

## YORK DISASTER BLAMED TO RUNAWAY TRAIN OF CARS

Crashed Over Bumper Broke Gas Feed Pipe of Power Station. LOSS NOW ESTIMATED \$2,000,000 Investigation Being Conducted By City and County Authorities.

YORK, Dec. 20.—The investigation of the causes of the explosion of the New York Central Power station yesterday which resulted in the death of two persons and the injury of more than a hundred persons and a money loss estimated in excess of two millions continued today by the city and county authorities. It is conceded the first cause of the explosion was a runaway train of cars in the central cut which crashed over the bumper of the power house, broke the gas feed pipe, and caused a large quantity of gas to accumulate in the boiler.

THE WEATHER. Fair except occasional rain in Northeast. Wednesday probably fair.

## PRO IS HELD FOR CRIMES

Charred Bodies Discovered in Ashes of North Carolina Home.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 20.—Three charred bodies were found in the ashes of the burned home of J. L. Hester, 26 miles from the city, and a strange girl's body was discovered in a pool of water in the yard. This led to the discovery of Nathan Monahan, a young negro, charged with the assault, murder and arson. He was rushed to Durham for arraignment and will be transferred to the State Penitentiary following the trial which will be held later in the month. The bodies are believed to be those of Mr. Sanders, his wife, Mary, and a two-year-old daughter.

## LOSERS HIS CASE.

Portland Journal says: In the \$61,000 which he asked for damages received while riding in the Oregon stage, C. W. Maynard, former state treasurer of Oregon, was given nothing by a judge Wolverson's court. He returned a verdict for the Umpqua River Steam Navigation Company. Maynard had while riding in a stage on a ticket bought by the defendant at Drain, the stage was not operated by the company and therefore they should be held responsible for the damages.

## FIRE NEAR TACOMA.

College Building Destroyed Early Today. Investigation Being Conducted By City and County Authorities.

WASH., Dec. 19.—Fire destroyed the building of Vashon college on the island this morning. The estimated at \$30,000.

## SIX CAUGHT IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Spokane Workmen Pinioned Underneath Heavy Timbers Are Scalded By Escaping Steam.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Pinned down by heavy timbers and scalded by escaping steam from a wrecked donkey engine, six city workmen were seriously injured

when a new trestle on East Second avenue collapsed without warning. John Gores had his skull fractured and arm broken and probably will die.

Sidney Powell had his skull fractured and a leg broken, and may die.

C. Warren was badly bruised about the head and is dying.

C. E. Whipple was buried and scalded and may die.

L. S. Frisk and J. Beck were scalded and bruised.

## RECALL GILL AT SEATTLE

Petitions to Oust Mayor of Puget Sound Metropolis Are Filed.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—The petition to recall Mayor Hiram C. Gill, charged with permitting gambling and other vices to be conducted by a syndicate which paid for the privileges was filed in the controller's office today. It contains 11,300 names, 631 being those of women.

## DRIVER SHOT IN CHICAGO

Garment Factory Employee Fatally Wounded—Change in Negotiations

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—John Donnelly, a driver for a garment factory, was shot and probably fatally wounded and his wagon riddled with bullets today. Employers advised Mayor Busse that hereafter all negotiations will be made directly with the men and not through the mayor's settlement committee.

## PULLMAN RATE IS APPROVED

Interstate Commerce Commission Gives Tentative Approval to Reductions.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The tentative approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission has been given to the fixed charge for upper berths of Pullman cars at eighty per cent of the charge now paid for the lower berths. The new charge will become effective throughout the United States on or before January 20, 1911.

## DR. NEILL IS ILL

Arbiter of Railway Trouble Sick Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—The illness of Dr. Neill who is attempting to settle the locomotive engineers' strike, delayed the proceedings today. Chief Stone said "I regret the delay, but am willing to wait a couple of days for Neill to recover but it must be understood that unless settlement is reached before the end of the week, railroads will have a general strike by Christmas. The engineers are determined not to recede from the position already taken."

If in doubt what to get her, try a look at NORTON & HANSEN.

## AWFUL CRIME IS REPORTED

Aged Couple and Three Young Folks Slain in North Carolina.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Wilson, N. C., says, "W. R. Saunders of Wilson, today received a telegram from Granville county stating his father, mother, sister and two nephews were murdered and burned in their home last night."

## PLAN ATTACK ON HONDURAS

Former U. S. Gunboat Hornet Said to Have Been Bought By Filibustering Party.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—The former United States Gunboat Hornet is reported to have been purchased by Honduras revolutionists and cleared from this port this afternoon for Cape Gracias with a crew of 20 men, 200 tons of coal and provisions for thirty days. Among the crew are several men said to have been connected with previous filibustering expeditions directed against the Central American republics.

## FIVE DROWN ON FISHING TRIP

Craft Carrying Party Overturned Off Rockaway Beach, N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Five persons were drowned off Rockaway Beach this afternoon when a boat from which they were fishing overturned.

