



PASSENGERS WALK ACROSS COLUMBIA

Ice Route Is Used to Change Trains.

ESCAPE BLOCKADE ON O. R. & N.

Later Stalled by Drifts on North Bank Line.

REACH PORTLAND AT LAST

Five Hundred Men, Women and Children Go Single-File Over Frozen River at The Dalles. Roads Are Now Open.

Five hundred men, women and children, passengers of snowbound O. R. & N. trains from the East, crossed the Columbia River on the ice at The Dalles yesterday afternoon to Grand Dalles, Wash., where they boarded a west-bound train on the North Bank Road for Portland. The trip across the ice was accomplished without mishap, though with great inconvenience. A few hours after they crossed the ice the O. R. & N. train had been released and traffic resumed.

Boarding the North Bank train, they proceeded as far as Wind Mountain, ten miles east of The Dalles, where the train poked its nose into a snowdrift that covered the track, completely impeding progress for a time. There the unfortunate were again snowbound and delayed for several hours, arriving in Portland at an early hour this morning.

Drift at Wind Mountain.

Early advice from Bonneville, west of Wind Mountain, was to the effect that a huge snowdrift had been swept down upon the North Bank tracks opposite that point. But the train succeeded in passing the obstruction there.

The spectacular trip across the Columbia River was made single file by the passengers. The ice has reached a thickness of 15 inches in mid-stream and 24 inches near the shores. A path was beaten through the rough frozen snow and more than an hour elapsed before the last of the long line of passengers reached the north shore.

Baggage was hauled across the river on hand-sleds. Four large sacks of registered mail, which it was not deemed advisable to entrust to such primitive methods of transportation, were placed in the vaults of a bank at The Dalles for safe keeping by Postmaster Hostetler.

Seek Shelter From Cold.

After it was decided to cross the river, the waiting-rooms, baggage-rooms and available places near the railroad station at Grand Dalles on the Washington side, were crowded with disconsolate passengers. Many were unable to find shelter from the cold, and men, women and children were huddled together on the platform from 2 o'clock until 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, awaiting the arrival of the North Bank train.

It had begun to rain before the decision to cross the river was made. A steady drizzle fell as the adventurers set out upon their journey and many were wet and shivering by the time they had reached the Washington side.

The passengers who crossed the ice were from O. R. & N. trains Nos. 1, 3 and 5. They had made The Dalles their western terminus yesterday because of the blockade at Hood River and Bonneville. They were sent East on their respective runs, and wrecking crews were sent out at an early hour yesterday morning from The Dalles to open up the drift.

Hood River Is Isolated.

Hood River had no railroad communication with the outside world yesterday, except to The Dalles. The Overland Limited, westbound, was backed up to The Dalles yesterday afternoon, after remaining at Hood River since Thursday night. It was one of the trains whose passengers crossed the ice.

O. R. & N. eastbound train, No. 6, that left Portland yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, was held up at Wapinitia yesterday afternoon by a blockade. It returned to Portland late in the afternoon and remained here until the tracks near The Dalles had been cleared. That was accomplished before 9 o'clock, and at 9:15 delayed train No. 6 pulled out of the Union Station.

Westbound O. R. & N. train No. 1 took the North Bank tracks at Pasco yesterday afternoon, and will come to Portland over that road. Such were the advice received from Pendleton last night.

O'Brien Directs the Work.

A feature of especial interest to railroad men is the fact that General Manager O'Brien, of the O. R. & N., in his special car, was stalled with other passengers at The Dalles. His car was attached to a westbound train that was stalled as a result of the blockade. He is still at The Dalles, superintending the work of reopening the lines and rendering all possible assistance to passengers.

Late advice last night were to the effect that the North Bank train had succeeded in overcoming the snow drift and was expected to reach Portland at

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TWO NEW STATES TO BE ADMITTED

HOPES OF ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO REVIVED.

Change in Spirit of Congress Assures Action at This Session—Republicans Control.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Suddenly developed and seemingly fixed opposition by certain leaders in Congress made it appear for several weeks that the prospect early in the session that an act enabling the two territories of Arizona and New Mexico to become states would pass before inauguration day was to fail of fulfillment.

A change has come about and it is virtually assured that before Mr. Roosevelt leaves office separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico will be authorized. Last Fall Ralph H. Cameron, Republican, of Flagstaff, Ariz., was elected Delegate to Congress to succeed Martin A. Williams, Democrat, of Tucson. William H. Andrews, Republican, of Albuquerque, N. M., was re-elected Delegate by an increased majority. There was fear years ago that Arizona would be certain to send two Democrats to the Senate and that New Mexico might do likewise.

