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LEADEN SLUG PULLED FROM MOYER'S ARM

PATIENT IS WEAK BUT HIS
PHYSICIAN EXPECTS A
SPEEDY RECOVERY.

CORONER PROBING CAUSE OF CHRISTMAS DISASTER

Six Strikers and Two Business Men
Compose Jury Which Investigates
Cause of Horror at Calumet—At-
mosphere Is Tense and Danger of
Clashes Not Remote—Police on the
Job.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—At St. Luke's
hospital today the bullet pumped into
Charles Moyer at the Friday episode
near Calumet, was removed from the
president of the Western Federation
of Miners. It was imbedded in the
muscles of the left side. Dr. William
Marsh had previously located the
lead slug with X-ray and the opera-
tion was said to be successful. He is
pretty weak but the doctors think he
will pull out all right.

Strikers on Coroner's Jury.
Calumet, Dec. 29.—Coroner Fisher
has started an inquest into the cause
of the panic which resulted in the
loss of 75 lives during the Christmas
celebration of the striking miners.
More than a hundred witnesses will
be examined.

Striking miners and members of
the Citizens' Alliance jammed the
room and the atmosphere was tense.
Sheriff Cruze has made preparations
for a possible outbreak, and is holding
a strong body of deputies near at
hand ready for any emergency.

The jury is composed of six strikers
and two business men, one of whom
is a strike sympathizer.

The bodies of nine victims were
privately buried this morning.

NO TRACK OF RIG SMASHER

COOL-HEADED YOUNGSTER PRE-
VENTS INJURY.

Mrs. Ed Adcock and Son Have a
Narrow Escape in Smash-Up.

No trace has been discovered today
of the parties that ran into the rear
of Mrs. E. Adcock's carriage last Sat-
urday in which she and her son were
riding on east Adams avenue. The
autoists must have been so much
alarmed at their careless recklessness
that they did not stop to help the
parties in the buggy. Mrs. Adcock
and her son were riding leisurely
along Adams avenue about 5:30 P.
M. and heard the chucking auto be-
hind them. The boy had the reins
and looked around to see who was
coming and began to turn to the right
of the road. When he was almost up
to the curbing the on-rushing machine
crashed into the rear of the buggy,
smashing the body and crushing the
wheel into splinters. When the boy
discovered that the carriage had
been injured and was about to tip
over he grasped his mother and both
of them alighted without injury.

The young fellow's first concern
was for the safety of his mother.
He retained a cool head and but for
this a serious accident might have
ensued. The police are on the look-
out for the parties. There is a
supposition that the autoists were
out-of-town people.

THE SINEWS OF WAR.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

TRAIN DERAILED BUT NONE HURT OR ANY DAMAGE DONE

Train No. 10, eastbound, in charge
of Conductor Rube Whistler, of Pen-
dleton and Engineer Luke Ferguson,
of this city, left the track two miles
east of Haines yesterday and tied up
traffic for a number of hours. The
train was going at the rate of 30
miles per hour and the track was
clear. Every car of the train left
the track and rode the ties until the
load became too great for the engine.
But strange to say no one was hurt
and the damage done to the equip-
ment was almost nil.

Passengers on No. 17, westbound,
were transferred to another train and
arrived in La Grande yesterday after-
noon at 4 o'clock. Division Super-
intendent Williams Bollons and Gen-
eral Manager Buckley are on the
scene and will conduct an investiga-
tion. So far no one is able to tell
just what caused the train to derail
since no obstruction lay on the track
and no part of the equipment broke.
Upheaval of the track, due to heavy

frost, is thought to be a possible
cause.

It was at first reported by rumor
that the engine had taken a position
squarely across the track, that the en-
gineer and several other men of the
train had been seriously injured, that
30 passengers were on their way to
the La Grande hospital. In speaking
of these rumors this morning Super-
intendent Corbett spoke with much
decisiveness concerning the effect
these rumors had on the public.

"The public will always get the
facts and if there is anything serious
they will know about it as soon as
authentic reports come in. We had
considerable difficulty assuring some
of the relatives of employees that no
one was hurt. They were inclined
to doubt our word. It is a foolish
thing to do and causes untold worry
and alarm. There is no sense in it
and makes matters worse than they
really are. There was no one hurt
and little damage was done to the
equipment."

"That's all we know about the mat-
ter until the investigating board
make their report," he said.

