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WASHINGTON STATE BANK GOES UNDER

AUBURN, WN., INSTITUTION IN
HANDS OF RECEIVERS
THIS MORNING.

DEPOSITS OF \$204,000
WILL BE PAID, BELIEF

Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar Capital-
ization—One Depositor of \$16,000
is Made Receiver by Request—Of-
ficials Admit Bank Has Not Enough
Money on Hand to Pay All.

Seattle, March 16. — The Auburn
Private Bank of Auburn, Washington,
with a capital stock of \$25,000, and
about a thousand depositors, closed
its doors this morning and announced
that its affairs were in the hands of its
attorneys. Federal Judge Neterer, on
petition filed by the depositors, named
Dr. B. E. Hoye, who has \$16,000 on
deposit, as temporary receiver. Offi-
cials of the bank admitted that they
had not enough money to meet the de-
mands of the depositors but denied the
insolvency of the bank. They asked
the court to take temporary charge
of the concern.

The deposits amount to \$204,000
and the available cash to \$8,000. The
personal and the real estate security
of the owners amounts to \$200,000.
This is enough to secure the depositors
as soon as the cash can be realized.
H. H. Howard, Oscar Christopher and
I. B. Knickerbocker are the partners
forming the banking company.

DITCH CASE HEARD.

North Powder Lawsuit Occupies At-
tention of Circuit Court Today.

Bertram vs. Kelsey is the case be-
ing tried by the circuit court. It is
one for damages claimed by the plain-
tiff from the defendant for the build-
ing of a ditch across a certain lot
which the plaintiff had leased from
H. O. Gorham, of North Powder. In
a prior suit the present plaintiffs
sought to hold the defendant, Chas.
Kelsey, on a charge of trespass, but
the defendant pleaded a verbal li-
cense to build the ditch and the circuit
court found that such was the case.
The supreme court of the state con-
firmed this decision and the present
suit is brought to recover damages for
building the ditch in a manner which
is alleged to have damaged the prop-
erty of the plaintiff. Turner Oliver
is representing the plaintiff and Craw-
ford and Eakin the defendant. During
the absence of Judge Crawford from
the city, Colonel Ivanhoe is associated
with Robert Eakin.

Library Opening Tonight.

This is the night for the for-
mal opening of La Grande' li-
brary. An appropriate pro-
gram will be rendered and pat-
rons are cordially asked to
come and inspect the building,
suggest some of its needs and
endeavor in every way to make
it one of the city's most sought
places. The exercises will be-
gin at 8 p. m. and will be both
interesting and profitable.

ANOTHER JAPANESE VOLCANIC DISTURBANCE CREATES HAVOC

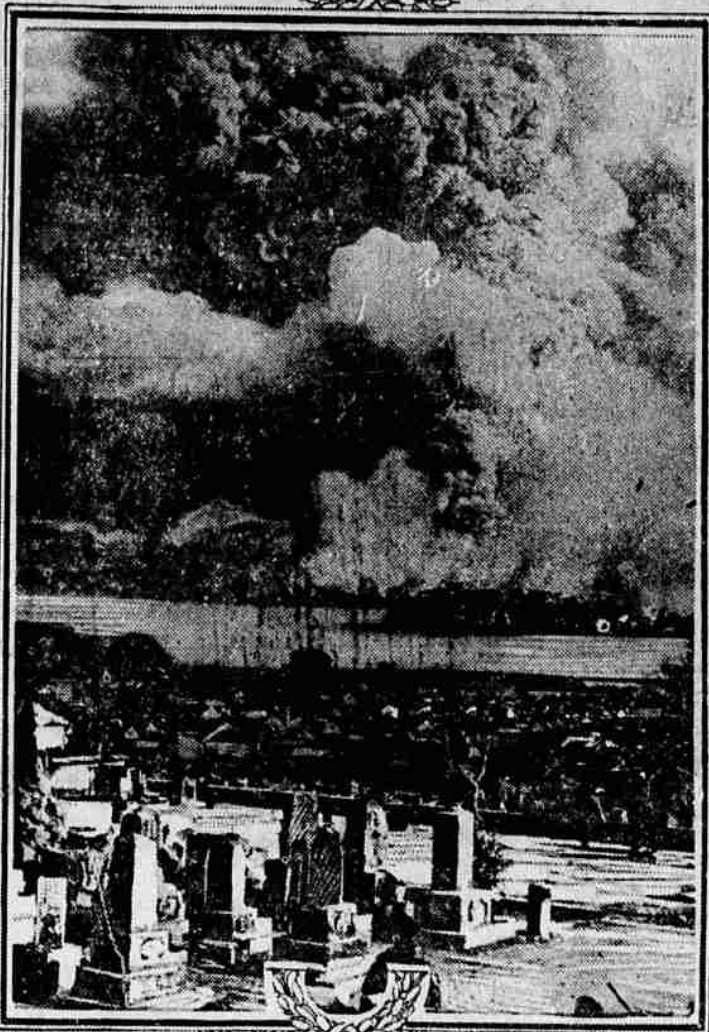


Photo by American Press Association.

