

TERRIBLE FLOOD IN KAISER'S LAND

Rivers Overflow Their Banks,
Swamp Cities and Cause
Fifty Deaths.

GRAIN CROPS ARE RUINED

Railroads Washed Out and Dozen
Trains Wrecked—Three to Six
Feet of Water in Cities.
Soldiers Build Dams.

BERLIN, July 15.—From six to eight inches of rain have fallen throughout the greater part of Germany during the last three days, and as a result a number of rivers have overflowed their banks, carrying death and destruction in the surrounding country.

No less than a dozen minor railroad accidents from washouts have been reported and despatches coming in from the country traversed by the swollen streams relate the destruction of crops, dwelling-houses and outbuildings.

The floods are especially severe in Western Germany. Casualties to the number of 50 have been reported, principally single persons caught by the waters, chiefly in the villages of Poland and Silesia. The capsizing of a boat near Berlin resulted in two deaths.

Elbe and Wistres Rivers Overflow.
DRESDEN, July 15.—The Elbe and Wistres Rivers are in full flood. The railroad station and the track have been damaged and traffic has been delayed.

POLAND IS WASTE OF WATERS

All Streams Overflow, Crops Damaged, Many People Drowned.

POSEN, July 15.—As a result of the exceedingly heavy rains of the last few days, all the streams of Poland have overflowed their banks. The water is damaging the crops, a number of persons have been drowned and many small houses have been carried away.

ODER SPREADS DEVASTATION

Breslau Flooded, Crops Ruined and Many Lives Lost.

BRESLAU, July 15.—The Oder is well out of its banks. The water is three feet in the Rossmarkt and neighboring streets.

The soldiers in the garrison have been ordered out to assist the fire department in building a series of dams to prevent further spread of the flood.

Immense damage has been caused to the merchandise stores and houses on the river banks. The railroad station can be reached only in boats.

Farm lands for a distance of 100 miles from Breslau are inundated, and the grain crop is ruined. Cattle have been swept away and several persons have lost their lives in the water.

BRAVE SAILORS BURNED

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acting medical director of the Naval hospital, had charge of the injured in the wards and attended to dressing the wounds and seeing that everything possible was done for those who seemed to be dying. Working with him were naval surgeons from other warships.

A message from Rear Admiral Goodrich in the afternoon requested hourly bulletins on the condition of his son and they were sent to various points along the railroad line to him. As soon as the men had been made as comfortable as possible, those who were able to talk told something of the terrible experience they had been through.

Both the living and dead were found to be terribly burned. Three of the men were burned beyond recognition. Eyes were burned and faces, bodies, arms and legs blackened.

Soon after the men had been placed in their cots in the ward it was seen that Lieutenant Goodrich, Pair, Walsh and Thomas had but a short time to live. Six doctors and attendants watched constantly at the bedside of Lieutenant Goodrich, who was barely alive, and at 8:30 o'clock it was thought a half hour would put him beyond suffering. Then he rallied enough to give the surgeons hope that his father would be in time to see him alive. Thomas was all this time suffering untold agony, bearing patiently that he might live, but his doctors did not believe he would last through the night.

Heroism of the Sufferers.

The rows of cots in the wards, with their suffering and bandaged burdens, bore sufficient testimony to the bravery of the men, who in almost every case, though conscious, uttered not a sound. Heads were bandaged to relieve their pain and all stained a vivid yellow by the soothing oil that saturated them to assuage the pain. Arms, hands and bodies were bandaged, and the worst cases seemed to be all bandages.

Several incidents were told of the coolness and heroism of some of the men just after the explosion. Chaplain Charlton was the first officer to reach the turret. The first man he found was Mideghman Cruise, who was terribly injured. He would not allow the chaplain to do anything for him, but said:

"Let me alone, I am all right. Look after those other fellows."

In one or two other cases also he met with the same spirit of self-sacrifice.

All Flags at Half-Mast.

The National colors floated at the peak of the Georgia as she steamed up the harbor. As the ship made fast to the navy yard dock the flag at the peak was lowered and the flag at the stern run up to the top of the staff. A few moments later every flag in the yard was half-masted, while the vessels in the port also lowered their colors. The crew of the Georgia was drawn up at attention on the foredeck, where it remained during the brief hour and a quarter that the battleship remained at the yard. On the opposite side of the pier the battleship Illinois had her foredeck covered with sailors and marines, all of whom stood at attention.

