

PROBE BEGINS INTO CELLULOSE EXPLOSION

Testimony Conflicts as to
"Miss-Fire" Carelessness
of Canal Officials.

43 MEN QUIT THEIR WORK

Veteran Dynamite Worker Declares
"Missed Holes" Have Always Occurred
During His 31 Years
of Similar Work.

THE DALLAS, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Coroner Burget this evening began an inquiry into the explosion of the Dallas-Cellico Canal, in which four men were killed. He has summoned 50 witnesses and the investigation will probably not be concluded until tomorrow.

Edward P. Purcell, steam shovel man, was the first witness. He testified that in his many years' experience in construction work of this nature he had never seen so many "missed holes" as on the Cellico Canal project.

James H. Polhemus, superintendent, testified that the explosion of the canal, which was caused by a dynamite explosion, had been thoroughly examined after the holes were fired and it appeared to be the best shot ever known on the works. The holes, he said, had been tested before the shot and were found to be fully efficient, testing a capacity of 70 holes, while only 22 holes were shot in this instance.

Deep Emotion Shown.
The deep emotion felt by the fellow-workmen of those whose lives were lost in yesterday's accident was evidenced tonight when W. E. Thomas, powder man, was placed on the stand. He said that in his 31 years' experience he never saw a place where there were not "missed holes."

Asked if he had examined the place where the four men were killed, he replied: "I never examined the place, I felt to bad."

This man, 51 years of age, hardened to the use of dynamite and powder and often times to resulting death and destruction, then broke down and sobbed like a baby, and the people in the scene following the explosion, with his dead mates lying on the ground. He hurriedly left the room and remained several minutes before regaining his composure. He returned and resumed his testimony, his voice choked with emotion and the tears coursing down his cheeks.

Asserting that for them to continue to work in the steam shovel excavation would be to endanger their lives, 42 men refused to go to the site of the explosion today to go thoroughly into the "missed hole" feature of the accident during the investigation to be conducted by the coroner's jury.

Coroner Promises Thorough Probe.
The coroner has subpoenaed many witnesses, including employees and officials on the big project, and declares that he will go to the seat of operations to get testimony if any of the men fail to observe the summons and come here for the hearing.

The funeral of Edward Kendler, the shovel engineer who was killed yesterday, will be held at the Catholic Church here tomorrow morning. In honor of his memory all who will be suspended on the canal works all day tomorrow. Most of the officials and employees are expected to attend the service.

The funeral of Alex Lind and Ed Ryan, two of the three pitmen who were killed yesterday, was held this afternoon under the direction of the Salvation Army corps.

The coroner is holding the body of C. Odlich, the third pitman who met death, hoping to locate relatives of the deceased. Odlich was a Redman and an Eagle.

Besides his wife and two small daughters, Engineer Kendler is survived by his father, George J. Kendler, of Portland; a sister, Mrs. E. J. Milllette, of Spokane, and a brother, George Kendler, Jr., of Ferry, Or.

The men who were injured by yesterday's blast, William Smith, Arthur Eckerson, Chris Arter and D. W. Lester, are all recovering nicely from their wounds.

CROKER SCORES MURPHY

Ex-Tammany Chief's Letter Urges
Ousting "Boss" to Aid McCall.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The publication of a private letter dated November 18, 1913, in which Richard Croker said Charles F. Murphy was a big handicap to Edward E. McCall in the city campaign; that Tammany will never win under Murphy's management; and that Mr. Croker hoped "some good men will go in and drive all them grafter and tractor out" caused a prodigious lot of talk a few days ago. About the only silent politician was Mr. Murphy.

The letter was written to the late John Fox, former president of the National Democratic Club, one of the few old friends with whom Mr. Croker kept up a correspondence from his home in Ireland.

Obviously the letter was sprung with the idea that it would add prestige to the Croker fame in Tammany to the movement to depose Mr. Murphy at the moment when Governor Glynn and William F. McCombs were discussing Democratic state reorganization with President Wilson.

WAR RUMORS ARE WILD

German Internal Troubles Bigger
Than Foreign Affairs.

BERLIN, April 8.—(Special.)—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette treats as a fable the suggestion in the Paris Temps that the present clamor in the press is intended to prepare the Reichstag for a fresh army increase. Indeed, after the passing of an army bill which was supposed to make Germany safe for ten years against all eventualities, a fresh army bill, unless it be one for the rearming of the artillery, of which there were rumors last July, is almost inconceivable. The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from Vienna that neither in Austria-Hungary nor in Germany will "anything particular" happen, because the forces on the frontier are strong enough.

