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1 DEAD; 4 WILL DIE WHEN TRAIN JUMPS

Cars on Oregon Trunk Plunge 40 Feet.

ESCAPING STEAM SCALDS

Passengers in Panic When Car Plunges Into Boiler.

SPREADING RAILS, CAUSE

Intense Heat Warps Track of Oregon Trunk Line Causing Fatal Wreck Near Deschutes Train Crew Rescue.

THE DALLES, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—One man was killed and four persons fatally injured and a score more hurt as southbound Oregon Trunk passenger train plunged over a 40-foot embankment 2 1/2 miles north of Sbera's bridge at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. The train was running 40 miles an hour when it struck a spread rail, caused by the intense heat of the afternoon.

The dead: Louis Rising, storekeeper, Warm Springs Indian School.

Fatally injured: Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker and son Morris, 7 years old, Sheridan, Or. Mrs. J. W. Rasmussen, Ellsworth, Wis. Seriously injured: J. W. Rasmussen and baby daughter, Ellsworth, Wis. George McKillip, fireman, Vancouver, scalded and cut. A. A. Camp, Seattle manager Kerrick & Company, nose broken.

Slightly injured: E. L. Arthur, Seattle, badly scalded. Thomas Miles, engineer, Vancouver, forehead cut; Walter Larson, brakeman, Vancouver, hands cut; George Sucknick, Burns, Or.; Pat Collins, Spokane, Wash.; Thomas Redding, Portland, cuts and bruises; C. Swanson, brakeman, Minneapolis, bruised.

When the engine hit the sun-kink in the rail it left the track and rolled down a 40-foot embankment. The baggage car remained on the rails, but the day coach, following, left the track, plunging 40 feet to the top of the locomotive in the ditch below.

When the car struck the engine the escape valve of the boiler was ripped off and steam and hot water shot into the car filled with panic-stricken passengers, who had been projected into the front end of the coach by the impact. P. J. Gallinger, a conductor, was riding with Conductor Cass, at the rear end of the car. Both clung to a seat as the car shot down the embankment. They escaped serious injury.

Firemen Fall With Engine. Thomas Miles, engineer, and George McKillip, fireman, said they knew nothing of the danger until the locomotive was rolling down the steep incline. Both men stayed with the engine until it struck the bottom of the ditch. McKillip was unconscious and was caught under the cab, but extricated himself before the safety valve was released. He was scalded on the back and neck and slightly injured internally, but his condition is not considered critical.

A special train was made up at The Dalles and physicians were hurried to the scene of the accident. The injured were brought to a hospital in this city yesterday afternoon.

Heroic work was performed by uninjured members of the train crew and passengers.

Train Crew to Rescue. When the day coach rolled down the embankment Conductors Cass and Gallinger were shuttled back and forth in their end of the car, but kept themselves from injury. When the car landed they were the first to begin the work of rescuing the passengers, who were screaming with pain from the steam and hot water that was pouring into the front of the car.

S. L. Arthur, of Seattle, one of those badly scalded, rushed toward the Deschutes River, 200 feet away, screaming in agony. Fellow passengers, seeing that he intended to jump into the stream, hurried after the crazed man and pulled him out of the river just in time to save his life.

A coroner's inquest will be held over the body of L. J. Rising tomorrow.

HOOD SCALED FROM NORTH

Portland, Vancouver and Hood River People Make Ascent.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—F. C. Howell, Albert Crocker, Charles Huggins, Fred Coshov and William Young, of this city, and a number of people from Portland and Vancouver, Wash., made the first ascent of Mount Hood from the north side for the season yesterday.

The ropes, by which the ascent was made easier, were strung from the top to points more than 1000 feet below, where the incline is not so steep.

Members of the party report that because of the recently fallen loose snow on the mountainside, the climb is more difficult than it will be later in the season.

NIGHT ATTACK ON BAY CITY IS PLANNED

WAR FLEET MAY TRY TO CAPTURE SAN FRANCISCO.

Town Is Stake in Spectacular Sham Battle Arranged by Adjutant-General in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 10.—A night attack on San Francisco by a fleet of war vessels, headed by the cruiser Marblehead, the Naval Militia's ship, a hostile demonstration in the darkness with booming cannon and flashes of powder and everything but flying shells, is what Adjutant-General Forbes is planning for some night next week.

The land forces, manning the forts and guns and batteries, protecting the entrance to San Francisco Bay, will endeavor to keep the fleet from entering. It will be a contest between the Army and Navy, and incidentally it will be the first time in history that the harbor has been attacked by a fleet of vessels.

