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SOUTHERN PACIFIC FINALLY AGREES TO SWING DRAWBRIDGE

Chief Engineer Hood Decided to Build Type Originally Proposed Here

EXPECT IT WILL MEAN STARTING WORK SOON

Action Reported to Port Commission—Traffic of Bay Last Year Larger

The Southern Pacific has finally decided to use the swing drawbridge for Coos Bay instead of the lift type, which it requested permission for last year after the U. S. engineers had approved the plans for the swing draw.

Commerce of Bay. H. C. Diers asked that the Port Commission grant him an extension of one month in his report of the commerce on Coos Bay, as he desired to get certified statements of the importers and exporters of the tonnage.

A meeting of the Port Commission was held today at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. Commissioners Powers, Sengstacken, Loggie and Rogers were present.

Mr. Miller explained that should a bulkhead be built he would be unable to ascertain whether or not the pipe line would, under present plans, reach the bulkhead, should it be built.

Judge Hall addressed the Commission representing S. B. Cathcart, who claimed that the fill would ruin his garden and orchard.

Mr. Cathcart then addressed the body, and said that his property was depreciating in value by the improvements being made in filling and that his garden would be ruined unless some action was taken to keep the water out of his property.

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BENJ. ROBERTS IS FOUND DEAD

Well-known Ten Mile Rancher Drowned in Creek Near His Home There

Benjamin Roberts, one of the pioneers and best known residents of the Ten Mile country, was found drowned in Ten Mile Creek, a short distance from his home, early today.

Last summer Mr. Roberts visited his old home in England after an absence of over forty years and returned in the fall from there.

Mr. Roberts had long lived in the Ten Mile section, having given up a place in the Libby mine to take up a ranch there. He is survived by several children, most of whom are grown.

Rev. G. LeRoy Hall, a friend of the deceased, was summoned from Coquille and will go to Templeton tomorrow to conduct the funeral services.

POKER GAME ENDS IN FIGHT

Officer Gordon Smith Arrests Geo. Fritz in North Front Street Mixup

A miniature Balkan revolution in which the Dutch played the side of the defense was carried on Saturday night in one of the North Front street Greek coffee houses, when George Fritz, who was engaged in a game of poker, suddenly got the idea that he was being "cold-decked" and started protesting.

Robert Tosoch was arrested by Officer Gordon Smith Saturday afternoon and placed in the city jail for indulging in intoxicating beverages until his powers of reasoning were overcome.

Ed Allen was arrested at midnight Saturday and charged with disturbing the peace. Allen engaged in a quarrel at the Central rooming house, awakening the guests and threatening to "clean up" on the whole house.

Dan Milkjoch was arrested by Gordon Smith at 8:30 last evening and charged with fighting. He was released on \$10 cash bail.

NORTH BEND MEN FACE SERIOUS CHARGE

According to a report here today, a U. S. secret service man who has been on the Bay found several North Bend restaurants dispensing liquor without a Federal license and it is expected that they will be haled into U. S. Court. It was stated that he had not found any offenders in Marshfield. He has been making a tour of this section.

BIG GAME IN CURRY.

Eugene L. White of Port Orford can certainly lay claim to being one of the most successful "varmint" hunters in the county. Within a little over two months he has killed and treed with dogs two bear, three wildcats and five panthers, and running back a month or two further, three bears and several more cats could be added to his list.—Port Orford Tribune.

SCORES HUNT FOR TRAIN BANDITS

No Trace Found of Men Who Killed Three Near Bellingham—Second Robbery of Interurban.

SEATTLE, Feb. 23.—Detectives directing the search for the robbers who held up a train near Bellingham last Friday night and killed three passengers, believe that these train robbers were not the men who robbed the Seattle-Tacoma interurban train the next night. After in-

terviewing Great Northern passengers and the train crew, detectives feel sure only two men were participants in Friday night's robbery. A search is being pressed in the North, with the belief that the robbers have not succeeded in escaping to Vancouver or Seattle. The whole of King, Skagit and Whatcom counties is swarming with peace officers and amateur and professional detectives bent on getting the \$30,000 reward offered for the arrest of the Great Northern robbers, and every stranger in the woods is obliged to account for himself.

MISS HOBBS IS AT COVE TODAY

Gov. West's Private Secretary To Try and Close Saloons in Oregon Town

COVE, Or., Feb. 23.—Municipal officers were prepared to receive Miss Fern Hobbs, Governor West's private secretary, on her arrival here today, and to give her their assistance in an attempt to close a saloon which is being conducted here. That martial law might be declared, as at Copperfield, where Miss Hobbs stopped the sale of liquor recently, was considered possible. However, the fact that there is a question whether Cove is in wet or dry territory makes the situation more complicated and may require slower procedure.