HAVE AMERICAN WEDDING

Chinese Merchant and Bride Will Marry at Butte in Style.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The biggest social event in Chinese circles in the Northwest will be the marriage of Miss Chew Gum Ah Yen, of Spokane, and Hum Pay, a wealthy pioneer merchant, of this city, which is scheduled for tomorrow. The ceremony will be strictly American and will be performed by District Judge John B. McClellan tomorrow afternoon in his chambers at the Courthouse.

Both bride and groom will be attired in American clothing, and very stylish clothing at that, in fact their wardrobe contains no other kind of wearing apparel. The young woman is 17 years of age and is the daughter of one of the Chinese merchant families of the city. She was born in Spokane, received a thorough common school education in the public schools of that city and is a graduate of the Blair Business College in the inland Empire metropolis. Hum Pay is 50 years of age.

HARRIMAN MAN PROMOTED

General Superintendent Park, of U. P., Advanced to General Charge.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—The Post today says that General Superintendent W. L. Park, of the Union Pacific, has been advanced to the head of the operative department of all the Harriman lines in the West.

OMAHA, Jan. 15.—Charles Ware has been appointed general superintendent of the Union Pacific system to succeed W. L. Park, who becomes head of the operating department of the Harriman lines in the West.

In his new position, Mr. Park will report to J. Kruttschnitt, at present active head of all the Harriman lines.

STEALS RUNAWAY SLEIGH

Spokane Crook Breaks All Records at Getting Booty.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Stealing a runaway team of horses attached to a bobbed while they were dashing along at breakneck speed near the junction of the Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. tracks in the eastern part of Spokane, is the offense charged yesterday afternoon to an unknown man who leaped aboard the swiftly moving vehicle and, picking up the reins, drove off, notwithstanding the shouted protests of the frightened animals. The team and the sled are the property of L. B. Hall, a second-hand dealer, who notified Sheriff McK. Pugh of the theft.

BURIED ALIVE FOR 19 DAYS

Three Children Entombed by Quake Burrow Way to Light.

MESSINA, Jan. 15.—A thrilling rescue was effected this morning, when, after having been for 19 days under the ruins of their home, three children of Nicola Mantasola were saved.

Francesco Mantasola, a boy aged 5, managed to crawl out alone by burrowing from the ruins and through a hole which seemed too narrow for even a cat to pass through. He was wounded and covered with blood.

Once in the open air, he fainted, but soon revived and told his story. His two sisters, who had been buried with him, were rescued by soldiers.

C. P. R. INVADES STATES

Through Soo Line Canadian Road Gets Wisconsin Central.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, says the Canadian Pacific is not in negotiation for the Wisconsin Central, but that the Soo Line, with which the Canadian Pacific is in close relations, is. He adds that he understands that the negotiations are far advanced.

As the Soo Line is owned by the Canadian Pacific, this is a confirmation of the rumor that the Canadian Pacific has practically acquired the Wisconsin Central.

TRAINS COLLIDE; AT LEAST 18 DEAD

Denver & Rio Grande Scene of Crash.

THIRTY PERSONS ARE INJURED

Passenger Train Dashes Into Moving Freight Train.

TOURIST CAR TELESCOPED

Train Well-Filled With Sleeping Passengers Strikes Freight at Dotsero—Small Army of Doctors and Nurses to Relief.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 15.—In a collision between Denver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 5, westbound, and eastbound freight train No. 666, at Dotsero tonight, 18 persons were killed and 29 injured, so far as known.

As soon as the information reached here that a wreck had occurred, a special was made up and all the available doctors and nurses in the city pressed into service and carried to the scene of the accident. This train, it was expected, would bring the injured back, and possibly the dead, tonight, but it was not expected to reach here before 2 o'clock.

Meager details of the wreck are to the effect that the freight train was attempting to take a siding to let the passenger pass, but had only partly run on the main line when the passenger train came tearing along and crashed into it. The chair-car of the passenger was torn in two and one tourist car telescoped. The passenger train was well filled with passengers, most of whom were asleep. It is feared that the list of dead will be greatly augmented when full details are received.

Six Trainmen Injured.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—Denver & Rio Grande Railroad officials have received meager information of the wreck near Dotsero tonight, but are not informed as to the extent of the loss of life. However, they gave the following list of the trainmen injured:

Engineer Gus Olsen.
Engineer Sig Olsen.
Engineer Jeffrey.
Three firemen, names not known.
Conductor McCurdy of the passenger train, and Conductor Cope of the freight train are among the injured. It is reported that the three firemen are seriously injured.