As soon as the last of the dead of the ship were removed preparations were made for sailing. Word had been received from Washington ordering the ship back to the target grounds and tomorrow the Georgia will resume her practice with her great guns. While the ship was at the yard a few of the officers, including Captain McCrea, came down the gangplank for a brief conversation with officers attached to the Navy-Yard and the warships at present in port. None of them

would discuss the accident. After the Georgia sailed away at 6:05 o'clock, one of the Navy-Yard officers gave out a brief statement from Captain McCrea, which read as follows:

Official Version of Disaster.

About 10 A. M., July 15, while engaged in record target practice, with the eight-inch guns mounted in the after superimposed turret, firing at the target at the time, a powder charge became ignited, injuring about twenty men and doing some damage to the turret.

Until a thorough examination is made by the board convened by the commander, Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, U. S. N., we have no theory to advance as to the cause of the deplorable accident, which resulted in the serious injury of twenty brave men, six of whom have since passed away.

A charge of powder had just been stopped at the breech of the gun ready for loading. Suddenly one of the powder-bags was found to be burning in the loader's hands. It created great heat and all in the turret were badly burned. Two of the turret crew, their clothing ablaze, hurried out the only exit and plunged quickly overboard, being picked up by our boat near-by. Chief Carpenter Yates, in charge of the repair boat, luckily saw these two men jump and hastened to their succor.

When Admiral Thomas was informed of the extent and serious nature of the resultant injuries, the Georgia was immediately directed to proceed post-haste to Boston.

Goodrich Family in Time.

Rear-Admiral Goodrich, accompanied by Mrs. Goodrich and their two daughters, arrived here late tonight and went at once to the bedside of Lieutenant Goodrich at the Navy Hospital. They found the injured man unconscious and the physicians extended no hope of his recovery. The family had been at the bedside of Lieutenant Goodrich less than half an hour when he succumbed to his injuries. While unconscious most of the time, the dying man rallied a bit just before his death and is said to have seemingly recognized his father, but during this short interval of semi-consciousness he was unable to speak.

NAVAL OFFICIALS DOWNCAST

Believed Precautions Would Prevent Further Powder Explosions.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Aside from their deep concern over the injuries suffered by the unfortunate turret crew of the Georgia, the officers at the Navy Department were a good deal cast down when they learned of the accident, as it tended to shake their confidence in which they had rested for more than a year, in the perfection of the regulations so carefully framed with a view to safeguarding human life in the turrets.

April 13, 1904, a terrible accident happened on the splendid battleship Missouri, when through a "flare-back" five officers and 25 enlisted men met their death.

Just two years later to a day there was another explosion in the six-inch turret of the Kearsarge, whereby three men were badly injured. That accident occurred through a sailor's handling an iron extractor so as to make a short circuit in the electrical current, which set fire to the loose powder. Measures were taken to make both accidents impossible of recurrence.

It is understood at the Navy Department that the Georgia had just completed her preliminary target practice and was on what is known as Barnstable range, near Provincetown, just inside Cape Cod and about 50 miles from Boston. The Navy Department officers expressed confidence tonight that the dispatch of the Georgia, with the Atlantic fleet on its projected cruise to the Pacific will not be canceled.

Admiral Brownson tonight stated that the Navy Department had not notified President Roosevelt, owing to contradictory official reports from Boston. Now that a correct list of the dead and injured has been received at the department a report will be telegraphed to-morrow morning.

OPERATORS HELD BY FLIMSY LEASH

Psychological Moment for the
Telegraphers' Strike May
Come Friday.

UNREST VERY PRONOUNCED

President Small Orders Chicago
Men to Prepare for Assessments
and Husband Their Money.
Situation Is Complex.

CHICAGO, July 15.—(Special.)—The anniversary of the great telegraphers' strike is next Friday, and it follows payday by both companies. Men familiar with strikes say it will be the psychological moment for the spread of the strike here. The unrest is more pronounced tonight than at any time.

On orders from President Small, union officers here directed the men to prepare for assessments to maintain pickets and other strike expenses, and also to husband their money. It is said sufficient funds can be raised to maintain the men in idleness for about three weeks. The plan was again revived today of chartering a steamer and taking all union men and their families across the lake until the trouble is settled, leaving sufficient pickets here to attend to any strikebreakers. Close espionage has been placed upon all telegraph schools, as it is said the companies will bring in all available students to fill the vacant places.

