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GEORGE NICHOLS IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BOAT, "FISH"

Cause and Circumstances Surrounding the Death Are Unknown.

ALIVE LAST NIGHT THIS A. M. A CORPSE

Friend Went To Rouse Him for Breakfast and Found Lifeless Body.

George Nichols, owner of the Fish, the towing and deep sea fishing boat, was found dead in his boat, which was moored on South Inlet, on this side of the ferry landing, early this morning. The cause or circumstances attendant on his death are not known. There is no telephone connection with South Inlet and Walter Duggan, who brought the information to the sister of Nichols, Mrs. Glenn Rozell, who lives in Empire, about 10 o'clock this morning, returned immediately to the scene of the death. The only information obtainable by The Times up to the time of going to press, was that the two boats had laid at the ferry landing all Tuesday night and that this morning when Duggan sent word to Nichols to come to breakfast the latter was found dead in his boat. Coroner Mingus and Undertaker Lewis were notified by telephone shortly after the news reached Empire and they departed shortly before noon for South Inlet.

George Nichols was a middle aged man and had been around Coos Bay for a great many years. He leaves a brother and four sisters. Alfred Nichols, the brother, is stable foreman at the Libby mine. The sisters are, Mrs. C. Bassendorf, Mrs. Glen Rozelle, and Mrs. Wm. McMullen. The two latter sisters live on the large ranch which Nichols owned at the confluence of Joe Nay inlet with South inlet.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE C. A. SMITH MILL

Industry on Isthmus That Will Have Private Exchange With Thirty Phones in Connection.

The telephone company is installing a modern private branch exchange for the C. A. Smith Lumber Company at the new mill on Isthmus Inlet. The switchboard will be located in the main office building and there will be an operator in attendance to answer all calls and switch them to the proper department. Each office and every part of the plant will be connected with the switchboard and there will be several trunk lines to the telephone company's central in the Montgomery building on Front street. There will be some thirty telephones connected with the private exchange and whenever a department is wanted a call will be given for the private exchange and the operator at the mill will ascertain who is wanted and make the switch direct to the party.

AMERICAN TRADE SUFFERS.

Complaint Made to the State Department About Japan's Attitude.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—There are rumors that the State Department was about to address a protest to Japan against her attitude in Manchuria. It is admitted that complaints have been made to the department that American trade is suffering in the Orient, but it is believed that other causes than Japan's attitude are principally responsible.

ELEVEN INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION

Bursting of a Boiler Throws 1800 Out of Employment Temporarily.

(By Associated Press.) LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 19.—Eleven men were injured, two probably fatally by an explosion in the boiler room of the Hamilton Corporation, cotton manufacturers in this city. The entire plant is temporarily shut down and 1800 operatives out of work.

A STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE

In another column of this paper The Times publishes a communication from a citizen signing himself "Pro Bono" advocating the granting of a street railway franchise to Seymour H. Bell. The Times prints this letter not because it endorses it or it is in sympathy with the sentiments of the writer, but just because, as has been announced, the columns of this paper are open without restriction to all the people of Coos Bay for the discussion of public questions. There is no more vital public problem confronting the people of Coos Bay than the granting of franchises for public utilities. The Times, as representative of the whole people of Coos Bay, is deeply concerned in the matter of granting this franchise, which is probably one of the most important which will come before the city council for years. It should be well weighed and carefully considered in all its phases before action of any kind is taken. All the people of Coos Bay should be fully informed as to the contents and provisions of such a charter. They should know what they are giving and what they are receiving in return. While the operation of a street railway in Marshfield at the present time may not prove profitable it should not be accepted as a plea by which the promoters will drive a bargain with the city that will fetter its progress and development in the future. The benefits that may accrue to some individual property owners along the proposed line of road may blind them to the defects in a wide open franchise but the citizens as a whole should not be self deceived. The Times believes they will not. The Times has sufficient faith and confidence in the people of Coos Bay to think that they are not ready to barter their best interests for a mess of pottage. They are too alert and too self reliant to be made the victims of dark lantern methods. If a franchise is to be granted let it be given in the open. Let the whole people know its every provision and qualification. There are other things to be considered than five cent fare. There is the service. There is the right of other roads to a water surface trackage on equal terms with the owners of the franchise. There are many things to be considered and they should be considered carefully.

