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A WARM WEDDING IN DEAR OLD CHICAGO TOWN

Four Men Fatally Stabbed and Fifteen Others Severely Cut.

SLASH EARS OFF THE BROTHER OF BRIDE

Riot Follows the Wedding Feast and the Bride and Groom Arrested.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Four men were stabbed probably fatally, and fifteen others, including a policeman, severely cut, and several others slightly injured in a riot of two factions of Polish at a wedding celebration today. The fight marked the end of the festivities in the saloon of Joseph Kuta, 73 Front street. The rioters were guests at the wedding of Leo Chasski and Mary Wadaya. The conflict had its origin in an old controversy of the two factions, and resulted in a free-for-all fight, in which knives, beer bottles, chairs and tables were used. Joseph Wadaya, a brother of the bride, was frightfully cut, his ears and lips being slashed off. Policeman John McDonough, who was detailed to the hall, was cut in the hands and his uniform slashed to pieces. A riot call was sent in and a squad of police were sent, and after a fight succeeded in arresting twenty rioters. The bride and groom were arrested, but released.

ASKS FOR PARDON.

Gen. Stoessel Petitions Emperor to Be Set Free.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—Lieutenant General Stoessel has petitioned the Emperor for a full pardon.

PRESIDENT PUSHES BUTTON.

Tunnel Connecting Hoboken and New York Formally Opened.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The tunnel and subway system connecting Hoboken with New York by tubes under the Hudson river was formally opened today when President Roosevelt pressed a button in Washington, thus starting an official train from New York to Hoboken. The exercises were held in Hoboken.

FOUND DEAD IN OFFICE.

Wealthy Gotham Importer Thought to Have Been Murdered.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Giorlamo Cella, a wealthy importer, was found dying in his office yesterday with his skull fractured by a hammer and his lips burned with acid. At first it was believed to be a case of suicide, but a brother, Dominio Cella, and Caesar Bianchi were held on suspicion. The deceased left a fortune of half a million.

REBATE LAW STANDS.

Supreme Court of U. S. Decides Against R. R. Company.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The question whether the rate law known as the Hepburn act, prohibiting rebates by the railroads, was involved in the case of the Great Northern against the United States, and was decided by the supreme court of the United States against the railroad company and against such contention.

JAP SYMPATHIZES.

Calves His Regrets at Stoessel's Fate to American Newspaper.

(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—General Nogai, commander of the Japanese forces which captured Port Arthur, in a cablegram to the Times-Star, expresses sympathy for General Stoessel, who was condemned to death, as follows: "As a soldier, I deeply sympathize with General Stoessel. I cannot bear to state my views."

MINERS' LIVES SNUFFED OUT

Two Men Killed While Blasting for Tunnel at the Beaver Hill Mine.

Two men, Chris Rufini and Florin Vandl, lost their lives in the Beaver Hill coal mine while blasting Monday afternoon. The men had taken a contract to drive a rock tunnel and were working in gangway No. 6. After drilling ten holes they set off a blast of seven shots; this caused their death. The detonation was heard all over the vicinity of the mine. Shortly after an investigation of the gangway revealed the corpses of the men. It is presumed that the shots exploded prematurely, killing them before they had a chance to get out. As the circumstances clearly show that death was not caused by crime, Coroner Mings will not find it necessary to hold an inquest. Neither man leaves a family. Rufini was a member of the order of Foresters. Vandl leaves a brother who is working at the Beaver Hill coal mine.

ALLIANCE BRINGS 74 PASSENGERS TO BAY

Boat Delayed Several Hours at Bar by Heavy Fog—List of Those Coming From Portland.