This programme will be carried out by Adjutant-General Forbes can secure permission from the Army and the Navy.

The fleet of vessels will try to cross through the entrance of the harbor, while the soldiers on the hills about the entrance to Golden Gate will be busy with searchlights flashing beams of light over the bay and its entrance to detect the first appearance of a hostile ship.

The winner will be decided, probably, by umpires selected from the Regular Army, the Navy and the National Guard.

CITY BOARD ENJOINED

Tacoma Civil Service Body Loses Suit to Hold Up Pay.

TACOMA, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—Superior Judge Clifford today dismissed the suit of the Civil Service Board against the Municipal Commission to hold up the wages of 25 city employees alleged to have been named without reference to eligible lists. The court held that the city had not been given proper notice of the filing of the injunction case. The Civil Service Board gave immediate notice that its application would be renewed and sought a temporary writ at once. The court directed that the board first file formal application with the Clerk, failure to do which brought about the deficiency in the suit dismissed.

While the board's attorneys hurried to draw up the proper papers City Attorney Sillies, in the interim, whose attention was held up to the office of the City Treasurer to get their pay. All will be paid before the temporary restraining order can be signed and the suit dismissed.

The injunction was brought against men in the water and light and street departments, who, the board holds, have not taken the examination required by the city charter in order to qualify them for the positions.

RIGHT TO SPRINGS DENIED

Government Would Prevent Filing on Bit of Public Land.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—A case involving the right to file on land on which a hot spring is being contested in the United States Land Office here, before W. W. Sparks, Receiver.

Rhodes Green, the defendant, has filed on a claim east of Lewis, Wash., near the southeast corner of Rainier National Park insisting it is a placer claim. On his claim are hot springs which contain dozen or more different kinds of minerals.

The Government charge that the property is valuable as a hot spring and that the patent should not be granted to Green. It is the policy of the Government to prevent filing on hot springs which are rented or leased for a nominal sum. Green avers that the soil will be valuable as a fertilizer because of the mineral deposits.

L. L. Sharpe, chief of the field division of the Land Office at Portland and W. F. Staley, of the agriculture department, are conducting the case for the Government.

GARDEN HIDES \$1000 GEM

Philadelphia Woman Loses Diamond Heirloom While Picking Peas.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—While gathering peas today in the garden of the Rev. C. W. Robinson, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Miss Catharine Percival, of Philadelphia, lost a diamond ring valued at more than \$1000.

Mr. Robinson, his sister, Miss Clara L. Robinson, and Miss Percival looked all afternoon for the gem with out success. The ring is an heirloom. Miss Percival is a sister of the late Dr. Henry R. Percival, and recently founded the Percival Diocesan Library at Nineteenth and Spring streets, in memory of her brother.

COOPER MAY BE BENEDICT

Portland Couple Get Marriage License at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Clara Van Riper, of 205 Gilliam street, Portland, and Frank Cooper, of the Simonds Manufacturing Company, of Portland, were granted a marriage license in this city Saturday evening.

Mr. Cooper had been rooming at the home of S. L. Street at 14 East Seventh street, and left Saturday for his summer vacation, to Seaside. His friends in the city believe that the wedding ceremony was performed in Oregon City Saturday night. The name of Miss Van Riper does not appear in the Portland directory.

WOMEN TO FIGHT TO DEPOSE MEN

Education Association Struggle Outlined.

MRS. WIXON IS IN VANGUARD

Colorado State Superintendent Scorns "Old Guard."

DR. BUTLER QUILTS BOARD

Opening of National Convention Sees Retirement of Columbia President to Forestall Insurgent Element.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—(Special.)—Declarations of Mrs. Helen Marsh Wixon, of Denver, the only woman State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the United States, that the real struggle in the National Educational Association is between the men and the women, and the resignation of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler from the board of directors, to forestall an attempt by the "insurgents" to unseat him for non-attendance at meetings, were interesting incidents of the first day of the educational convention.

Mrs. Wixon was elected State Superintendent last Fall, when only two Republicans on the entire Colorado ticket went through.

She Is Glad to Talk.

She said that she was very glad to talk to newspaper men, as her father had set type from the next case to Horace Greeley. Mrs. Wixon is an ardent suffragist, but insists that she is not of the English type and that she is a suffragist in the sense that it is now used, but that she is a citizen.

