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STEAMERS IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Seventy-five Passengers Landed Safely--The Ship Beached in Time to Prevent Its Sinking

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—While steaming through the dense fog which enveloped Elliott bay early today, the steamer Chippewa, Captain McAlpine, bound for Victoria with over 500 passengers aboard, crashed almost head on into the side of the Sentinel's wooden bow, almost shattering her bow, and water began pouring into her hold.

Lifboats Lowered. The lifboats of the Sentinel were lowered and with the quick assistance of the Chippewa's boat the passengers were all transferred safely and brought back to Seattle.

The Sentinel was immediately headed for West Seattle, where she was beached just in time to prevent her sinking.

Several passengers were on the forward deck of the Sentinel and narrowly escaped injury when the two boats came together. The excitement on the Chippewa was intense and the passengers, mostly tourists, were thrown about when the impact came.

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Captain McAlpine made his report to the officers of the Inland Navigation company and proceeded on his way to Victoria. He stated that he was running under a slow bell blowing his whistle every 15 seconds and did not see the Sentinel until he was almost on her.

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There are a couple of individuals living in Medford, relatives by the way, who do not always light up their autos at night, to the hazard of the traveling public and in violation of the law. They certainly should be prosecuted.

THIS KICK PROVED A WATERMELON

Early Saturday morning a big lanky looking farmer came into the Tribune office and asked for the editor. He looked as if he had a kick coming, and the office boy swore there was blood in the man's eye. It looked bad for a moment, and much haste was used in passing out the information that the editor was out of town.

"Well, I guess this bunch will do," remarked the stranger and he stepped outside to his wagon. The office boy hid behind the job press, the foreman decided the interior of the big press needed attending to, and the other employes huddled around the back door. The desks were cleared for action. It was not long before the stranger reappeared—not with the expected horsewhip—but a large, luscious watermelon. The office boy crawled from his hiding place, the big press was suddenly fixed and the back door was deserted for the front. A knife was produced and all that remains of that melon is a delicious memory.

The melon, an extra large one, was given by W. G. Gurdan, near this city. He has been supplying many householders of the city with them, and if all prove as delicious as the one assimilated by The Tribune force, they should be in great demand.

FAVOR VOTE BY PEOPLE ON WATER

Many Are in Favor of the Plan Proposed by Councilman Hafer--Much Discussion Over the Matter

Since Councilman Hafer announced his plan to allow the citizens of the city to vote on the water question and thus choose the one they want, there has been much discussion of the matter on the streets, nearly all seeming to favor such a plan. Some of the councilmen do not favor it, as it entails a loss of time. The matter will probably be decided at a meeting of the council soon.

Ever since Mr. Hafer's plan was made public the office of The Tribune has been flooded with letters, all urging the adoption of the plan. The following by J. W. Wilson is a fair example:

To the Editor—Dear Sir: I notice a great deal of discussion going on in regard to the water problem in the daily newspapers. But not in any of said discussions has anyone taken the stand so far that the people should have anything to say on the question.

In talking with a city councilman the other day, he took the stand that the voters were too ignorant to vote intelligently on the selection of a source of supply for Medford water. Now, it seems to me, being that the council has made a failure so far, that it would be more proper and better to let the people vote on the site for our water supply by referendum. Let all the propositions that have been put forward be submitted to a yes and no vote, on a properly arranged ballot. I am not a believer in one-man power, especially when there are influences surrounding men which will make it to their economic interest to change their mind.

Now, no one will question the right of the people to vote themselves in debt for money to build a water system. Who will dare to say that the people have not the same right to say how the money shall be spent? Let us have the referendum.

FARMERS OVERTAXED SAYS BRYAN AT FAIR

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 12.—At a gathering on the state fair grounds today W. J. Bryan said: "My friends, we are more stingy in making appropriations for the farmer than for any other large class of our people. Why, it was a century after our government was organized, or about that, before we succeeded in getting a Department of Agriculture established. What will you think when I tell you that for every dollar we spend on that department we spend more than \$25 on the army and the navy. More than twenty-five times as much spent in getting ready for wars we ought never to have as we spend on agriculture."