With 74 passengers aboard, and after lying outside Coos Bay bar from 6 o'clock Monday morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the Alliance arrived in yesterday. Excepting for the fog which delayed her at the bar, the boat had a good trip down from Portland. Following is the list of passengers: Mrs. Burley, Miss Louise Burley, Agnes Burley, Anton Burley, A. C. Bonehoff, C. C. Going and wife, Ruth Going, Norman Going, Captain C. E. Edwards, Walter Garlan, E. A. Erick, Conrad Lapp, wife and child, W. M. McFarland, E. Cason, B. R. Keller, Mrs. Carlson, Louise Frook, W. S. Paize, W. G. Martin, H. P. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Crawford, S. M. Brown and wife, H. H. Miller, Max Anderson, A. B. Daly, Wm. McClintock, E. Milner, R. W. Hillegross, A. C. Helper, W. B. Griffith, W. A. Wyndorf, Mrs. L. M. Perry, Charles Bell, W. Vincamp, J. E. Maxon, Charles Wilson, Louis Christie, Martin Leaton, Wesley McGill and wife, Laura Leaton, Miss Seacock, Alfred Leaton, Della McGill, Clarence Leaton, Tom Leaton, Mabel Leaton, Charles Hendrickson and wife, L. Burlingham, Mrs. L. M. Melvin, Harold Smith, Vera Smith, G. T. Campbell and wife, Adrian Campbell, Josie Campbell, J. B. Cox, T. S. Minot, J. T. Lighter, Miss W. M. McNamara, H. L. Rechter, Alex. Hobson, and seven steerage.

POLICE ARE AFTER ANARCHISTS IN COUNTRY

Denver Chief Will Cause Arrest of Thirty in Various Sections as Result of Investigation.

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Feb. 25.—Through the efforts of Chief of Police Michael Delaney, it is believed that at least thirty anarchists in various parts of the country will be placed under arrest in a few days. Delaney claims that the murderer, Alio, and a band of about 40 men were employed as stone workers, and were driven out of Italy about two years ago. They went to Spain and were driven from there to Buenos Ayres, from there coming to the United States. First they settled at Patterson, N. J., and then spread out over the country. Four men, including Alio, came to Colorado. The other three may be arrested today.

ON BUSINESS TRIP.

J. E. Oren Leaves for Portland and Sound Country.

J. E. Oren, general manager of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company, left this morning on an extended business trip for Portland and Seattle and other lumber points on the north coast. It is his purpose to investigate trade conditions in the northwest, particularly as it affects the lumber situation. It will serve also as a little recreation, as he has been kept in close application for some time with pressing duties in the work of the construction of the mill.

LAND GRANT HOLDINGS RETARD GROWTH OF SOUTHERN OREGON

United States Senate Listens to Report Making a Plea for Fair Play Between the People and the Holders of Immense Tracts of Lands.

TERMS ARE VIOLATED FROM THE VERY FIRST

Two Suits to Be Instituted by the Government Requiring Restitution of Thousands of Acres of Land and Open-It Up For Actual Settlers.

The aggressive action that is now being inaugurated in the United States Senate and the Department of Justice for the institution of suits to compel the railways and other corporations to comply with the terms under which they received extensive land grants is of tremendous import and great interest in Coos county, and all of southwest Oregon. Thousands of acres of this land is being held here, and as is clearly shown in Townsend's report, it is proving a check to the development of this section.

An incident that follows in the wake of this larger violation of the law by the land grant companies is the fraud alleged by the government in the use of these land grant, as a basis to extort money from the public on the plea that they may secure a portion of this valuable domain by the payment of small sums as contingent fees. The names of some Marshfield men were mentioned in this connection, and in response to a request for a statement have sent in the following card for publication:

Deny the Allegation.

Editor Times: Having been asked by the Times to prepare a statement in setting forth our position in a certain article appearing in the Oregonian of February 21st, where we are claimed by the St. Paul and Pacific Timber Syndicate as their attorneys and are acting as sub-agents for us etc.

We have only this to say: That we are not now nor have we ever been the attorneys for the above syndicate; nor are they now or never have been sub-agents of ours; we have never received one cent of money from this syndicate or from any of its officers, and know nothing about the circular which the Oregonian mentions. Respectfully yours,

REEDER AND WATKINS.

The article in reference to the alleged fraud which appeared in the Oregonian is as follows:

SAYS IT IS FRAUD.

