### PRICE FIVE CENTS.

# **20TH CENTURY IN REAR-END CRASH**

Six Reported Dead and Nine Others Hurt.

SPEED IS 62 MILES AN HOUR

Flier Hits Slower Train Which Is Making Siding.

COLLISION AT SMALL TOWN

Northeast, Pa., 16 Miles East of Eric. Is Scene of Wreck-Officials Deny Story of 60 Injured Lying

HRIE, Pa., Dec. 14.-The second section of the Twentieth Century Limited, the New York Central fast train from Chicago to New York, collided with the rear end of a passenger train, No. 10, on the Lake Shore Railroad at Northeast, Pa., 16 miles east of here, shortly after mid-

At the time of the collision the Twen tieth Century was easily making 62 miles an hour.

Six bodies have already been taken from the wreck and it is believed there will be more fatalities. A relief train left here at midnight to take nurses and doctors to

Northeast Small Town.

Northeast is a small town and at night is cut off from both telegraph and telephone communication.

Reports of the wreck did not reach here until late and then it was said that two freight trains came together with ne loss of life. Official reports to Cleveland place the number of dead at four. The Twentieth Century Limited, No. 26

is due at Eric at 11:45 P. M., and passed running faster than schedule time.

Could Not Make Siding.

Train No. 10 was also east bound, leaving here at 19:05 P. M., and was scheduled to take the siding at Northeast, but it is believed the train did not reach the siding far enough in advance of the ing the law. filer to make a proper clearance. The wreck occurred directly opposite the Northeast railroad station:

Railway officials here refuse to make public any facts concerning the wreck.

Sixty Reported Injured. at the Lake Shore station while hospitals have been notified to prepare to take

care of many injured. The Coroner has been notified of the wreck and has cleared his morgue for the reception of the dead that may be

A crew of a freight train arriving here reported that when they passed the been removed from the debria of the splintered cars. The dead had not been

OFFICIALS SAY 4 DEAD, 9 HURT in an Eastern magazine.

All Fatalities Declared to Be in the First Train.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14,-The second section of No. 26 (the Twentieth Century Limited) was made up of two cars from St Louis, one from Cincinnati and one from Cleveland. The St. Louis cars were full and most of the dead are reported to be in them. The two rear cars of No. 10 carried passengers from Cieveland and Chicago to the East.

No. 10 was delayed an hour and 45 minutes at Northeast and sent a flagman back. It is reported that his lantern went, out, but this is not con-

Most of the fatalities, it is reported, were in the last coach of No. 10, the day coach. The fate of Engineer M. I. Berger, of Cleveland, and Fireman Henry Salkenhagen, of Buffalo, of the 20th Century, has not been ascertained.

In a statement at the general offices of the Lake Shore this morning it was gald:

"There is no one hurt on the 20th Century. Stories that 60 are hurt are J. R. Brown, Postal Employe in Civil entirely false. We know that four persons were killed and nine injured seriously and that a few more were badly hurt. The injured have been taken to hospitals at Buffalo and Erie. Alt dead and injured were on train No. 10."

20TH CENTURY SAFE, REPORT

Chicago Learns St. Louis Limited and Boston Special Crash.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 .- The general offices of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad here this morning the trains wrecked near Northeast, Pennsylvania, were the eastound St. Louis limited and the Chiago, New York and Boston special. The St. Louis limited left St. Louis at 8:45 A. M. Monday and is due in New York at 9:45 A. M.

The Chicago, New York and Boston special left Chicago at 10:30 A. M. Monday and is due in New York at 1:48 P. M. Tuesday. It was stated by the officials that the Twentieth Century was not wrecked but was some distance behind the wreck

# FARMERS IN CORN PIT OUTWIT BEARS

WITH SHORTAGE IN SIGHT, THEY BUY HEAVILY.