It is possible that not 15 military

exigencies but in the internal situation either in Austria or Germany is to be found an explanation for the anti-foreign outbursts. As regards Germany, the Suddeutsche Korrespondenz persists, despite lack of encouragement, in saying that next autumn bills are to be presented for the suppression of "anti-German newspapers and societies" in Alsace-Lorraine and that to get these bills through the government would not shrink from dissolution of the Reichstag.

This theory is reproduced by the Kreuz Zeitung, but is repudiated by well-informed quarters here and remains the purest conjecture. It is, however, a fact that the Reichstag is causing more and more displeasure. It has again struck out of the estimates the subsidies for postmen in Polish districts, on which the government sets great store, and the Centre party is again hinting that it may be unable to vote the colonial estimates if the abuses of colonial governments are not removed. If a "national" Reichstag is desired instead of one often controlled by the Centre, Poles and Socialists, one way of stirring up national feeling would be no doubt to paint the "Russian danger" very black.

BEST DRAMA PROMISED

STRAITFORD PLAYERS SAID TO BE
STARS OF ENGLAND.

Director of American Tour Says Company
to Appear at Hellig Will Give
Finished Shakespearean Show.

In the coming six nights' and two matinee engagements of the Stratford-upon-Avon players at the Hellig, Charles F. Towle, the business director of the American tour, promises the most finished production of Shakespearean drama that is to be seen on the English stage. The company, he says, represents the most careful selection of distinguished artists, the best that could be obtained in England.

"We have such people as Murray Cairington, a young leading man who takes such parts as Romeo; William Calvert, a great Falstaff; Dorothy Green, who was Sir George Alander's leading woman in London for five years; Ethel McDowell, who was with Berebohm Tree and other big actor-managers, and F. Randie Ayrton, a great Touchstone and character man. We have 13 players in the company, so that we cast an actor only in the roles in which he is pre-eminent," said Mr. Towle yesterday.

The history of the Memorial Theater, the home of the Stratford-upon-Avon players, is interesting in itself. It was built in 1577, and is the only endowed theater in England or any other country where English is spoken. It was endowed as a bequest of Charles Edward Fowler, his widow's playhouse to the endowment. In addition to the theater, there is a memorial hall with a library of 35,000 volumes and some of the finest paintings in the world. England. Among the paintings is a portrait from life of William Shakespeare, by Denny, says Mr. Towle.

"Thirty-four of the plays of Shakespeare have been played in the Memorial Theater, in fact all except 'All's Well That Ends Well' and 'Titus Andronicus,' and the authorship of this play has been questioned," said Mr. Towle. "Besides nearly all the old English comedies have been played there."

FOURTH DIVORCE LOOMS

NANCE GWYN, THE "WOOD NYMPH,"
NAMES "THE SUGAR GIRL."

Much-Married Actress Asserts Nell
Gwynne, of Charles II Fame,
Was One of Forebears.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Nance Gwynn, known as the "Wood Nymph" and a popular guest at the parties Mrs. Jackson Gouraud used to have, will be divorced shortly from her fourth husband, it is reported. Justice Greenbaum confirms the recommendations of Timothy A. Leary, referee in the suit which Miss Gwynn brought.

The present name of the actress and Grecian dancer is Mrs. Charles Homer Williams. Mr. Williams is an art importer, is said to have been an officer in the British army and, according to his wife, is worth several million dollars.

Mr. Williams' fondness for a young Parisienne called "Nannette the Sugar Girl" was said by Mrs. Williams in her complaint to have been the cause of her troubles. But in the actual suit a girl named Elsie Mitchell is named as co-respondent, although Paris still remains the scene.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Colonel James Gwynn, British soldier, who married a lady of the East Indian aristocracy. Mrs. Williams says she is descended from Nell Gwynne, who used to be friendly with Charles II. The first husband of Miss Gwynn was David Stuart, then came Eric Trafford, then Thomas McCaffrey, and then William. From the last of the four she asked \$1000 a month alimony, but it is understood a cash settlement for \$25,000, payable in installments, was made.

Williams and Miss Gwynn were married in Paterson, N. J., in March, 1911, after he had chased her for many months. They planned a round-the-world honeymoon, but it broke up in Spain in May, 1911.

APPENDIX RATE ADVANCED

Lloyds Jump Premium on Insurance
From \$2.50 to \$5.

LONDON, April 6.—A group of Lloyds' underwriters months ago fixed a \$2.50 premium for insurance policies against appendicitis, covering all claims for expenses up to \$500. There have been so many claims that it is found impossible to continue these terms. A new syndicate has been formed, and the premium raised to \$5.

Orengo to Clean Up Today.