Scenes enacted at the recent volcanic eruption in Japan, a similar one hav-
ing occurred yesterday. It is believed that yesterday's catastrophe
will rival the recent Sakurashim horror, pictured here.

Tokio, March 16.—Great loss of life
and severe property damage is indi-
cated by what could be learned con-
cerning the conditions in the prefec-
ture of Akita, where a violent earth-
quake on Sunday was followed by
eruptions of the volcano Asamayama.

Railroads have been destroyed and
wire communication of all kinds is
prostrate. Some towns have been com-
pletely wrecked, including the city of
Wakuba, Kitamono and some others
with smaller population. The city of
Ikata is badly wrecked and many per-
sons have been killed. The fate of
300 men working in the copper mines
of Tounadate, which caved in, is not
learned but it is feared all of them
perished.

The smoke is so dense and the ashes
are flying so thick that it is impos-
sible to approach the scene and glean
anything like accurate information.
Fear and terror is laying hold of the
inhabitants and the scenes of Kago-
shima are being re-enacted.

The government has dispatched
ships to the scene but these are un-
able to approach near enough to be
of any assistance to the stricken peo-
ple and many of them will die before
relief can be given them.

Seriousness Indicated Here.

Cleveland, O., March 16.—The se-
verest earthquake in years was re-
corded by the St. Ignatius College
(Jesuit institution) seismograph. The
shocks occurred between the hours
of 2:40 a. m. and 6 a. m. and con-
tinued twenty minutes. Father Oden-
baugh, the seismologist, was of the
opinion that the tremors indicated
tidal waves of the sea of Azov or an-
other Japanese volcanic eruption,
which opinion was borne out later in

the day by the cablegrams concerning
the eruption.

NEW MEN BEHIND BANK

North Powder, March 16. — (Spe-
cial.)—The stockholders of the Pow-
der Valley State bank have accepted a
proposition submitted by Will Wright
and C. J. Cannon, whereby they will
take over the entire business, assets,
building and fixtures, assume all li-
abilities and pay all depositors. The
new bank will be called the Farmers'
State bank and will be open for busi-
ness as soon as the charter can be
issued.

Will Wright is ex-state bank ex-
aminer and is now heavily connected
with the Scandinavian bank of Port-
land. He is well known in the terri-

DISTRICT DRAINAGE PLAN WILL NOT BE UTILIZED AT PRESENT

Insofar as the original plans are
concerned, it is apparent that farmers
living in the vicinity of Catherine
creek and Grande Ronde river low-
lands will not adopt the district as-
sessment plan of reclaiming these low-
lands. The meeting last Saturday de-
veloped the fact that many of those
who own large areas of land in the
district effected, entertain more or
less opposition to the district's crea-
tion. While there was no formal

POSTMASTER ON BORDER SLAIN IN NIGHT RAID

WITH U. S. TROOPS ON BORDER
POSTMASTER-STOREKEEPER
IS PUT TO DEATH.

INTERNATIONAL ASPECT MAKES CASE VERY SERIOUS

D. M. Johnston, Brother of Slain Man,
Has Asked an Investigation and All
Official Washington is on the Qui
Vive—Inquiry Is Made—Battle Is
On Near Torreon.

San Diego, Cal., March 16.—With
the United States soldiers patrolling
the border near Tecate and Campo the
people of the vicinity are aroused over
the killing of Frank Johnston Satur-
day night, when supposed Mexicans
made a raid on the store and post-
office building and committed the
crime.

International aspects of the case
have increased the seriousness. M. D.
Johnston, the brother of the slain man
has made an appeal to Secretary Bry-
an, Governor Johnston of California,
Congressman Kettner and the senate
foreign relations committee. An in-
vestigation has been ordered by the
Washington authorities.

Bloody Battle Reported.

Washington, March 16.—The state
and war departments are in receipt
of advices to the effect that a bloody
battle is in progress between the reb-
els and federals just north of Torreon.

Back from Portland Trip.

Mrs. Herman Segrist and son Ken
are home from an extended visit in
Portland and Willamette valley points.

Irish Movies Aid to Irish

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRA-
TION PROGRAM READY.

FILM, SONGS LISTED

Kathleen Mavourneen is Title of Irish
Film Tomorrow Night.

Kathleen Mavourneen is to be seen
in film picture by sons of Erin at
Sherry's tomorrow night when the St.
Patrick's celebration is to be staged.
This film of Irish setting and thrill-
ing, and true-to-history plot, is
to be only a portion of the program
of festivities in memoriam to St. Pat-
rick. The orchestra will start the
proceedings with an overture of Irish
melodies especially arranged. Then
there is to be a team production of
Irish song numbers by Shea & O'Brien.
On top of that, there will be four
vocal solos by local celebrities.