The situation is complex. Operators who are supposed to have inside information say the strike will first be spread along the entire Pacific Coast line, and then work eastward, via Denver and Kansas City. Other reports are that Chicago and New York are to be struck simultaneously. Messenger boys of both companies are being organized, and will probably join in the strike.

Tomorrow Secretary Russell, of the local union, says definite news will be had.

CRITICAL MOMENT IS NEAR

Arrangements Must Be Reached Within 24 Hours.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Regarding the dispute between the telegraph companies and their employees, President Ahern, of the local Telegraphers' Union, said tonight:

"Personally I am doing all in my power to avert a clash and we have not yet given up hope of a settlement. One side or the other has got to give in within 24 hours. We received word from San Francisco tonight that Labor Commissioner Neill and representatives of the strikers at San Francisco were in session, and that a settlement was hoped for. We

were instructed to do nothing until advised from Chicago.

"There will be a strike unless every other means at our disposal fails."

JOY FOR POSTAL CLERKS

Large Number of Promotions in
Oregon and Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 15.—In addition to the promotion of clerks in the Portland postoffice, recently authorized by the Postoffice Department, the following promotions were announced today, all to take effect July 1:

Oregon—Grants Pass, three, \$400 to \$500.

Hood River—One, \$500 to \$600.

La Grande—One, \$500 to \$600.

Oregon City—One, \$500 to \$600; one, \$700 to \$800; one \$600 to \$800.

Pendleton—Two, \$500 to \$600; two \$700 to \$800; one \$800 to \$900.

Roseburg—Three \$500 to \$600.

Salem—Two \$700 to \$800; one \$500 to \$600; one \$600 to \$800.

The Dalles—One \$500 to \$600; one \$700 to \$800; one \$800 to \$900.

Washington—Hoquiam, two \$700 to \$800.

North Yaquina—One \$500 to \$600; one \$700 to \$800; two \$800 to \$900.

Olympia—One \$500 to \$600; one \$600 to \$800; one \$800 to \$1000.

Spokane—Eleven \$700 to \$800; five \$800 to \$900; two \$900 to \$1000; two \$1000 to \$1100.

Tacoma—One \$500 to \$600; nine \$700 to \$800; three \$800 to \$900; four \$900 to \$1000; two \$1000 to \$1100.

Walla Walla—Two \$800 to \$900; one \$900 to \$1000; one \$500 to \$600, one \$600 to \$800.

Wenatchee—One \$500 to \$600.

Tong Men Do More Murder.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 15.—The Chinese tong war, which was averted several weeks ago, was re-opened last night by the shooting of Chan Mei, a wealthy Chinese merchant. He was shot by three Chinese and seriously wounded. Lee Him, a Chinese tailor, a member of the Hing On Tong, is in jail charged with assault to kill in connection with the shooting. Two others are held on suspicion. According to letters found by the police, three tong men from San Francisco were to be sent to this city to kill a Chinaman who would be pointed out to them by some one in this city. The three men were members of the Boonies, Sing Gong and Sueyup tongs. Half of the available force of the central police station have been assigned to Chinatown duty. The police expect more trouble.

Perhaps a Black-Hand Murder.

CHICAGO, July 15.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Sterling, Ill., says: Mrs. Cinacita Genetti, a young Italian woman, was found dead in her bedroom yesterday with a bullet wound through her heart. The police have been working on the mystery with no success whatever as there is not the slightest clew of motive in the way of revenge or robbery to be had. The authorities have about concluded that the murder is the work of the Black Hand Association, and may have had its inception in Italy. As far as can be learned, the woman had no enemies.

Fire Causes Loss of \$70,000.

OMAHA, July 15.—Fire that started in the kitchen of the Schlitz Hotel today caused a loss estimated at \$70,000, a greater part of which is by water. A number of guests lost their belongings.