The county attorney holds that although the precinct voted dry the last election, the failure of the county judge to declare the precinct dry within the time required makes the result varied.

TRY TO AVOID OREGON STRIKE

U. S. Board of Mediation Takes Up Oregon Railroad Telegraphers' Case

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Assistant Commissioner H. W. W. Hanger, of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, was prepared today to take up the work of attempting to bring about a settlement between the Oregon & Washington Railroad and Navigation Company and the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Although the telegraphers have voted to strike, the walkout has been postponed pending attempts at mediation. Wages, hours and working conditions are involved. The railway officials refused to say what would be their attitude toward the commissioner, who came here at the request of the telegraphers. They repeated, however, that the paramount consideration was the administration of their property and in regard to this they would not compromise. The telegraphers want station agents appointed from their ranks, but the railroad officials declare they will continue to appoint men of their own selection.

AN IMPORTANT CASE DECIDED

Kentucky Court Holds Water Company Responsible for Fire Damage

A prominent Marshfield attorney has just received a brief statement of an important decision in a case in which a citizen commenced action against the water company for damage sustained by fire because of insufficient water pressure. The case is important here as involving points that may develop in Marshfield at any time.

This case is that of the Graves Co. Water Co. Vs. Ligon in which the Court of Appeals of Kentucky held as follows:

"A city property owner may maintain an action against a water company for the destruction of his property by fire by reason of its failure to maintain a water supply pursuant to its contract with the city."

NOTED DENVER SENATOR DEAD

Henry M. Teller, Who Gained Fame Through "Free Silver" Succumbs

DENVER, Feb. 23.—Henry M. Teller, former United States Senator, and Secretary of the Interior, under President Arthur, died here, aged 83 years. He was elected five times to the Senate. He had been ill for the last two years.

Senator Teller's reputation became nation-wide when he made his famous speech in the debate for Congress upon the repeal of the Sherman law, which provided for the demonetization of silver. He made the statement known as the "sensational speech in the Senate," saying: "I say it in cool and calm deliberation, weighing well my words, that if the Republican party stands for the gold standard, four silver producing states will not hereafter be able to act in co-operation with this, the United States, or any other body."

In the councils of the Republican party, and subsequent to 1896 in the Democratic party, Senator Teller was a power. He bolted the Republican party during the St. Louis convention in 1896 after the gold standard plank had been adopted. Following this action he was re-elected to the Senate from Colorado. On March 3, 1909, he completed more than thirty years service in the Senate, which was interrupted only by the time he served as Secretary of the Interior in the cabinet of President Arthur. Subsequently he served as a member of the National Monetary Commission.

REV. BARBER IS STRICKEN

Chaplain of Washington Prison and Noted Democrat Succumbs Today

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 23.—Rev. Edward Barber, chaplain of the state penitentiary and prominent in the Democratic party of the state, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and Professor in Columbia College at Milton, Oregon, died here yesterday following an operation for gall stones. He was appointed by the Democratic national committee as one of the speakers in the last campaign.

EUGENE FOR MEREDITH

The Eugene Register says: "W. H. Meredith, of Wedderburn, Oregon, was in the city yesterday interviewing all the leading local Democrats to determine if they favored him as a candidate for United States Representative from Oregon. Mr. Meredith says he will be a candidate at the primaries and should be secure the nomination he will start at once a state-wide campaign. At present Mr. Meredith is District Attorney of Curry County. He was considered by local men as a logical man for the Democrats to support and they believe he will defeat W. C. Hawley who is now United States Representative from his district."

WOOLEN MILL INFORMATION.

The Bandon World Says: "The committee on the woolen mill proposition has interviewed Manager Bedillion and a number of the stockholders. It has been shown where Cooston offers the company \$45,000 and a site; North Bend \$35,000 and a site, and a request from Marshfield to put in a bid providing the mill is positive to leave Bandon. The committee is also informed that unless at least \$10,000 can be raised here to assist the proposition it will be forced to move. Still other information is in its possession which, together with probably some suggestions, will be presented at the meeting. Mr. Bedillion will likewise be present."