The Times has no desire to throw as much as the shadow of the feather edge of a razor blade in the way of an obstruction to any man or corporation that desires to help in the development of Coos Bay. It is willing and believes it is right that certain concessions should be made but they should be guarded with care. The Times is desirous, nay, it is even anxious, that anyone seeking investment in this section be welcomed and encouraged. Let them come, however, with a desire to treat us fairly and trade on the square. Let us not be over anxious to secure some temporary advantage and thereby find ourselves throttled when the opportunity arrives.

The Times has no objections to the granting of a franchise to Seymour H. Bell if he acquires it fairly and with an honest intent to deal squarely with the people of Coos Bay. This has not been done thus far and to that extent Mr. Bell himself, and not The Times, has prejudiced his case. Personally Mr. Bell is a good fellow but the granting of a valuable franchise that practically mortgages the future of this community should have some more substantial basis than good fellowship. It is a matter of vital concern to Coos Bay. Mr. Bell, nor any other promoter or corporation is seeking franchises on the grounds of philanthropy. With them it is a business proposition. Then let it be a business proposition with Marshfield. Let us understand fully and completely what we are giving. Let us have as comprehensive a knowledge of what we are getting in return. If Mr. Bell will deal on such a basis The Times will not oppose him but it will require an honest test of every provision in any franchise. The burned child looks with fear on the glowing coals. Marshfield has one blister. Let us be careful to avoid another, at least while the sting is still smarting.

That's fair, isn't it? That's common sense. Let us know all about any franchise before it is granted to Mr. Bell or anyone else. The columns of The Times are open for a presentation of the facts and features of a franchise as well as any other matter of public concern. It is your paper and as such is interested in the promotion of your welfare and the protection of your interests and franchises must be discussed fairly and fully and if they will not bear the white light of publicity they must lack the elements of the square deal and should be defeated.

JAPS SEEK TO BE AMICABLE

Nippon Government in Harmony With Uncle Sam on Emigration.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Feb. 19.—A memorandum of the Japanese government's reply to the United States on the subject of emigration was handed to Ambassador O'Brien today. It is understood it agrees in general to the terms of a number of suggestions of the American government. It ensures further restriction of emigration by the practical prohibition of laborers. It bears every evidence of the Japanese government's unsharing efforts to avoid another complication on the emigration question, but the government is facing powerful opposition from the emigration companies which are behind the proposed resolution in direct censure of the foreign policy of Viscount Hayashi.

WILL MIX OIL AND ALCOHOL

German Governor May Buy Standard Oil and the Alcohol Monopoly.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The Imperial Treasury is considering the possibility of a government petroleum monopoly. No decision has been reached but it expects to continue to study plans of taking over the business in Germany of the Standard Oil Company as well as the Standard's Russian and Roumanian holdings. The matter is being considered along with the studying possibilities of creating a state monopoly in alcohol. —As spring is approaching all persons expecting to order anything in our line will do well to call at once and make their selections so as to have work completed before the Memorial Day rush begins. Coos Bay Monumental Works.

THROTTLING OF NIAGARA FALLS WOULD BE COSTLY

RAISES MONEY AND COLLAPSES

Mrs. Joseph G. Coleman Is Nervous Wreck After Projecting Fete.

OPERATION IS NECESSARY

Raising of \$57,000 Brings on Mysterious Disease Necessitating Cutting of Throat.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Joseph G. Coleman, whose nervous system collapsed after she had succeeded in netting \$57,000 for charity, working day and night managing the famous fete, "The Streets of Paris," is reported in "excellent condition" after a dangerous operation consisting of cutting her throat for the removal of the greater part of the thyroid gland for the cure of "Graves disease" a so called medical mystery.