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Ladies' Home Journals Sold Here

Women's White Wash Suits and Costumes 1-3 Less

Repeating For Tuesday's Selling, One of the Most Interesting

Garment Sales of the Season

A sweeping sale, for it embraces every White Wash Suit and Lingerie Dress in the stock, from the very modest-priced ones that sell regularly \$4.50 to the elaborate creations that we retail at \$125.00 each. The Suits come in purest Linen. Poplin, Double Warp and Duck. The Jackets are in Eton or Pony styles. The Skirts are made plain or pleated. There are some handsome Princess Model Lingerie and Linen Dresses in this assortment (like cut on right). The Suits are in severely plain tailored styles, trimmed only with straps and buttons, or trimmed with richest lace and embroidery and fancy wash braids. The Lingerie Gowns are marvels of exquisite handwork. Choice of any White Wash Suit or Costume in the house, regularly \$4.50 to \$125.00 each, Tuesday, again.



One-Third Less

We Are Cleaning Up on Go-Carts and Hammocks

This sale of Go-Carts includes every one in the house, from the very plain ones that sell regularly at \$2.50 each, to the splendid reed-body carts, complete with cushions and parasols. There are 45 styles to select from. They are all made with patent anti-friction fasteners, and patent foot-brake, and rubber-tire wheels. Folding styles, with reclining back and adjustable foot-rest. Also the famous English carts and carriages. Now, here are the prices—

Regular \$2.50 values...	\$1.75	Regular \$17.50 values...	\$11.85
Regular \$2.75 values...	\$1.95	Regular \$19.50 values...	\$13.50
Regular \$4.00 values...	\$2.75	Regular \$21.00 values...	\$14.50
Regular \$6.00 values...	\$4.25	Regular \$22.50 values...	\$15.75
Regular \$6.50 values...	\$4.35	Regular \$24.00 values...	\$16.75
Regular \$7.50 values...	\$5.25	Regular \$25.00 values...	\$17.75
Regular \$9.50 values...	\$6.50	Regular \$26.00 values...	\$18.50
Regular \$10.50 values...	\$7.25	Regular \$30.00 values...	\$21.00
Regular \$11.00 values...	\$7.50	Regular \$32.00 values...	\$22.00
Regular \$12.00 values...	\$8.25	Regular \$33.00 values...	\$23.00
Regular \$13.50 values...	\$9.50	Regular \$35.00 values...	\$24.00
Regular \$15.00 values...	\$10.50	Regular \$37.00 values...	\$26.00

Hammock Specials		PLAIN HAMMOCKS —Open weave, concealed spreader, and pillow. Regular 75c value, special.....	50c
FANCY STRIPE HAMMOCKS —With concealed spreader, pillow and valance. A fine bargain at \$1.25; special.....	85c	CLOSE-WEAVE HAMMOCKS —Full color, concealed spreader, pillow and valance—	
		\$1.75 values, special.....	\$1.25
		\$2.25 values, special.....	\$1.65
		\$4.50 values, special.....	\$3.50
		\$5.50 values, special.....	\$4.25



BABY PAUPERIZES MOTHER

agents, and asks for an injunction to prevent such seizures.

TRIES TO HANG HIMSELF

Italian Kidnapers Almost Succeeds. Trial Has Begun.

NEW ORLEANS, July 15.—Tony Costa, one of the Italians placed on trial today in St. Charles parish, charged with the kidnapping and murder of 8-year-old Walter LaMara, made an unsuccessful attempt to hang himself in the parish prison here today. Taking a big pocket handkerchief, he knotted it around his neck and then made it fast to the grating of his cell door while on his tiptoes. Throwing himself back, he succeeded in strangling himself into unconsciousness and was discovered in time to save his life. Prison officials then ordered that all of the male prisoners held in connection with the case be stripped and left nude until time to take them to Harnville.

Mrs. Amy Betts, traveling from Seattle, Wash., to Perkins, Okla., has just been started on her way home with her 2-year-old son, after being stranded from a most peculiar cause.

Mrs. Betts was on a train coming here from Denver, when, four miles north of Pueblo, the child picked up her handbag, containing her railroad ticket, trunk, check and money, and threw it out of the window. A railroad man searched most of the night and found the pocket-book and trunk, but the ticket and money were missing.

Depot officers here secured a ticket and sufficient money to pay her expenses, and started her homeward.

SUES TO REGAIN COAL LAND

Government Wants Value of Coal Utah Fuel Company Mined.