"The cause of this trouble in the ranks of the National Educational Association," said Mrs. Wixon, "is only the motto which has served in more than one revolution, 'taxation without representation is tyranny,' and that is exactly the state of affairs that we have here. I am one of Mrs. Young's staunchest supporters and I have ranged myself with her, as I think that the first thing women must do is to stand together. Our delegation from Colorado is divided between the 'insurgents' and the 'old guard.'"

Fight Is Between Sexes.

"It is a fight between the men and women of the organization and that states the case exactly as it is. The women have tired of seeing the 'old guard' come in year after year and never recognize them except to have them vote as the men think is proper, and this year we have made up our minds to win, because we have seen the old-liners before and know that they will not give up. Heretofore the women have had nothing to do but pay their dues and let the men spend the money."

"Take this convention for an example. Last night on the train there were 52 women delegates from Tennessee who had come across the continent to attend the convention. Now what will these 52 women derive from the city charter?"

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BARK TO SAIL ON \$15,000,000 QUEST

MODERN ARGONAUTS PREPARE TO GO TO COCOS ISLAND.

Famous Treasure Will Be Sought With Up-to-Date Tools—Moving Pictures to Be Taken.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—Lying in Eagle Harbor is the bark Hesper, being overhauled and provisioned for the strangest treasure hunt of modern history. In the Seattle offices of the Cocos Island Hydraulic & Treasure Company, incorporated in the Maritime building, final plans were laid today for the departure of the vessel on her search for \$15,000,000. Within a short time, as soon as the remaining \$35,000 is collected by the company, the expedition will set sail, to return, Captain Fred Hackett declares, with the treasure on board.

The story of Cocos Island treasure, well-known among sea-faring men along the Coast, has been the subject of numerous expeditions in the past only one of which was successful. In that the captain obtained approximately \$100,000 in jewels and money from the burial place. Upon the death of John Keating, who let that expedition, he transferred the secret of the island to Thomas Hackett, from whom the present leader received the chart and information.

With the present expedition will go all the modern contrivances, such as motor-pictures machines and wireless. Mrs. Roswald T. Hitchcock, widow of Rear-Admiral Hitchcock, will accompany the captain to write the history of the expedition. The crew has been carefully selected, every man being required to give references and to bear a good record.

HARD EXAMINATION BEGUN

New York Seeks Fitting Successor to Fire Chief Crocker.

NEW YORK, July 10.—Today marked the first stage in the examination of candidates for the post of New York City Fire Chief, the most important piece ever filed through competitive examinations in the world. The examinations will be the most technical and scientific ever held.

The new chief must have a knowledge of water pressure and of the intricate water system of New York City. The examinations will cover the architecture of skyscrapers and lofty apartment houses, the use of explosives, the use of automobiles, chemistry, the use of chemicals in fighting fires and the effect of chemicals in fire. The appointment is practically for life at the salary of \$7000 a year.

Only Deputy Fire Chiefs—ten in number—are eligible to take the examination.

JOHN W. GATES IS WORSE

"Bet You a Million" Magnate Fails to Respond to Treatment.

PARIS, July 10.—(Special.)—John W. Gates is worse tonight, it is announced, although his condition is not yet considered desperate. His attending physician, Dr. Edward Gross, said that he regards Mr. Gates' condition as very serious.

The physician's anxiety is caused by the patient's failure to respond to treatment. The crisis will be reached in two or three days.

Mr. Gates' son, Charles, is expected here tomorrow.

Clifton Poker Players Arrested.

ASTORIA, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Last night Sheriff Burns raided the saloon conducted by Joe Falangos at Clifton and arrested the proprietor and four other men on a charge of gambling. The men were playing poker and \$58.50, which they had on the table, was seized.

TAFT MOVED BY BROTHER, CHARGED

Mysterious Letter Figures in Hearing.

ALASKAN LANDS INVOLVED

Disappearance of Alleged "Dick" Missive Puzzles.

SEARCH IS MADE IN VAIN

Woman Says She Copied Document From Ryan to Ballinger Saying C. P. Taft Influenced President for Guggenheims.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The story of a vanishing letter, both addressed and signed "Dick," from Richard S. Ryan, of New York, to Richard A. Ballinger, then Secretary of the Interior, purporting to show that Charles P. Taft had influenced his brother, President Taft, to forward the alleged attempt of Guggenheim interests to acquire Controller Bay, the only outlet for large coal fields in Southern Alaska, figured in a Congressional inquiry begun today.

The testimony before the House committee on expenditures in the Interior Department and statements from the White House and from Charles P. Taft's office failed to lift the mystery shrouding the alleged letter. Commissioner Bennett, of the General Land Office, the only witness, testified he knew nothing of it, and that he would not necessarily know of its existence. Such a letter was not recalled in any other quarter.