## SHERMAN LOSES OUT.

Senate Turns Down Repeal of Vice-President.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—By a non-partisan vote of 37 to 17 the Senate sustained an appeal from the ruling of Vice-president Sherman in which he had counted senators paired and not voting in order to show a quorum present.

## PRINCE GEORGE FLOATED.

Big Steamer Removed From Shoal Near Vancouver.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 20.—The steamer Prince George was floated today from the shoal at the entrance of Vancouver harbor. Apparently she is not damaged. She came into port under her own steam. Tugs got her off the shoal.

## UNITED STATES GUNBOAT IS WATCHING STEAMER HORNET

## COURT PASSES ON NAVAL LAW

Noted Washington Ship Building Suit Decided By U. S. Supreme Court.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—In order for a piece of construction to be "a piece of work it is not necessary for it to be attached to the soil, it may float." Such is the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. The point arose in a suit in the state of Washington whether or not a single screw steamer, Lieutenant Harris, being built in 1905 at the Puget Sound engine works for the United States Army was "a public work" within the meaning of the statute relating to sureties. The lower court held that it was within the statute and ordered a judgment against the Title Guaranty and Trust Company of Scranton, Pa., on the bond and in favor of the various firms and individuals for material used in the construction of the vessel. The supreme court affirmed the judgment.

## TWO WOUNDED OVER WHISKEY

North Dakota Man Shoots Two For Theft of Liquor.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ROCK LAKE, N. D., Dec. 20.—George Diggins has a bullet hole in his lung and Charles Bills one in his neck as the result of the marksmanship of Editor Treadwell of the Rock Lake Ripples. Treadwell was arrested. The shooting followed the disappearance of some whiskey from the editor's office. Treadwell suspected Diggins and located him in Bill's pool room and demanded the return of the whiskey and keys to the editorial room. Diggins denied taking the whiskey and refused to hand over the keys. Treadwell attacked Diggins and Bills attempted to act as peacemaker. Bills was accidentally hit.

## THREE SHOT IN MINE RIOT

Union and Non-Union Labor Conflict in Pennsylvania Causes Bloodshed.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WEST NEWTON, Pa., Dec. 20.—Three miners were shot in a riot at the Osborn Mine near here today. There is a strike at the mine and deputy sheriffs were guarding the property. Some non-miners have been killed there previous to today.

## WHITE ASSUMES JOB.

New Chief Justice Formally Takes His Position.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Edward Douglas White assumed his duties as chief justice of the United States today.

You will find the lowest prices on toys at PRENTISS & CO.'s.

Vessel Said to Be Fitted Out For South American Revolution Guarded.

HONDURAN MINISTER ASKS PROTECTION Claims That Ship Is to Lead Insurrection Against His Government.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—The United States revenue cutter Davis is again this afternoon anchored alongside the steamer Hornet, and special customs inspectors were placed on shore opposite the Hornet's anchorage with instructions to report promptly any activity observed in connection with her preparations for sailing. Her owners stated she probably would sail during the day.

## PROTEST IS ENTERED.

Honduran Minister Wants Hornet Kept From Sailing.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The Honduran minister today protested to the State Department against permitting the departure of the steamer Hornet from New Orleans on the ground that the vessel contemplates leading a revolutionary expedition against President Davilla.

## SEYMOUR BELL FACES GRIEF

Is Charged With Timber Land Conspiracy by Government.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—For the second time, the Hewitt Land Company of Tacoma, has been charged in the United States Court with being a party to a scheme to defraud the United States out of timber lands in Baker County. The first suit was filed in September and involved the same men who were accused of conspiracy. Last week the Hewitt people were asked to pay \$20,000 as the value of the lands.

Assistant United States Attorney Evans complained against eight timber claims in Baker County and said that they had been entered at the United States land office at La Grande between 1901 and 1904 by men whom Seymour H. Bell and J. B. Stoddard, of Portland, had hired to make filings.

It is charged that Bell and Stoddard originated the conspiracies but that at a later date the Hewitt Land Company furnished the money which was used in completing the filings and securing patents, and that they received the patents for the lands, or in cases where the patents were first delivered to the original entrymen, deeds were later made to the Hewitt Land Company. In every instance, it is charged that the entrymen agreed with Bell and Seymour that the title should pass to such persons as Bell and Seymour should indicate.

The claims named in the bill of complaint are those made by T. E. Preston, Fred Fontaine, Ivan Jeffries, Thomas G. Gwynne, George Blanchard, Ida Valen, Edna W. Allen and William Van Fleet, all of which are held fraudulent.

## THE WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Wheat closed as follows: December, 90 7/8c; May, 95 3/8c; July, 93c.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Wheat unchanged.

TACOMA, Dec. 19.—Bluestem wheat, 84c; Club, 80c. Export—Bluestem, 84 1/2c; Portfolc, 83 1/2c; Club, 82 1/2c; Red Russian, 80 1/2c.