TOM RICHARDSON COMING TO MEET LA GRANDE CLUB MEN

Tom Richardson of the Portland
Commercial club and premier of the
Oregon boosters and state manager
for the state development league, to-
gether with William McMurray, the
general passenger agent of the O.-W.
will be in the city on the 13th and

will remain until the 15th. Joe Wil-
lamson, secretary of the La Grande
Commercial club is trying to make
arrangements to hold the annual
election of officers of the local club
during the stay of these distinguished
guests.

Stores Closed on New Year's.

All of the down-town grocery stores
will be closed on New Year's day.
The butcher shops will be open until
9 o'clock, but there will be no
delivery. This decision was reached
today and patrons of the respective
stores will govern themselves ac-
cordingly.

VETERAN SETTLER HERE.

Alex Cameron of Walla Walla, left
this morning for that place after
visiting his daughter, Mrs. Stall for
some time in Walla Walla. Mr. Cameron

came to the west in '63 from Stark
county, Illinois, one year after the
arrival of the Iowa train and has
resided here ever since. He took
up a homestead in the Walla Walla
valley and has been in possession of
it ever since.

GLEE CLUB MEN IN CITY.

Henry Heidenrich, Ray Williams
and Merlin Batley, members of the
Oregon glee club were in the city yester-
day spending a few hours with
friends and relatives while on their
way to Baker and Boise, where the
club appears in programs before com-
ing to La Grande next Friday even-
ing.

COPPERFIELD SALOONS MUST CLOSE—WEST

STILL FAILS, HOWEVER, TO EX-
PLAIN THE METHOD TO
BE USED THERE.

GOVERNOR PROMISES TO "DO IT RIGHT"

While in Portland to Attend Con-
vention Governor West Assures the
Press He Is Going to Copperfield
to Close up the Saloons There—Is
Confident of His Position.

Portland, Dec. 29.—"We are going
to Copperfield and we are going to
close the saloons there, and what is
more we are going to do it right." This
was the answer Governor West gave
to a question concerning the situa-
tion in Copperfield in Baker
county, which the citizens declared
was deplorable. The law has been
flagrantly violated by the saloon-
keepers there but the governor did
not say how he would close the
saloons—whether he would use the
militia or not.

Governor West is here attending
the state bridge commission. As soon
as the meeting is over he is going
to Salem to take up the Copperfield
matter.

Actor Kills Wife and Child.
Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—Robert Ma-
ronney shot and killed his wife and
daughter in the Hotel Walton this
morning. When arrested Maroney

declared to the police that he shot
his wife because she had devils' eyes.
He further told the police that he
believed the baby would have devils'
eyes if it lived, so he killed her too.
The police are of the opinion that he
has lost his reason.

Girls Must Be Efficient.

Washington, Dec. 29.—It is not
beauty or brains that count with the
girls who are printers' assistants in
the big government bureau of print-
ing and engraving. Horsepower is
what the government wants.

And that is what the investigation
of physical requirements now under
way is seeking to determine, how
much horsepower must a girl possess
to get away with the job of printers'
assistant. Director Ralph has ex-
perts puzzling over this problem—
and when the solution is at hand the
girls will be selected like machines.

Actress Jumps to Death.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Mrs. George
Secor, an actress, aged 30 and
known in the theatrical world by the
name of Mabel Cullen, committed sui-
cide this morning by jumping from
the fifth story of the Revere hotel.
Scores of persons witnessed the act
from the criminal court building,
which is across the street. Her
friends say she was suffering from
nervous hysteria, the result of hard
rehearsals.

Chief Sells Horses.

Chief of Police Avant claims some
distinction as an auctioneer. He sold
two horses from the city pound,
knocking the animals from the block
at \$40 and \$18 respectively. The
owner can have the money thus de-
rived, less expenses, by proving his
ownership within one year.

Elgin People to Wed.

County Clerk Ed Wright issued a
marriage license to Ruben M. Schok-
ley and Melissa S. Garrett. The
young people are from Elgin and
among the leaders in that community.

COVE DRAFTS NEW CHARTER

SPLENDID WATER SYSTEM TO
BE PROVIDED.

Twenty Thousand Dollar Municipal
Water System Promised.

The city officials of Cove are, with
the assistance of Attorney R. J.
Kitchen of Union, working out the
problems of a charter for the city of
Cove with a view to installing a new
municipal water system.

At present Cove is working under a
permit from the county court issued
in accordance with an old statute.