M. McDonald, Mayor of Orengo, has designated tomorrow as clean-up day. All alleys will be cleared and trees along the streets trimmed and cut. James Borwick has been appointed marshal of the day. The school children will assist in cleaning up the park as they did last year and the children will have an egg hunt in the park under the supervision of Rev. L. M. Booser.

Friends Urge Reappointment.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Friends of Superintendent of City Schools Kuntz, who has been asked by the School Board not to apply for reappointment, are making a fight in his behalf. They declare the charges against him are unfounded and that it desires to get rid of Mr. Kuntz so ex-Superintendent Powers may be given the place.

Roseburg Store Robbed.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Burglars entered the store of W. E. Ott here last night and appropriated \$125.

DR. WITHYCOMBE'S SUCCESSOR NAMED

Dean Cordley, of School of Agriculture, Selected by Corvallis College Board.

MAN QUALIFIED FOR WORK

Head of New Experiment Station
Has Had Considerable Training in
All Phases of Agricultural Industry—Others Elected.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 9.—(Special.)—Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, this morning announced the appointment by the



Dean Arthur Burton Cordley,
Appointed Head of the Oregon
Experiment Station.

board of regents, in their meeting yesterday, of Dean Arthur Burton Cordley, of the school of agriculture, as director of the Oregon experiment station. He succeeds Dr. James Withycombe.

Mr. Cordley will assume his new duties immediately, but will continue his work as head of the school of agriculture. Other announcements made by the president are the appointment of Professor Richard Harold Dearborn, now head of the department of electrical engineering at the University of Oregon, to a similar position at this college, and the contemplated establishment of special vocational courses along industrial lines.

The appointment of Mr. Cordley was made after consideration of the application of several other candidates. The board, it is said, selected Mr. Cordley because of his broad training and experience in the various phases of agriculture.

Original Experiments Conducted.

Mr. Cordley completed the work in the department of agriculture at the Michigan Agricultural College and received the degree of bachelor of science in 1888. He was employed for two years by the United States Department of Agriculture as assistant entomologist. Then he returned for two years, but left the farm in 1895 to accept a position as assistant in horticulture at the Michigan Agricultural College. In September, 1895, he was appointed professor of zoology and entomology at the Oregon Agricultural College, and in 1907 was made dean of agriculture.

Mr. Cordley has accomplished much during the time he has been connected with this college. In 1899, in the absence of a plant pathologist on the faculty, he was given this work. He carried on original experiments, with particular reference to apple canker and apple scab, two diseases which threatened the apple industry of the state. He also led in the introduction of lime-sulphur as a fungicide and insecticide. As an entomologist he has devoted much of his time to a study of the control of the codling moth.

Two Professors Selected.

Professor Dearborn, appointed by the regents to be professor of electrical engineering, is an Oregon man, familiar with Oregon conditions. He has been on the University of Oregon faculty since 1901. He graduated from Portland University in 1895, and received his degree in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University in 1900. In 1901 he was named instructor in electrical engineering, later being promoted to the head of the department.

H. H. Havner, now assistant professor of animal husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College, was appointed associate professor and announced today that he is a graduate of the Iowa State College.

TODAY LAST FILING DAY

ALL DECLARATIONS AND PETITIONS
MUST BE IN BY 5 O'CLOCK.

Charles R. Barrow, of Coos, With "Abe Lincoln" as Platform, Is Only
Candidate to Fulfill Law.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Charles R. Barrow, of Coos, and E. E. Blanchard, of Grants, Pa., both seeking Republican nominations for Representative in the Legislature, were the only aspirants for public office to file declarations for the day preceding the last legal filing day.

Because of the new law requiring all candidates, except for county office, to file declarations, a new record in this direction has been established in the Secretary of State's office. Mr. Odell again announced today that because of the delay in filing petitions, there was a probability that a number of aspirants would be deprived of having their names on the ballot. There will be no opportunity for correcting faulty and inadequate petitions after 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when all declarations and petitions must be in.

Gus C. Moser, of Portland, and George C. Brownell, of Oregon City, aspirants for the Republican nomination for Governor, filed completed petitions today. Mr. Barrow, seeking the Republican nomination for Representative from Coos County, has taken Abraham Lincoln for his platform. His declaration reads: "I will stand and act equally upon the statement of Abraham Lin-

coln, 'This is a Government of the people, by the people, for the people.' 'The principles of 'Honest Old Abe' are good enough for me and for all the people.'"

HOTEL FIRE SUSPECT HELD

Condon Man Who Tells Conflicting
Stories, Asserts Innocence.