GERMAN AVIATORS GAIN NEW LAURELS

TEUTONS SEEK TO OUTDO EACH OTHER IN SPEED.

One Machine, With 100 Horse-Power Motor, Expected to Beat Wright's Record.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—German aviators are reaching after the Wright brothers' laurels. Experiments with new aeroplanes are being quietly but diligently carried on by inventors in various sections of Germany. One of the new machines, which was privately exhibited to a number of officers and engineers at Mayence yesterday, is said to mark a distinct improvement over previous models in that it rises directly from its starting place without having to gain momentum by a preliminary run on wheels.

Great expectations also are based on experiments of Major Parsenval, the airship constructor, who is building an aeroplane designed to attain great speed. Parsenval will employ a 100-horsepower motor. It is expected that a number of German machines will be ready for public trials at an aeronautic exhibition to be held at Frankfurt-on-the-Main next summer. The Wright brothers and Henri Farman will be invited to attend, and if possible participate in the exhibition.

COSGROVE STARTS SUNDAY

Private Car Ordered Ready, Provided Road Is Passable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—According to Southern Pacific advice, it is the intention of Governor-elect Cosgrove to leave Paso Robles for Washington next Sunday.

Orders have been given to pick up the private car California Sunday morning. It will be brought into Oakland in time to connect with the northbound train leaving for Portland at 8:30 that evening.

This plan is, of course, contingent upon the railroad being passable.

DRAIN MAY HAVE CLEW

Wants Description of East Side Bank Robbers.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher late last night received a message from the authorities at Drain, Or., asking that a description of the East Side Bank robbers be wired him at once.

Chief Gritzmacher does not know whether this will amount to anything or not. After the robbery it was reported that the robbers had gone to Southern Oregon, but no trace of them was obtained.

RETURNS TO NATIVE LAND

Judge L. R. Wilfley Leaves Federal Court at Shanghai.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Libbus R. Wilfley, ex-Judge of the United States Court at Shanghai, China, arrived here today on the liner Manchuria en route to New York, having resigned his position voluntarily.

WILL NOT REPEAT OREGON BLUNDER

New York Will Reject Direct Primary.

DEFEAT OF HUGHES CERTAIN

Party Leaders Can Be Trusted to Follow People's Will.

HOLD PARTY RESPONSIBLE

Which Party Would Be Responsible for Chamberlain? Asks Grattan, Who Draws Lessons From Oregon's Experience.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN.
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Governor Hughes' demand for direct nominations of all candidates for public offices is likely to precipitate the liveliest fight in the Legislature. Already the clans are marshaling for the fray, and some of the arguments that are being brought to bear against the Governor are interesting.

It may be news to the people of the Pacific Coast, but Oregon itself furnishes the strongest plea against direct nominations, and it will be used to advantage when the matter comes up for debate in the Senate and Assembly.

Senator W. J. Grattan, of Albany County, was in the city the other day. Mr. Grattan possesses brains, education and ability, but is avowedly a machine man. During the fights of the past two years he aligned himself against the Governor on the one ground that "the organization demanded it." As he was re-elected and re-elected last Fall he is naturally more of a machine man than ever.

Believe in Majority Rule.

"I believe in the rule of the majority," said Mr. Grattan, when I saw him at the Hotel Manhattan. "If the people do not like the Republican party, vote it out. If they do like it, vote it in. A good square, open fight, with a frank discussion of the issues, and an honest count of the ballots is what I favor. It is Americanism, and a proposition that every man should support at all times. 'There is a lot of what Roosevelt terms 'loose talk' about the machines. Of course machines control the conventions. They always have and they always will. In warfare a disciplined regiment of 100 men can sweep away an undisciplined mob of 10,000. It's the same in politics."

"But leaders of machines at convention

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BOY MADE WARD OF CORPORATION

REWARD FOR HIS BRAVERY IN PREVENTING WRECK.

Pennsylvania Railroad Adopts Laborer's Son and Will Provide Education.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Adoption by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, one of the largest and richest of railway corporations in the world, is the fortune of Jared Barker, of Larwill, Ind., the 15-year-old son of James Barker, a laborer. The adoption is a reward for bravery. Young Barker saved the lives of scores of passengers a year ago by averting the wreck of the 18-hour flyer near his home.

His parents could not afford the education for which he longed. Now a high school and a college course is a certainty and his chief ambition is to fit himself for employment by the corporation which has befriended him.

Jared is already in his first year of high school work, and is applying himself so studiously that his teachers look upon him as one of the brightest in his classes. At the end of every month a report of the boy's progress is forwarded to Pennsylvania Railroad headquarters for consideration at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

TAKE CHILD FROM RUINS

Five-Year-Old Youngster Lived 18 Days Under Reggio's Debris.