Letter Not Found in Files.

The letter was not to be found in the files, although Miss M. E. Abbott, a newspaper writer, who will testify later, says she copied such a document from the official files. President Taft has expressed confidence that his brother never communicated with him on the subject, either orally or in writing.

Miss Abbott, already subpoenaed as a witness, probably will appear before the committee Wednesday. Commissioner Bennett testified that some time between the framing of the first draft and that of the final order opening the Controller Bay lands to entry, the usual provision was eliminated which would have required 60 days' notice from anyone intending to file on the lands. He did not know who struck it out, and did not attach much importance or mystery to that point, but, replying to questions, said the effect of the omission would be to give advantage to those on the ground who happened to know of the order.

Ballinger's Secretary Summoned.

It was explained later that this order was given to the press at the time. Among the witnesses the committee will summon is Ashmun Brown, a Seattle newspaperman, who was private secretary to Secretary Ballinger, and who, according to Miss Abbott, was present when she saw the alleged Ryan-Ballinger letter.

Commissioner Bennett was the first witness examined by W. P. Fennell. (Concluded on Page 3.)

STOCK IN PARSON TO BE SOLD HERE

"GYPSY" SMITH, EVANGELIST, WILL BE INCORPORATED.

Committee to Capitalize Preacher's Meetings at \$10,000 and May Declare Dividends.

Portland subscribers to the fund required to bring "Gypsy" Smith, the noted evangelist, here are to incorporate for \$10,000 and expect to declare dividends after the exhorter closes his meetings here November 27.

It is planned to make the dividends pay back the amounts subscribed or form a fund to be distributed among benevolent and charitable institutions of the city.

C. N. Wencott is secretary of the general committee appointed to file incorporation papers of the required \$10,000 capital; \$6500 has already been subscribed by churches of the city. The remainder of the shares will be sold to business men of Portland.

"Gypsy" Smith will reach Portland November 11 from Seattle, and will close his meeting here November 27. This gives him three Sundays in Portland; the longest stay scheduled in his western campaign.

The Ministerial Association, of Portland, tried for three years to engage Gypsy Smith for a series of meetings in Portland, but was unable to do so until after last summer, when C. N. Wencott and Rev. Henry Marcotte, traveling in Europe with Dr. W. H. Foulkes, of New York, visited him at Cambridge. Dr. Foulkes is acting as his agent in America.

The Portland meeting will be held in a tabernacle to be erected on the Jacob Kamm property near the Multnomah Club. The building will accommodate between 9000 and 10,000 persons.

It is the purpose of Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane to co-operate in managing the "Gypsy" Smith meetings.

The general committee in charge of the meetings to be held here is composed of Rev. Benjamin Young, chairman; C. N. Wencott, secretary; W. M. Ladd, G. F. Johnson, H. W. Stone, Dr. Luther Dyott, Dr. W. F. Reagor, W. J. Gill, and E. L. Thompson. The committee in charge of finances is composed of W. M. Ladd, chairman, G. F. Johnson, E. L. Thompson, C. N. Wencott, and W. J. Gill.

TESTY EXPATRIATE BARRED

American Rights Denied Man Who Is Without a Country.

TACOMA, July 12.—Refused American citizenship after he had practically informed Superior Judge Easterday that it was a matter of indifference to him whether he became an American or remained an Italian, Guido Lenzi, interpreter for the Northern Pacific Railroad, left the courtroom today a man without a country. The court refused to return his first papers, in which he renounced allegiance to Italy, and at the same time refusing him citizenship. New Lenzi legally belongs to no country.

Lenzi became surly because he was questioned by the court as to his qualifications. He thought the examination was dragging out too long and he interrupted the Judge, saying: "If you admit me, all right; if you don't it's all right also."

The court promptly dismissed his application. Lenzi cannot renew the application for five years.

SCZYS IS MAN'S NAME

North Dakotan Does Not Expect People to Pronounce It Correctly.

Speaking about unpronounceable names, Sczyz vocal chords on this one—Sczyz. This name is by no means a studied arrangement of letters, including only one "sometimes" vowel, but it is the bona fide name of a business man of Minto, N. D., Robert Sczyz, who is registered at the Bowers. Mr. Sczyz is not the least bit sensitive and does not in the least mind the futile attempts to pronounce his surname. "By birth I am a German," he explained yesterday, "but I am inclined to believe I was endowed with an Australian name." Clark Wright, at the Bowers, declares that the name is pronounced "as though you were going to sneeze and then didn't."