"The discrimination that has been going on against the farmer has tended to drive the people from the farms to the towns, and I believe that symptom is a dangerous symptom. Our federal taxation is about all collected through methods that bear upon consumption, and there has heretofore been a constant drain of the farms in the matter of collecting taxes, and when the taxes are appropriated and spent the money is nearly all spent in the cities and very little of it upon farms. The farmer, therefore, has not only suffered in paying more than his share to the tax collector, but he has been the least benefited directly by the expenditure of the money that is raised."

FORMER WIFE OF A MILLIONAIRE IS BROKE

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Frances Hagaman de la Harre, former wife of Theodore Hagaman, a millionaire broker, is today almost penniless, as the result of being swindled by Dr. Richard C. Flower, according to the woman's statements.

Mrs. Hagaman claims that for four months she has been held practically a prisoner at the Colonial house and that during that time she has been swindled out of nearly \$1,500,000. Flower, she avers, secured the bulk of her fortune. So great was his power over Mrs. Hagaman that she says she obeyed his every command. Her relations with Dr. Flower, Mrs. Hagaman will not discuss. She admits that she entered them at her own volition. The couple were living here under assumed names, but Mrs. Hagaman admitted her identity and that Dr. Flower when questioned.

THE BILLY BEARS II.

The two little bears that would be president of the United States (Written for the Tribune)

Now Billy T was keeping "tab" On Billy B's political gab, Said Billy T: "It gives me pain To think Billy B has gone insane.
For all Billy B's new issues Are whiskered o'er with frost; He thrashed them all out twice before, And Billy B got 'lost.'
Wait till he hears from Debs and Hearst; They'll both raise hades and do their worst, Then Billy B will surely see The 'safe and sane' want Billy T.
So I'll stay home and go to church And fire my 'talk' from the old front porch, Let rich Brother Charles do the talk for me, For it's money that talks," said Billy T.
Now Billy B went on his way To the Windy City for "Labor day." He made a dash for the "labor vote," And the G. O. P. he roundly smote.
He ripped up the "tariffs," lambasted the banks And cut up awful bearish pranks, Cussed the old "tariff," "plutocracy" too, There's no knowing what Billy B didn't do.
"The people are with me," said Billy B, "For I'm pleading their issues plain as can be, And the braves in old Tammany are shouting with glee: 'God bless Billy Bryan—A-Boo, Billy T.'"

"RED SPECIAL" TOMORROW ATTEMPT MADE BUNKER SITE IS CHOSEN

Socialist Candidate For President Will Speak in This City Tomorrow
Infernal Machine Intercepted in Postoffice by the Secret Service Men
Ladies of Greater Medford Club Prevail on Authorities to Change Location

The "red special," with Eugene V. Debs, the candidate of the socialist party for president, on board, is scheduled to arrive in this city tomorrow afternoon on a tour of the United States. Mr. Debs will speak at the depot and will probably be greeted by a large crowd of townspeople.

Everywhere along the line Mr. Debs has been meeting with the greatest of success in the matter of attracting crowds. He has the reputation of being a wonderful speaker, and the enthusiasm with which he is greeted sustains the fact.

The "red special" is also attracting attention throughout the country. An engine and coaches, all bright red, are conveying Mr. Debs on his great tour.

Local socialists meet this evening to perfect their plans for the reception of Mr. Debs.

On the train is a band picked from some of the best musicians in Chicago. A short program will be given at the depot.

FIND THE BODY OF A MURDERED MAN SMELTER TOWN'S PAYROLL \$90,000

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 12.—The body of a murdered white man has been found near Yainax on the Klamath Indian reservation, and a half-breed Indian, William Barclay, is suspected of the deed. He has disappeared.

The news came to the city Tuesday by telephone from Superintendent Wilson of the agency, and the sheriff and coroner immediately left for Yainax.

The white man has not been identified as yet, and it is not known why Barclay is suspected, as it is impossible to get information. The telephone line between this city and Yainax is down on account of there being so many Indian telephone subscribers on the line that when here and the agency, Superintendent Wilson will not talk, not wishing to arouse any excitement among the Indians.

Barclay is described as weighing 165 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a stubby mustache and wearing spectacles. He is supposed to have gone to Alturas.

SUPERVISORS OF SHASTA COUNTY STEER INTO TROUBLE MORE FIRES THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 12.—The anti-saloon people of Shasta county are increased today because the supervisors have refused to submit a local option ordinance to a vote of the people in the county. Feeling is running high and the prohibitionists say that they will keep up the fight until they win out.