An initiative petition will be pre-
sented to the city council at their first
regular meeting in January, by the
people of Cove, praying the council
to take the necessary legal action to
obtain a new city charter. Upon the
acceptance of said petition by Mayor
Wilson and the city council, an ordi-
nance will be passed by them provid-
ing for a special charter election to
be held 60 days after the acceptance
by the council of the initiative peti-
tion, which will be about March 7. If
the election returns show a majority
favorable to a new charter, the city
council will adopt a resolution pro-
viding for plans and specifications for
a new water system, and will later
pass an ordinance providing for the
construction of and payment for, said
water system. The total cost is esti-
mated at \$20,000 and when completed
Cove will have one of the best water
systems in the state of Oregon for
the least money.

RICHLAND RESIDENT HERE.

C. W. Perry, of Richland, Oregon,
arrived in the city this morning to
visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.
F. Perry for a number of days.

SCHOOLS TEACH ROAD BUILDING

IOWA SETS NEW PRECEDENT IN
ROAD MATTERS.

Schools to Give Brief Course to En-
gineers and Farmers.

Ames, Iowa, Dec. 29.—A two weeks
"short course" to educate county offi-
cials, farmers and the public in gen-
eral in the best methods of road
building, opened here today, in charge
of professors of the engineering de-
partment of the Iowa state college.
It is the first annual "good roads"
short course and its object is to pre-
sent in condensed form, fundamental
highway engineering. It is part of
the state-wide movement to improve
the highways of Iowa and its scope
will be enlarged from year to year.

Instruct in Road Building.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—Follow-
ing the passage by the legislature last
winter of a good roads law, at least
50 highway conventions in as many
counties in the state will be held
this winter to educate county officials
and the farmers to the necessity of
good roads and the best way to build
them.

A short course of instruction for
county engineers will be held by ex-
perts at the state college at Ames
and the state highway commission
next month. At the county meetings
the laws will be explained, exhibits
shown of models of good roads and
moving pictures thrown upon the
screens showing "honor convicts" at
work building roads at Ames.

The educational work this winter is
to be followed by practical road
building next summer.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Experts on
scientific farming, farm implements,

SOUTHERNERS BOTHER WILSON PERSISTENTLY

EXECUTIVE MAY HUNT QUIETER
SPOT IN WHICH TO SPEND
HIS VACATION.

GRAYSON ORDERS ALL MAIL SENT TO TUMULTY

Florida or Texas May Be Called Upon
to Supply a Spot Where President
Can Get Real Rest—Residents at
Pass Christiana Are Persistent in
Bothering Distinguished Guest.

Pass Christiana, Dec. 29.—Dr.
Grayson today forbade the president
to attend to his correspondence, and
insisted that he was interfering with
his recovery by trying to attend to
the answering of all his letters with
his own hand. They will be forward-
ed to Secretary Tumulty. The presi-
dent's desire for privacy has been
ignored by the residents, and unless
the conditions improve the president
and his family will be compelled to
spend the rest of the vacation either
in Texas or in Florida.

Game Planned Tonight.

The alumni and the high school
basketball teams are ribbing up a
game for this evening at the high
school gymnasium to start at 8
o'clock.

The alumni will feature such men
as F. Lottes, Lee Reynolds, Charles
Reynolds, Hamilton, Ralston, Bean
and several others who not so long
ago were a whole show themselves at
the indoor game.

irrigation and other agricultural
topics gathered in the Great Northern
hotel today for the opening of the
seventh annual convention of the
American society of Agricultural En-
gineers. The convention will be in
session two days. This afternoon's
session was devoted to discussion
of seed improvement, with Professor
C. F. Chase of the North Dakota
Agricultural college, and Dr. H. E.
Horton, an agronomist, the speakers.
Designing of farm buildings, the
selection of proper implements and
the use of concrete in drainage, are
topics that will be handled tomorrow
by representatives of cement and
implement companies. The annual
banquet will be held tomorrow night,
and the convention will end with the
discussion of the growth of agricul-
tural education by Professor F. M.
White of the University of Wiscon-
sin, and Professor J. B. Davidson, of
Iowa state college.

TWENTY INSANE SENT TO CHINA

OREGON AUTHORITIES SHIP
ORIENTALS HOME.

Well-Guarded Ship to Carry De-
mented Chinamen From America.

Salem, Dec. 29.—Twenty-two in-
sane Chinamen started from the in-
sane asylum for their native land by
way of Seattle today. They are due
to sail on the steamer Minnesota to-
morrow. The ship has been heavily
guarded. The state figured out that
it would be cheaper to transport them
than to keep them here, figuring on
the average length of life as 10
years.