STOESSEL TO BE SENTENCED FEB. 20

Court Now Deliberating on Evidence Relative to Russian General's Surrender of Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.—The court which is trying General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur retired for deliberation at noon today, ordering Stoessel and the other defendants to appear February 20 at 11 o'clock when the sentence is expected to be pronounced.

ASK FOR PARDON.

Insanity Plea to be Used in the Case of Chester Thompson.

(By Associated Press.)

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 19.—A movement is on foot to secure the pardon of Chester Thompson, acquitted of murder by Judge Emery, of Seattle, on the grounds of insanity and who is confined in the insane ward of the penitentiary. A commission to examine the young man will be asked for under the terms of the Graves law.

BUSINESS GOOD IN PORTLAND

J. L. Bowman Says All Lines of Trade Are Rapidly Assuming Usual Activity.

J. L. Bowman, of Portland, and Coos Bay, for altho his home is in Portland, Mr. Bowman is such an enthusiast on this section and has so many substantial interests here, including the beautiful new building now being hurried to completion, that Coos Bay likes to claim him at least part of the time, speaks very interestingly of the business conditions in the Rose City. He says that nearly every trace of the recent stringency has passed away. Business in all lines has advanced wonderfully since the first of the year. Building is in progress in all parts of the city and the issuance of building permits is larger at present than a year ago at this time. He also reports his business in excess of a year ago which he says is merely an indication of the returning prosperity in all lines. The late unpleasantness is really and rapidly becoming nothing more than a memory, according to Mr. Bowman and everyone is glad to "forget it."

"Honestly, Dow, I have sold flour ever since I started but it is no go. Whole families insist on Sound Ring, so here goes."—Will Strang, with the Finnish Co-op. Co.

Result of Investigation of Project Submitted to House Committee.

DAMAGE TO HARBORS AND CANALS HEAVY

Lowering of Water One Foot Would Mean Millions of Dollars Lost.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—At the instance of the American Civic Federation, Dr. W. J. Spencer, the British scientist, who was commissioned by the geological survey of Canada to investigate the Niagara Falls problem, appeared before the house committee on rivers and harbors today and presented facts showing what would be the effect on the falls if the request of the Ontario Power Company for a franchise to use 40,000 cubic feet of water per second is granted. He said such a withdrawal of water and the entailed necessary changes in the river would result in a recession of the horse shoe, and a lowering of Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan three feet. He said the damage resulting to harbors and canals by lowering the water one foot would amount to twelve million dollars.

WILL OPPOSE LOWER WAGES

Railway Unions of Country Preparing to Resist a Wage Reduction.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A situation which radical men say may result in the strike of all railroad employes on all railroads in the various parts of the country has developed as a result of a general movement of the railroads in the various parts of the country has developed as a result of a general movement of the railroads to reduce the wages of all classes of employes. Union officials in all parts of the country have been notified by the railroads that a reduction in wages and a revision of the working agreement must be made by March 1st. The unions are determined that no reductions will be made and are preparing to resist attempts to reduce the present scale. They will take the matter to the courts under the Erdman act.

President on the Situation.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Roosevelt has sent a letter to the Interstate Commerce Commission in which he indicated the importance of the Commission's action in respect to the limitation of the hours of labor of railroad employes and points out the possibility of serious differences rising between the railroad companies and their employes with respect to wages and hours of labor. It is understood that the letter of the president will be made public by the Commission.

The president strongly deprecates the making of an issue between railroad companies and employes in the matter of wages that can be avoided, and instructs the commission to secure all possible information in advance so that the responsibility may be pleased to hold itself in readiness to mediate.

CHARLES F. YOUNG SUCCEDES.

Grand Chief Ranger of Foresters of America Is No More.

(By Associated Press.)

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Charles F. Young, Grand Chief Ranger of the Foresters of America, died today at his home of typhoid pneumonia.