The local branch of the anti-saloon league of California appeared before the supervisors yesterday with a petition signed by eleven hundred people, claiming to be a majority of the voters in the county outside the incorporated city of Redding. The vote to table the petition before the supervisors carried by a vote of 30 to 2.

The saloon question will be made an issue in the coming campaign.

FIRES ARE WIPING OUT VILLAGES ARE OFFERED \$40,000 FOR THE RALEIGH

People Are Fleeing in Front of Raging Sea of Flames in Minnesota—Many Are Homeless
Owners of Copper Mine on Trail Creek Decide to Turn Down the Offer of English Company

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 12.—Late reports today from the Lake Superior region state that the situation on the north shore is terrible. There is little hope of saving many houses and villages and the people are fleeing before the wall of fire. All telephone wires to the burning district are down and it is impossible to learn anything definite from the critical points.

A steamer with refugees from Michigan, Wisconsin and North shore points arrived here today with survivors of the fire. George Baleon, one of the refugees from Houghton, Mich., said that when he left the fire was within 15 miles of the town. The people were preparing a ring of waste around the town and setting it afire in the hope that the flames could be turned away by back firing.

Canadian Forest Burned. Reports from Manitoba say that the Canadian forest reserves of over 15 miles square has been almost burned over.

A pall of smoke is hanging over Lake Superior today and the wildest rumors are coming in. Governor Johnson has asked the railroad companies to keep their wires in repair so that communication with the burned districts will not be entirely cut off.

CALUMET, Mich., Sept. 12.—Reports today from Isle Royale say that three cottages have been destroyed and that much standing timber is being burned up by a fierce wall of flame that is rapidly approaching Rock Harbor, Washington Harbor and other summer resorts.

There are no means of fighting the fire on the island and the loss will be over a million dollars unless a providential rain intervenes to dampen the blaze.

REPORTED THAT COMMISSION HAS REACHED DECISION
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 12.—Although it is stated today that the state railroad commission has reached a decision in the Southern Pacific rebate case, it is announced that no decisions will be made public until all the rebate hearings before the commission have been finished.

There are cases yet to be heard against the Santa Fe and the Salt Lake roads, and it will be several months before those decisions are reached. The commission has ordered the lone railroad to file their tariff sheets without delay. This the road refuses to do, claiming that they are still in the construction stage, but are passengers and freight, and they are breaking the law, is the claim of the commission.

SON OF SENATOR BRYCE IS HOPELESSLY INSANE
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Stewart M. Bryce, son of the late Calvin S. Bryce, United States senator from Ohio, has been pronounced hopelessly insane by several physicians and his brother W. A. Kirkpatrick Bryce, today took steps to have him sent to an asylum and to have an administrator of his personal and real property appointed.

Bryce was sent to an asylum by his older brother, John Francis Bryce, last April on a judgment, but was allowed his liberty by the court on condition that Kirkpatrick Bryce have him placed under medical care.

Bryce served as a captain on General Shafter's staff during the Spanish war and has a large estate.

THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE CAUSE OF PARENTS' DEATH
MUSKOGON, Mich., Sept. 12.—Because pretty 18-year-old Minnie Cooper had a great thirst for knowledge, her parents are dead today.

Pitch Cooper, the girl's father, objected to her entering high school, insisting that she go to work instead of "wasting her time with books."

Yesterday Mrs. Cooper insisted that their daughter enter the high school. An argument ensued in which Cooper shot and killed his wife and then killed himself with the same gun.

GRAND JURY RETURNS TRUE BILL IN H. M. COBB CASE
The grand jury returned an indictment Saturday morning against H. M. Cobb, charged by Clara Stagg with a statutory crime. The case will be heard in the circuit court.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—Combining business and pleasure, Thomas A. Edison, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is visiting in the Pacific northwest and today is in Seattle. While in this part the wizard of the electrical word comments on what power is going to waste in many places in the northwest.
MOTOR ALL THAT IS KEEPING WRIGHT BACK
LEMANS, France, Sept. 12.—Wilbur Wright said today that defects in the motor of his aeroplane is all that prevents his equalling the wonderful record made by Orville in his flights at Washington. He says he will make a record when he corrects the defects in his motors. M. Weiller, who is heading the syndicate that will buy the Wright machine, if it meets the requirements, today offered an additional prize of 1000 francs to the first French navigator who reaches the height that Wilbur has already attained.