Professional Manipulators Would Freeze Out Rural Investors, but Efforts Are in Vain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 .- (Special.) -- Despite strenuous efforts on the part of he professional bears in the Chicago trade to squeeze them out of the corr market by repeated onslaughts on that ereal in the local pit during the last two weeks, country traders and farmers, aware of the serious condition o the crop, have had the nerve and sufficient wealth at their command to oling to their purchases of futures.

Traders of this class have not only held on to their previous purchases, but have been steadily adding to their lines on all soft spots, the local comnission houses being almost snowed under with orders from the country to

Today, because of the continued un favorable weather conditions which are rapidly making the country roads impassable, there was such a great exhibition of buying that the bears be came panic stricken and covered mil-lions of bushels of short corn.

The efforts on the part of the professionals to break the price of corn dates back three weeks. The prospects they believed at the time were never so rosy for record-breaking marketings of corn. Farmers of Northern Illinois, lows and Nebraska, however, where heavy rains and winds, followed by freezing and snow, had blown down the unhusked corn and put it in such a bad condition that it is estimated 50 per cent of the crop will not be harvested, started to buy the cereal on the Chicago board.

### BRAIN DULLED BY NICOTINE

Scattle Boy Smokers to Be Guarded by School Board.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (Special.) Complaints from principals in several of the city schools regarding the de-moralizing effect on boy pupils of cigarette and pipe smoking resulted in a special meeting of the School Board and the creation of the office of special agent, whose duty it will be to hunt up evidence that will convict dealers who supply the boys with tobacco and cigar-

Truant Officer Truman Ketchum in 10 days caught 24 boys regularly anrolled in the public schools in the act of smoking. The habit has become so widespread that Officer Ketchum confesses his inability to cope with it, and the new man will work under him on plans he has already formed for whole sale arrests of dealers who are violat-

Reaction on pupils who smoke swift and offers proof in depreciated percentages in studies, listlessness bordering on stupidity, and indifference to both study and play.

## Every ambulance in Erie is lined up POLITICIAN SUES LINDSEY Denver Juvenile Court Judge Party

Defendant in \$50,000 Case. DENVER, Dec. 18.-W. G. Smith, exspeaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, today brought suit for \$50,-000 damages each against Judge Ben V. wreck scene at Northeast 60 injured had Lindsey, of Denver, and Harvey H.

O'Higgins, a magazine writer. Smith alleges defamation of character in a series of articles now running under the caption of "The Beast and the Jungle"

The articles, which claim to be a history of inside politics in Denver for the last few years, were prepared by Mr. O'Higgins, the material being obtained from Judge Lindsey.

## PEORIA HAS \$200,000 FIRE Two Newspaper Plants Are Devoured

by Flames.

PEORIA. III., Dec. 14-The Grand Opera-House building, including the office and plant of the Peorla Journal, and the Peorle Democrat, was consumed by fire, which started at 1:30 o'clock this

The loss is more than \$200,000, partly in

Thirty prisoners in the county fall, across the alley from the burning building, were removed by a single turnkey. One man was seriously injured.

# FIRST MAILCAR HEAD DIES

War, Dead at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 13 .- (Special.)-John B. Brown, 68 years old, who died at Ashland yesterday, was an employe of the United States Postoffice Department during the Civil War, and had charge of the first railway mallcar with which the department experimented.

Mr. Brown was head of a large music company at Los Angeles for many years, coming to Ashland a year or two ago for

# SCIENTIFIC DATA BURNED

'Monastery" at Mount Wilson Ob servatory Is Destroyed.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 .- The "Mon astery," the home of the scientists and attaches of the Mount Wilson Observatory, was destroyed by fire today.

All the valuable records and paper of the observatory, together with the scientific library of Professor Hale were burned.

# IF WARD IS NAMED

Ban Johnson, American Head, Defiant.

# BASEBALL PEACE IS AT STAKE

National Candidate Is Called Wanton Violator of Pact.

CASE FIRST SNAG

Letter to Herrmann Gives Objections to Man Backed by Murphy. Swaps in Air Pending

Election

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-The American League will not tolerate the election of John M. Ward as president of the National League to succeed John A. Heydler according to Ban Johnson, American League president, who arrived in New York today. If he is elected, said Johnson, it means war.