REGGIO, Jan. 15.—A child of 5 years was taken from the ruins of a building here yesterday, entirely uninjured, having lain beneath the debris for 18 days.

An officer in passing heard the low moaning of the child and immediately began a search, delving in the direction whence the cries came. As he worked the wall fell and he was seriously injured, but even this did not deter him in his courageous effort, and he continued his task until he rescued the child.

DIVORCED COUPLE TO WED

Lad of 21 Takes Back Girl of 20 Who Left Him Last Year.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Married, divorced and remarried to his former wife at the age of 21 years is the experience of A. Vincent Holgate, formerly of Corvallis, now of Halsey. In June, 1906, he married Lena J. Allen, of Halsey. While living at Astoria, in 1907, they had trouble and separated. In 1908, Holgate secured a divorce here last March, resuming her maiden name. Today Holgate secured a license to wed his former wife. He is now 21 and his bride for a second time is 20.

"WILL MAKE THEM JUMP"

Kern Promises Revelation About Indiana Senatorial Fight.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15.—"I shall have something to say tomorrow that will be plain and specific," said John W. Kern. "When I make my statement, I think it will make them jump some."

This was said with reference to the story to the effect that Kern believes he was beaten for the Senatorship through an elaborate and carefully worked system of deceit and double-crossing.

CAST AWAY ON LONE ISLAND

Three Scandinavians Send Message in Bottle on Ocean.

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 15.—Incased in an airtight bottle, the following message was found yesterday on the beach near Samoa, Cal.

"November 13, 1908.—Whoever finds this message will please notify the United States Revenue Service that we are on an unknown island in the Pacific Ocean near the Hawaiian Islands. Peter Johnson, Nels Peterson, John Isaacson. The bottle containing the message bore evidence of having been in the water a long time."

PARALLEL NEW HILL LINE

Harriman Orders Renewal of War on Colorado & Southern.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—The Times today says E. H. Harriman has ordered the engineering department of the Union Pacific Railroad to parallel at once the lines of the Colorado & Southern in the Northern part of the state. A construction force of over 1000 men will be thrown into the field as soon as they can be organized, effecting a renewal of the fight between Mr. Harriman and J. J. Hill.

BIG FIRE AT FORT OMAHA

All Supplies Burned, Including Wireless and Two Balloons.

OMAHA, Jan. 16.—A fire which started in the Government supply building, at Fort Omaha, at 2 o'clock this morning, destroyed the entire building and its contents. Although the amount of the loss is not known, it will probably reach \$150,000.

The building contained all the wireless apparatus used in the fort, including two Government balloons. The nearest fire engine house is a mile from the fort.

COSGROVE'S WISH DENIED BY MEAD

Mahundro Is Not Made Bank Examiner.

ENGLE'S NAME BEFORE SENATE

Mead Asserts Incumbent Has Given Satisfaction.

NO REASON TO REMOVE HIM

Matter Now Up to Senate for Action. Howard Cosgrove Made Private Secretary So He May Learn Work.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Governor Mead declares he has fulfilled all promises to Governor-elect Cosgrove made before the latter went to California. He announced tonight that he would not oust Bank Examiner Engle to make place for J. L. Mahundro or disturb Prison Superintendent Reed. In effect the Governor insists he will not remove competent officials to enable Cosgrove to carry out political promises. The statement, however, points a way whereby the Cosgrove men may get in. Holding that in the case of the Bank Examiner, for instance, where the Governor appoints and the Senate confirms, an official cannot be removed except for stated cause, Mead says if the Senate should refuse to confirm Mead's old appointment of Bank Examiner Engle, that failure to confirm would create a vacancy in the office.

In his statement Governor Mead said, in view of all the rumors lately current of prospective appointments: "I feel it is due to the public, to Governor-elect Cosgrove and to my friends to state the situation frankly. Just prior to Mr. Cosgrove's departure for Paso Robles I visited him at his home in Pomeroy and, as stated at that time, I gave Mr. Cosgrove assurance that I would comply with certain requests of his in the matter of appointments which he very much desired should be made and that I would so far as possible endeavor to relieve him of the anxiety and worry thrust upon every incoming executive, so that he might devote himself entirely to recuperating his health and strength in California. He then requested that upon his resignation as regent of the State University I should appoint Mr. Hazlett as his successor, and that I also arrange with Mr. Davis, of the Board of Control, and Mr. Gorham, State Printer, to turn over their respective positions to Mr. Lorton, of

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