BIG MILL NEAR LYLE BURNS

Nearly 100 Out of Work by Loss of Western Pine Lumber Plant.

LYLE, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—The Western Pine Lumber Company's big sawmill at Wright's station was burned Friday and nearly 100 employees have been thrown out of work. The loss is especially heavy, as the mill had large orders to fill, some from as far away as Virginia.

Mr. Holman and his two brothers built the mill two years ago. Recently their planer was destroyed by fire. It is believed the company will rebuild, as it has much standing pine and has constructed several miles of logging roads.

TAFT IS BACK TO DESK

President and Senatorial Guests End Yachting Trip.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—President Taft and his Senatorial yachting party returned to Washington this morning after a two days' cruise down the coast and up Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River.

After the Mayflower docked the President went to the White House for breakfast. Half an hour later he was at work in the executive offices. The President and his guests left politics and the cares of state behind and gave themselves over to thorough enjoyment of salt breezes.

DEAD GRAIN MAN SHORT \$1,500,000

Peavey Company Will Quit Pit as Result.

INSURANCE PEOPLE ANXIOUS

Verdict of "Accidental Death" Will Be Protested.

PETTIT HELD SPECULATOR

Head of Big Concern, Whose Body Was Found in Lake Michigan, Said to Have Plunged and Lost Concern's Money.

CHICAGO, July 10.—(Special.)—Notes aggregating between \$1,200,000 and \$1,500,000 which the late James Pettit, president of the Peavey Grain Company, floated on the credit of the grain concern and which money he is said to have lost in private speculation were under consideration at secret conferences of Chicago and Evanston bankers today.

Late tonight, after the last conference had adjourned, it was announced at the Peavey Grain Company's offices that the concern had decided to suspend operations on the Chicago Board of Trade, and hereafter would conduct only its elevator business. It was unauthoritatively announced that the company had promised the bankers that it would make good, penny for penny, all of the paper which had been given by Pettit upon the credit of the concern.

Insurance Company Protests.

On top of this financial bombshell came the announcement that the insurance company holding policies aggregating approximately half a million dollars on Pettit's life would protest the verdict of "accidental death" returned by the Coroner's jury last Saturday, following the finding of his body in two feet of water on the Lake Michigan beach near the Moraine Hotel in Highland Park.

To support their contention that the grain company's president did not die in an accident, the Fidelity & Casualty Company, with which Pettit held a \$25,000 policy, obtained a copy of the evidence given at the inquest and declared a post-mortem examination would be demanded.

Pettit's Powers Large.

According to the story in financial circles tonight, Pettit, as president of the grain firm, one of the largest and most prominent in the country, had full rein in the matter of borrowing money. His signature attached to a note was good for \$1,000,000 or more. It was not unusual for the concern to borrow half a million or so on its grain warehouse receipts.

Several years ago, Pettit, it is said, began speculating. He and an associate were openly said to have lost \$700,000. A September out deal in the same year is said to have cost Pettit heavily also.

Dead Man Plunger.

Recently Pettit plunged heavily in wheat, according to statements made today, associating with the "bulls." He generally was credited with being in "deep" on the "Northwestern drought" wheat deal, which began in July, 1910.

The first intimation that all was not well is said to have been gained by the banks a month ago, when more than \$1,000,000 in paper of the Peavey concern suddenly appeared on the market. The Peavey concern, usually a conservative company, surprised "the street" by discounting its notes.

Under the heavy strain Pettit became a physical wreck. He is said to have been on the verge of nervous prostration when he took his family to Highland Park for the summer, he making daily trips to the company's offices in a big touring car. To his family physician's advice that he take a vacation, he turned a deaf ear.

Chauffer Finds Body.

At 8:25 o'clock last Saturday morning, his chauffeur, who had appeared at the Moraine Hotel to take him into the city, saw his body floating on the beach. He pulled the inanimate form to shore and found that Pettit was dead. In the afternoon, the Coroner's inquest was held and a verdict of "accidental death" was voted after a lengthy session.

The bankers met Sunday in Evanston in secret session and discussed the financial situation. This morning the bankers held a long session in a bank in the Loop district. Representatives of the Peavey Grain Company, it is said, were called in and the paper was checked up.

It is said that the discovery then was made that the immense amount of paper had been floated on the credit of the grain company, all the money, it is said, having been lost in private speculation by Pettit. On the face of this startling discovery, the company officials are said to have made an offer to attempt to take up the paper and quietly settle all the affairs of the dead president.

At the same time, it is said, the grain

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