Senator Tillman Starts Inquiry Into Portland Timber Syndicate Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The St. Paul & Pacific Timber Syndicate, having an office at 525 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, is to be investigated by the Postoffice Department to ascertain whether or not it is using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Senator Tillman yesterday charged in the Senate that this company is flooding the country with circulars, in which his name is used without authority and in which the company offer to "make \$5000 out of \$200" invested with it, to be in turn invested in timber land in Coos and Douglas counties as soon as the government recovers title to the unpatented portion of the grant to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company.

Tillman Calls It Swindle.

Tillman charged that this company, of which Bryan R. Dorr is president, is engaged in a "scheme of swindling," and said he proposed to "stop the rascals from getting any more money." He accordingly laid the circular before the Postoffice Department today, and by his request the concern will be investigated. It is found that its circulars misrepresent facts, and if, as charged by Mr. Tillman, this company is swindling those who subscribe to its scheme, it will be denied further use of the mails.

Mr. Dorr's company would probably not have been attacked, had it

part of the notorious timber thieves, grafters and landgrabbers of Oregon are familiar to all in this state."

Continuing, the circular says:

The Prosecution of the Grafters.

"But the day when this sort of knavery goes unpunished is at an end. No longer are state and nation sitting idly by while the people are being robbed of their birthright by rapacity of corporations too large to be attacked by any single individual. Francis J. Heney, the great United States District Attorney, has been sent out to prosecute the grafters and land thieves of California and Oregon on their own ground, and after having run Reef and Schmitz to earth in San Francisco, and uncovered gigantic steals in Oregon, securing wholesale convictions reaching even as high up as that of United States Senator Mitchell, is here in Portland now, prosecuting a Government official for conspiracy with the land thieves of California and Oregon.

Realizing that the time to act has come, and that only by concerted action can anything be accomplished, representative business men of Coos Bay, Portland and elsewhere, including myself, have employed Reeder & Watkins, the leading attorneys of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, to make a legal tender for us of \$2.50 per acre, of \$400 per quarter section of 160 acres, to the Southern Oregon Company, and to take care of our interests there.

With each application they are offering to the duly authorized officials of the Southern Oregon Company in the presence of witnesses the sum of \$400 for a certain specified quarter section. The corporation refuses this tender, thereby violating the terms of the grant and laying itself open to suit. There is no doubt in the minds of Messrs. Reeder & Watkins or ourselves as to the outcome of the suit, for the law is plain and has no mercy for grafters and land thieves nowadays.

Tillman Takes Eleven Quarters.

The illegal and outrageous robbery on the part of the Southern Oregon Company is notorious in this state, but until now it has been impossible to secure the necessary concerted action. That the right men are behind this movement will be appreciated when I state that among those who have spoken through our attorneys for a part of this land is Senator Tillman, of North Carolina, the leader of the Democratic party in the United States Senate, a man who usually gets what he goes after. So sure is Senator Tillman of our success that he has subscribed and paid the necessary fees for a quarter section for himself and ten other quarter sections for ten of his nearest relatives.

The Oregonian is quoted in reviewing the history of the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant in the circular, facts of which are already familiar to the people of this state. The circular then says:

You May Join Us.

Now, we will allow you to join us in this proposition if you care to do so, and if you have read this circular carefully you surely will. You must act at once, as only about 50 quarters are left."

The circular continues to give the terms whereby the land in the Coos Bay wagon road grants can be secured by investors in the St. Paul syndicate. It points out that the claimants need never see the land they desire to file upon and the only delay incident to the successful prosecution of the suit is the uncertainty of the date of decision of the suit against the Southern Oregon Company.

The syndicate is composed of prominent men of St. Paul, Minn., and is a corporation, for which Reeder & Watkins, of Marshfield, Ore., are attorneys.

BREAK GRIP OF LAND MONOPOLY.

Two Suits Will Be Commenced By Government to Recover Land.

First of the governments active steps toward breaking the land grip of the Southern Pacific in Oregon is marked by the Fulton resolution, which appeared in the Senate last Tuesday, directing the Department of Justice to begin court proceedings to enforce the rights of the United States. The railroad for nearly 40 years has ignored important terms of

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