CONDON, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Bert Strickland, of Gladstone, was arrested by Sheriff Montague and charged with setting fire to the Oregon Hotel here Tuesday morning. After a preliminary hearing he was bound over to the grand jury under \$4000 bonds.

Testimony was given to the effect that the man had been drinking heavily and when he went to the hotel Monday night to join his partner was refused admittance. Mr. Strickland testified that he then walked to a distance of a mile from the hotel and lay down by the road to sober up. When he awoke he says he started back to town to get a room and saw the hotel on fire. He says he is innocent of the crime.

Testimony by others was given that Strickland told many conflicting stories, one of which was, he posed as a hero in assisting one of the waitresses to safety.

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGED

Japanese Offers to Plead Guilty of
Manslaughter.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 9.—H. Miyagawa, a Japanese laborer at Wallingford, was arraigned today for murder in the first degree on two counts, one for the Yokosuka Gulch murder of November 12, 1913, and the other for the murder of Nishikawa, October 27, 1913. He pleaded not guilty to the murder charges but offered to plead guilty to manslaughter. This offer was rejected and he will be placed on trial in about a week.

Miyagawa and two other Japanese were arrested six weeks ago after the bodies of their alleged victims were found buried in the woods. Mitsui, the ringleader in the alleged murders, is a fugitive in Japan.

STATE TREASURY IS LOW

School Fund Aggregates \$5,859,086
Increase of \$200,000 in Quarter.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The report of State Treasurer Kay for the quarter ending March 31 shows that there was less money in the treasury at that time than during any preceding quarter for a number of years. The aggregate in all funds was \$5,859,086. School money secured by first mortgage on real estate totaled \$5,859,086, the largest amount in the history of the state. The increase since the beginning of the year was more than \$200,000.

RIVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD

Body of Paul Knopp, Drowned Three
Weeks Ago, Recovered at Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The body of Paul Knopp, who was drowned in the Willamette River here nearly three weeks ago, was recovered today a short distance from the scene of the fatal accident. The body came to the surface and was seen by people on the bank of the river near the Fischer flouring mills.

Mr. Knopp fell from a boat while at work for a gravel company March 21. He attempted to swim to shore, but sank and did not come up. The river bed was searched by a professional diver for several days without avail.

St. Johns Club Seeks Dredging.

ST. JOHNS, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the St. Johns Commercial Club last night R. G. Brand was appointed chairman of a committee to ascertain how to improve the channel of the Port of Portland, so it can dredge the Columbia River. It was found that the Port of Portland cannot do this work, present. Frank P. Drinker, of the First National Bank, was made chairman of a committee to look up a site for a clubhouse. A special committee was appointed to confer with Steve Carver about extending a branch of the Portland & Oregon City Railway to St. Johns. It was decided to give a ball in the skating rink April 20.

Knight Templars Elect.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—Vancouver Commandery No. 10, Knights Templars, held its annual election last night. Professor Thomas P. Clarke was chosen eminent commander; William M. Hodgkin, generalissimo; M. Fitzgerald, captain-general; W. E. Tate, prelate; Dennis Nichols, senior warden; William B. Hall, junior warden; W. P. Conaway, treasurer; Theodore G. Rosenquist, recorder; Philip W. Wilson, standard bearer; Ira F. Pierce, sword bearer; George W. Tompkins, warden, and William Laughlin, sentinel.

Clasop County Calls Warrants.

ASTORIA, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Call has been issued by the County Treasurer for all general fund warrants, issued and indorsed prior to January 1, 1914. This call includes the issues during the three months beginning with October. The next call will be for the warrants issued during January and February.

La Grande Man Hurt in Runaway.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Vance Randall is at his home in North La Grande suffering from concussion of the brain, a sprained ankle and many abrasions, which he received

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| All French Perfumes, Roger & Gallet, Houbigant, etc., val. to \$2, oz. 37½c | 35c Fletcher's Castoria, now 16c |
| 50c Rubber Gloves now, pair, 23c | \$2.00 Hot Water Bottles on sale now for 98c |
| Carter's Pills now, box, 8c | Java Rice Face Powder now 23c |
| Peroxide, Park-Davis, one-half pound bottle, now 10c | 10c Soaps now on sale, cake, 3c |
| \$1.00 Hair Brushes now, each, 38c | \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 Fountain Pens now, your choice 69c |
| 25c Sal Hepatica now for 13c | \$5.00 Gillette Safety Razors now \$2.95 |

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(Note the Firemen at Our Entrance)



NOTE The sale will end Tuesday, April 21st, by which date all stock must be sold. We then close for repairs, after which we will open with an all new stock. Prescription Department open now and during repairs at 287 Washington Street.

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