As outlining his position in the case on the eve of the National League meet ing, Johnson gave out a letter which he sent to August Herrmann, who was instrumental in ending the war between the National and American leagues in 1903. The letter, addressed to Herrmann at Cincinnati, is as follows

Davis Swap, Snag. "When information was brought to me from an authentic source that John M. Ward was seriously considered for the presidency of the National League, occasioned me much surprise. Since the signing of the peace pact and the creaon of the National agreement organized baseball has moved along in a broad, straight channel, with moderate friction. "The chief snag encountered was our effort to recoved player George Davis after he had been awarded to the Chi-American League club at Cincin nati peace conference. Mr. Ward, acting as attorney for Player Davis drew up the original contract with the Chicago club. It was a three-year agreement tronbound and riveted. At a subsequent date. Davis signed another contract with the New York National League club.

Ward, Players' Lawyer. "The New York club sought to retain Davis regardless of the Cincinnati award

and, in fact, did use him in one game despite a vigorous protest from the American League. The Chicago club was finally obliged to go into the courts to enforce its contract and John M. Ward epresented the player in the proceedings. "Davis was checkmated, but the Chi-

cago club did not have his services in the entire season. The cost of litigation to the Chicago club exceeded \$3000. entire transaction was clearly a c spiracy, and a wanton violation of the peace pact entered into at Cincinnati. American League interests must be considered and weighed in the construction of the National Commission each year.

Common Sense Taboos Him. "It is far from our purpose to say, o even suggest, who the National League should elect its president, but common (Concluded on Page 8.)

DON'T BOTHER

# PROGRESS IN 1909. 'The New Year's Oregonian for

and interest all readers. It will have a variety of articles from well-known authorities on all the state's industries, resources and products. These are not mere "write-ups." They are illuminating articles from men who know what the state has done and is doing, and they tell precisely what the public wants to know

about a particular subject.

It will not be a humdrum affair. It will be a PROGRESS EDITION. It will be up to date in every particular. The text will be fresh and informative and the cuts will be new and statistics. cuts will be new and striking. The Central Oregon pictures, for example, were taken for this issue by an Oregonian staff pho-tographer. So were the Portland pictures. No interest of the state will be neglected. You may rest assured that there will be a lot in the 1910 New Year's issue to benefit and interest you and your friends, wherever they are.

# CANNON LAUGHS AT RUMOR

scoffs at Suggestion He Will Resign as Speaker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- "Laugh and the world laughs with you. I'm laughing; I'm not weeping," emilingly remarked Speaker Cannon today in characterizing as a bit of imagination a pubished report that he purposes to retire from the Speakership at the close of the present Congress, and positively not again run for a seat in the House.

"A man may retire from politics; man may resign from the House; a man may decline the Speakership; a man may retire from anything," he said. "The man who wrote that story had a

RUIN AS GOVERNOR SNAPS Engine Tears Itself to Pieces and

bridge before I come to it."

Hurts Mill Employe. CAMAS, Wash., Dec. 13.-The governor on one of the high-speed engines used for running a dynamo at the Crown-Columbia paper mill broke about noon today, causing the engine to tear itself to pieces.

One large piece of the flywheel went up through the second floor, tearing out neavy timbers and seriously injuring Sam McKever, who was working on a paper machine on the second floor. One paper machine was also badly wrecked. Several men were near the engine when the accident happened, but were not in-

# JUDGE ASKS FAIR TRIAL

jured. Part of the mill is shut down for

Man Who Assaulted Fellow Jurist Won't Stand for Negro Jury.

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 13 .- If assuran is given him that he will have a fair a soft college boy hat on the back of trial and that negroes will not be drawn upon the jury, Judge Samuel W. Williams, Attorney-General-elect of Virginia, will return to Welch, W. Va., to answer a charge of felonious assault on ex-Judge Saunders, of the Supreme Court of West

Judge Williams struck his fellow jurist with an inkwell during a quarrel in a courtroom at Welch several months ago. For this he was indicted.

