

CREATING A CRASH FOR PORTLAND

Interstate Commerce Body Finds Orders Ignored.

BLOCK SYSTEM ADVOCATED

Traffic Over Southern Pacific Electric Lines So Heavy Danger Exists, Says Report.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, Sept. 2.—Responsibility for the head-on collision that occurred May 9, 1920, on the Southern Pacific electric line near Bertha, Or., is placed by the interstate commerce commission on Conductor Pharis and Engineer Willett of train No. 124, they having failed to obey train order No. 204, which directed them to meet train No. 107 at Bertha.

Instead of observing these orders they ran past each other at a meeting point and collided with the train having right of way, with the result that eight persons were killed and 102 injured.

This finding is announced by the commission in a report today signed by W. F. Borah, chief of the bureau of safety. Aside from placing responsibility on Pharis and Willett, Mr. Borah finds that over 200 electric lines of the Southern Pacific east of Portland is so heavy that safety for travelers can only be insured through the installation of the block system. The present method of dispatching trains by special orders is found inadequate and unsafe.

Conductor Knew of Meeting. The Borah report reviews the facts developed at an investigation into the cause of the accident. It shows that Conductor Pharis clearly understood the orders under which he was running on the morning of Sept. 2, that as his train approached Bertha he gave the signal to the engineer that he was approaching a meeting point.

The signal was acknowledged by the engineer, and the train stopped. Some passengers were killed and the car brakes tested, after which Conductor Pharis gave the signal to proceed. Conductor Pharis was not aware that the train was approaching Bertha.

"This accident was caused by the failure of Conductor Pharis and Engineer Willett to observe the orders under which they were running on the morning of Sept. 2, and by the fact that the block system was not installed on the line between Portland and Bertha."

The evidence indicates that Conductor Pharis had talked with Engineer Willett at the time the train was approaching Bertha, and that the engineer fully understood the contents; that engineer tenders had talked with Engineer Willett at the time the train was approaching Bertha, and that the engineer fully understood the contents; that engineer tenders had talked with Engineer Willett at the time the train was approaching Bertha, and that the engineer fully understood the contents.

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PARK CHAMPION PICKED

ELIZABETH LOWNSBURY BEST PENINSULA SWIMMER.

NEW SCHOOL ESTABLISHED

Albina Congestion to Be Relieved Next Tuesday.

JONES RECORD ASSAILED

Bolo Clubs to Wage Fight Because of War Activities.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Defeat of Senator L. Jones for the republican nomination for reelection to the office of United States senator by reason of his war record, planned by the Bolo club organization of the state of Washington, it was announced by R. P. Arley, president of the club.

From now on until the primaries the fight will be carried to every corner of the state, and the record of Senator Jones placed before the voters, Mr. Arley said.

The Bolo club will also center its activities toward securing the nomination of Colonel W. W. Inglis to succeed Jones in the senate. Declaring that Colonel Inglis did not fall in the time of emergency, as the Bolo club believes Senator Jones did, the members are going down on the record of the former, Mr. Arley continued.

The Bolo club organizations comprise former service men, including those who served in the war, and also former wars in which the United States was engaged.

CHILEAN GIRL IS PLUCKY

Minister's Daughter Rouses Inmates of Burning Hotel.

TOKIO, Aug. 31.—Miss Sophia Francisco Rivas, daughter of the Chilean minister to Japan, is being congratulated today as the heroine of a fire yesterday which wiped out the popular mountain resort at Ika. Miss Rivas, awakened by crackling flames in the Ika hotel, roused her mother, sister and young brother, and they went through the burning hotel arousing guests.

CHINESE TROOPS BATTLE

Provincial Governor Assumes Attitude of Strict Neutrality.

CANTON, Aug. 30.—The Cantonese troops under Chang Kiang Min that recently defeated the Kwangsi invaders at Fujien have occupied Swatow in Kwangtung. The commanding general of the Cantonese forces issued reassuring announcements to the Chinese population and to the consular body from airplanes upon their approach to the city.

MURDER STILL MYSTERY

Santa Cruz Police Question Waitress, Alleged Witness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—Alma Lewis, a waitress, who was alleged by the Santa Cruz police to have been with George Johnson and Theodore Burghdoff at the time they were shot at killed in a cottage in that city 19 days ago, was located and questioned today. She was not arrested.

SHRINE BOOKLET ISSUED

Official Report of Convention Praises Portland Roses.

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