONFUSION AND PANIC TO 1100

Hoboken, Aug. 28.—Starting at four this morning and raging five hours, fire damaged the provision room of the liner Imperator, the largest ship afloat, the launching of which recently attracted crowds of international

people. The extent of the damage is \$15,000. One officer was suffocated. The fire caused a panic among the 1100 people in the steerage but they were landed without injury.

## LIVELY VERBAL COMBAT AT COUNCIL MEETING ADDS THRILL

Retrenchment Policy Practiced—Bond Question Starts the Squabble

Retrenchment in expenditures of public moneys, interspersed with one of the most thrilling verbal combats that has yet marked the progress of the scarping council of 1913, were the chief characteristics of the special council meeting held last evening. A scene that was about to end in personal combat with possible infliction of bodily injury to members of the council, possibly necessitating a riot call, was finally quieted, but in the meantime the council had demonstrated the utter absurdity of attempting to transact the big volume of business before it under the present municipal government arrangement. No better argument for a centralized form of government could be advanced than that scene enacted last night when men called each other names and were heated to fighting temperature," remarked a citizen this morning. A clash of fists between several councilmen was averted by the narrowest

margin. The "rough house" was precipitated when the question of requiring a maintenance paving bond came up. Councilman Halsten renewed his attack on the so-called lack of validity of the maintenance bond originally required of the Warren Construction company and filed by that company on each piece of work done, and argued that no bond be required on Spring. In his caustic attack the councilman was called to order by President Campbell, attention being called to the fact that the matter under discussion was, not if the Warren people's bond was valid, but if a bond should be required on Spring avenue. In his remarks the councilman intimated that some of the council members were in conspiracy with the Warren people and said Lincoln had a motive in wanting a bond on Spring. That started the trouble.

Councilmen Lincoln and Halsten

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