The only regret of the arrange-
ment committee for this unique cele-
bration of St. Patrick's day, is that
the theatre is not of greater capacity.
There are less than 500 seats, and
about half of them are already dis-
posed of. Furthermore, there is to
be absolutely no standing room, for
when the space is sold for seats the
doors close. It is to be a banner Irish
celebration, but anyone can procure
seats—if done in advance.

BEST BOY IS CHIEF.

Wrestling, Running and Tree Climb-
ing Used to Select the Chief.

Twenty-three Indians met in front
of the Y. M. C. A. office last Saturday
afternoon for the first of a series of
weekly hikes. Thirty minutes of
walking landed the tribe in Riverside
park. This being the first gathering
for this year the order of the day
was the selection of a chief and four
assistant chiefs.

These Y. M. C. A. Indians have a
peculiar way of selecting their leader.
They want the best men to be their
leaders, so in order to find out who is
the best men, they proceed with a
program of contests. Practically all
of the boys entered the various tests.
While many of the smaller boys could
not make a very big showing they
were putting themselves in better
shape for the next contest.

The first event was the Indian wrest-
le. In this Fyke and Humbel led. In
the long and short runs these were
dropped back with Williamson, Ged-
des and Vinacke coming up. In the
tree climbing Fyke won honors again.
The final summary of points placed
Fyke as chief with Williamson, Vin-
acke, Geddes and Humbel, assistants
in the order named.

Immediately after the decision had
been announced Mr. Wattenberg, who,
from now on is to direct the activities
of these Indians for the Y. M. C. A.,
took complete charge. He announced
another hike for next Saturday, with
the Indians meeting at 1 o'clock sharp
in front of the Y. M. C. A. office.

MOTHER JONES RELEASED.

Conflicting Details of Her Freedom
Told by Two Parties.

Denver, March 16.—"Mother" Jones
has been released from custody by
military authorities and brought from
Trinidad to this city. Colonel Davis
and General Chase ordered their re-
lease and brought her here. General
Chase explained that Mother Jones has
asked to be released and promised to
leave the strike zone. She gave an-
other account of her release however,
saying she had not asked for her free-
dom and announced that she is re-
turning to Trinidad.

PAGE'S SPEECH UNCONDEMNED BY MR. WILSON

ORIGINAL TEXT BADLY MISCON-
STRUCTED BY CORRESPON-
DENTS IS THEORY.

TOLLS REPEAL CLAUSE COMPLETELY GARBLED UP

Page Made to Say that "Wilson Re-
pealed Tolls Merely to Please Eng-
land," When It Should Have Been
"He Did Not Repeal them to Please
England"—President Not Worried.

Washington, March 16.—That Am-
bassador Page simply is misunder-
stood was the opinion expressed by
President Wilson today in discussing
with his callers the ambassador's re-
cent speech in London in which he re-
ferred to the canal tolls question, the
Monroe doctrine and other sacred
theories. Synopsis of the speech as
it appeared in the United States, the
president explained, are full of mis-
quotations both as to omissions and
additions by the correspondents.

The executive referred to the pas-
sage in which Page is quoted as say-
ing the present recommended a re-
peal of American shipping exemptions
from the canal tolls, "Not merely to
please England." The speech was
not read that way but omitted the
word "merely" so that as the sen-
tence was made originally, it was
worded: "The repeal was not recom-
mended to please England."

MRS. DIETZ IS RELEASED.

Insufficiency of Evidence Prompts
State to Ask for Dismissal.

Chicago, March 16.—Mrs. Augusta
Dietz was freed of the charge of mur-
dering her husband. The case was dis-
missed on the request of Assistant
District Attorney Fleming, who ex-
pressed a desire not to prosecute the
case owing to a lack of evidence.
George Nuernberg, jointly indicted
with Mrs. D. Dietz, was also released.

Fred Taylor Dead.

Fred Taylor, for some years in the
employ of the O. W. R. & N. Co., at
their pumping station near Oro Dell,
and lately in the passenger service
between Portland and Pendleton, died
yesterday morning at his home in
Portland. The remains will arrive
tomorrow on No. 6 at 11:25 a. m. and
the funeral services will be held in
St. Peter's church immediately after-
ward, the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs of-
ficiating. After the church service the
body will be taken in charge by the
Masons, who will conduct their rites,
at the grave.

NEW MAN IN DEPARTMENT.

"Bud" Garrity Retires and Van Vlack
is Third Man in Force.

"Bud" Garrity, truck driver for the
paid fire department, has resigned,
and C. W. Drum takes his place. Mr.
Drum has been third man with the
company for several months. T. G.
Van Vlack becomes the third man per-
manently by the resignation of the
truck driver.

Idaho Family in City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Broomfield, of
Tamarack, Idaho, arrived Saturday to
visit Mrs. Broomfield's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. S. F. Richardson.