## CHILE TOWN HIT BY FIRE Eighteen Blocks Burned in Valdivia

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 12.-A disastrous fire occurred last night in the City of Valdivia. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands are home-

With \$2,500,000 Loss.

The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

"NOBODY SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT WHAT I WANT."

Ex-Adjutant General an Embezzler.

# PRISONER HEARS FATE GALMLY

Jury Disagrees Until After Dinner, Then Convicts.

Sentence May Be From One to Ten Years in Prison-Other Charges to Be Tried in February. Argument Waived.

vivid imagination. I am not crossing a

The first ballot showed 19 for conviction and two for acquittal, and just before going for dinner the 12 were evenly divided. After eating they stood 10 to two again, the majority for conviction. The next two ballots were 11 to one. Then came the last and deciding ballot, when all agreed upon his guilt.

## Hamilton Not Surprised.

Hamilton took the news of his con

The other three charges against Hamfiton cannot be tried until next Febru-The penalty is under the indeterminate sentence plan of from one to ten years in the Penitentiary. The court, in its discretion, may order the minimum time served in the County Jail.

As the jury filed into the courtroom Hamilton, who had been brought up from the County Jail by Sheriff Gaston, looked closely into the face of each of the 12 men.. Clad in a military coat and his head, he looked as debonnaire as when he was Adjutant-General of the state.

When the clerk read the verdict Hamflton did not show the slightest sign of annoyance or disappointment. merely leaned over and said something to his counsel in a low tone. As he walked out of the courtroom with the Sheriff he only said, "Other days are coming," when asked to make a statement. His silent departure after the jury was excused was the only sign of nervousness he showed.

money under false pretenses. It is

### TALESMEN OUT FIVE HOURS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (Special.) "Guilty as charged" was the verdict brought in at 8:30 o'clock tonight by the 12 men selected to try Ortis Hamilton former Adjutant-General of the National Guard, on a charge of larceny by embezzlement. The jury was out for five hours and 15 minutes and stook six

viction calmly and showed no surprise and was as cool as he was at the time the trial opened, three weeks ago. His attorneys will give notice of an appeal

# Hamilton Scans Jury.

# New Trial to Be Asked.

W. F. Magill, Asistant Attorney-General, said that the state would prepare to press the other charges lodged against Hamilton at the February term of court. They comprise larceny by embezzlement, forgery and obtaining

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FORGET IT!

# GEMS ARE PAWNED BEFORE ROBBERY

DETECTIVES TAKE NEW CLEW IN JEWELRY MYSTERY.

Mrs. Jenkins Keeps in Seclusion in Apartments, While Sleuths Keep Up Investigation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- Detectives, after a day of investigation, styled as an "Arabian Night's Mystery" the reported jewel theft from Hotel Lorraine in this of Chicago, at arst appeared as the loser of valuable gems estimated at \$300,000.

This value was later cut in half, while subsequent inquiry brought from Inspec-tor McCafferty, of the detective bureau, the announcement that "we are making a thorough and rigid investigation into

the case, but not along the lines of a rob-Mrs. Jenkins remains in seclusion in her apartments. Her husband, it is said, is out of the city. A description of the jewels stolen has been sent to pawnshops throughout the city, and it is understood that part of the consignment has been traced to three different shops.

The police are reticent about this feature, although it is understood that the articles were pawned several days before the robbery was reported.

## ARLETA WIVES LECTURED Three Alleged Gossips Acquitted in

Police Court Trial.