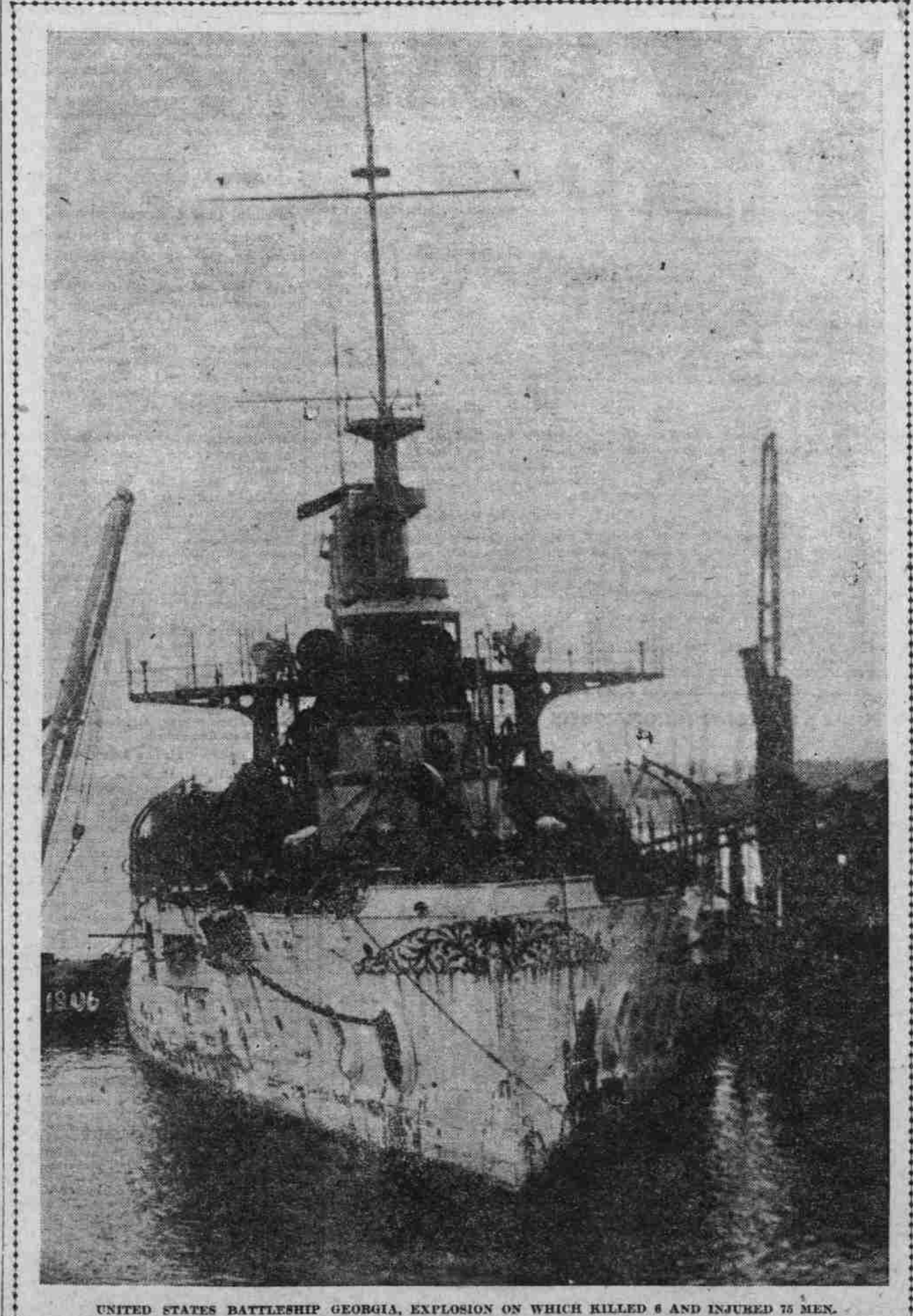
DENVER, Colo., July 15.—Charged with having illegally acquired valuable coal land in Gunnison County, in Colorado, by means of dummy entries, the Utah Fuel Company, owned and controlled by the Denver & Rio Grande Railway Company, and its officers, are made defendants to a suit filed in the Federal Court today by United States District Attorney Earl M. Cranston, seeking the recovery of the land and a reasonable price for all coal mined in it.

The complaint avers that the Government greatly fears that other land may be grabbed by the Utah Fuel Company's

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