In a trial by jury yesterday which be gan in the afternoon and was continued utnil 6 o'clock last evening, Mrs. Bessie Day, Mrs. Maudle Newell and Mrs. Mary Huffman, of South First street, Arleta Park No. 3, were acquitted of the charge of disorderly conduct filed against them

by several of their neighbors. It was a neighborhood row which resulted in bringing out all of the restdents of the vicinity as witnesses, crowd ing the Municipal Court to its utmost. In reality, the charge against the women was that after their husbands had gone to work in the morning they would hang over their backyard fences and in loud tones, that could be heard all over the neighborhood, they would grill all the women they did not like. Both sides had from 30 to 40 witnesses, most of them

Judge Bennett refused to listen to all of the women's testimony. He took oc casion to lecture the wives of Arleta at the conclusion of the case and advised them to refrain from gossip,

# BLOODSTAIN GIVES CLEW

Husband of Third Victim of Savan nah Tragedy Accused.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 13.—Develop-ments tonight in the aftermath of the triple murder of last Friday gave rise to the startling theory that not a single murderer, but two or possibly three were

guilty of the terrible crime County officers tonight declare that of these, J. C. Hunter, husband of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, is certainly one, though he steadfastly denies it. Mrs. Hunter died today.

The officers say the chain of evidence is complete, asserting that some clothing badly stained and apparently spattered with blood, found today, is the final link. This clothing, it is declared, was worn by Hunter on the day the crime was com-

It is declared today by a physician, that, in a moment of consciousness, Mrs. Hunter today charged the crimes to her husband and said she was held by a negro man when the blows were struck

\$206,900 THEFT EXPOSED **Duma Questions Revival of Canceled** Bonds, Stolen for Years.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.-Members of the Duma have introduced an interpellation in regard to the recently discovered thefts of government bond coupons presented for re demption committed by employes of the state bank and of the controller department acting in collusion.

Thefts amounting to \$206,900 have been established, but it is known the total amount is several times greater, the criminals having for several years taken large quantities of canceled coupons from bundles about to be burned. removed the cancellation mark and placed them again in circulation.

# BOYS' PLAY PROVES FATAL One Lad Kills Another in Fight Over

Game of Marbles.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.-Wesley Haughtelin, 11 years old, died early today as the result of a schoolboy encounter yesterday over a game of marbles. According to statements of other boys.

Haughtelin became involved in an argu-

ment with Truman Flint, a 15-year-old lad. Their dispute led to blows, and a rough-and-tumble fight. W. E. Haughtelin, father of the lad. says death was the result of an accident and that he will not prosecute young

# MAUD FEALY AGAIN WEDS

Actress Secretly Marries James Murkin in Washington.

DENVER, Dec. 13.-The Post says this evening that Maud Fealy, the actress, who divorced L. H. Sherwin, her fire husband, was married in Washington, D. C., on November 28, to James Murkin, a member of "The Barrier" company, now playing in Minneapolis.

# FIGHT WITH DEATH

Operation Last Resort, But Is Desperate.

# LITTLE HOPE HE CAN SURVIVE

King's Mind Is Clear, Though Body Is Helpless.

### PREPARES FOR LAST ENEMY

He Lies in State Pavilion, Calmly Makes Will, Receives Sacrament, Says Farewell to Daughter and Ministers

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14.-At 5 o'clock this morning the condition of King Leopold was unchanged.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13.- Leopold II, King of the Belgians, tonight is making a desperate effort for life, and the odds are strongly against the aged monarch. As a last resort, the surgeon's knife will be tried tomorrow. If the operation is successful, King Leopold may live. If it falls, the end is inevitable, All will depend on the King's strength and

vitality, which are ebbing fast. Rheumatism has already conquered the aged and wasted frame. Dropsy has developed, and an obstruction of the intestines, which must be removed, has greatly aggravated his condition

Can't Survive Operation.

The general opinion is that the King

will not survive the operation. Indeed he may die at any moment. The mon arch is rather optimistic, and today exclaimed to his physician: "Operate, and the sooner the better."

But he added with a wan, wistful smile:

"Perhaps, doctor, the long, long journey is at hand." King Leopold is still as lucid of intellect as ever. This masterful mind, which conceived and carried out the gigantic Congo project and roused the whole world into bitter indictment and discussion, calmly directed what seems to be the final chapter in his spectacu-

lar career.

### arated from his two eldest daughters by a tragic skein of events, with scandal (Concluded on Page S.)

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