MEXICAN TROOP TRAIN IS BLOWN UP BY REBEL FORCE

FLOOD DAMAGE IS REPAIRED

Southern Pacific Will Soon Restore Traffic in Southern California

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The Southern Pacific will resume through traffic to Los Angeles tonight on its regular schedule, routing its trains over the Valley route. At the same time the Santa Fe regular service south will be restored. It will be Wednesday or Thursday of this week before the coast line of the Southern Pacific will resume service. The principal trouble is at Ventura, where the river carried away tracks and roadbed. The damage is being repaired with trestles.

FAIR WEATHER IN CALIFORNIA

Sunshine Gives Southern Part of State Chance to Recover From Flood

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Continued fair weather aided in the work of restoring service on the railroads and wires which were put out of commission by the storm last week. Communication with the east by rail was expected to be restored by afternoon. Passengers on the eastbound California Limited and Phoenix Express, marooned Friday night at Summit, twenty-five miles east of San Bernardino in the mountains, were reached early today with provisions. The Santa Fe officials hoped they would be in a position to send the belated trains on their journey by late afternoon. The Chicago White Sox American League team was expected to reach Los Angeles late today, twenty-four hours late.

FORTY TRAINS TIED UP.

Cajon Pass on Santa Fe Is Cleared of Debris Today.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 23.—Cajon Pass, on the Santa Fe railroad, was cleared of storm debris, wash-outs were repaired and forty overland trains, held up since Friday night, began moving toward Los Angeles, where they will arrive tonight. Many eastbound trains were also started for Chicago. By tonight an approach to normal traffic will be achieved. The eastbound overlands marooned at Summit were started toward Barstow this morning.

SLEET STORM IN MID-WEST

Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado Experience Severe Storm Sunday

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 23.—Rain in the Missouri River Valley turned to sleet last night and with a freezing temperature this city was cut off from telegraph and telephone communication with the east today. The headquarters of the telegraph companies here reported their wires prostrated east of Lexington, Nebraska and Fort Dodge, Kansas. There was a light snow in Colorado last night, the lowest temperature being two degrees above zero.

REVOLT ENDS IN HAITI.

CAPE HAITIEN, Feb. 21.—Senor Theodore, the rebel leader, and members of his staff, fled today from Cape Haitien. The city later was occupied by the Federals. The rebel army was routed yesterday.

Wulff is Worse.—Geo. Wulff, the Ferndale pioneer, is reported worse today, suffering from bronchitis, pneumonia and injuries sustained from being hit by the Southern Pacific motor car. His condition is rather critical.

Fifty-five Officers and Men and English Engineer Killed by Outrage

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT NOW TAKES ACTION

House of Commons Hears Veiled Threat—Europe May Demand That U. S. Act.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Feb. 23.—A Government troop train carrying a company of infantry from Mexico City destined for Kalapa was blown up on Saturday by the rebels. The wreck occurred near Lima station of the Inter-oceanica Railway, 140 miles from Vera Cruz. The explosion was terrific, demolishing the whole train. All on board, including 55 officers and men and an English engineer, were killed.

MEXICAN REBELS IGNORE DEMAND OF U. S. FOR BENTON'S BODY

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 23.—The request of the U. S. State Department for the body of W. S. Benton, made last Saturday, has met with no response. George C. Carothers, of the Consular Service, visited Juarez, but the reply had not come. He learned that Gustav Bouch, a German-American who is being tried by rebels as a spy, is safe at Chihuahua and received renewed assurances that he would not be executed unless found guilty.

ENGLAND IS AROUSED

House of Commons Hears Details of Execution

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The putting to death of William S. Benson, by General Villa has aroused the British Parliament and people. The House of Commons listened with intense interest to the explanation given by Foreign Minister Grey and Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Duke of Argyll. The latter replied with an emphatic "certainly" when asked if England was prepared to cooperate with the United States. A significant cheer was given by members when Secretary Grey said that Secretary Bryan had been told that public opinion in Europe was likely to be affected seriously by Villa's actions.

STORMS DELAY MANY VESSELS

Schooner Willis A. Holden in Bad Shape off Columbia—Robert Hind in

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Leaking and short of provisions, the schooner Willis A. Holden, 84 days out from Manila to Puget Sound, was spoken to Friday 630 miles off the Columbia by the steamer Mesma. The latter arrived today. Stormy weather accounted for her condition. The schooner Robert R. Hind reached here from Hawaii buffeted by storms and provisions exhausted.

BLOW SAFE IN SACRAMENTO

Yeggmen Escape With \$500 in Cash From Meat Market Early Today

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 23.—Four safe crackers blew open the safe of the Claus & Kraus Meat Market early today, secured \$500 in cash and \$700 in checks and escaped. The explosion woke the neighborhood and when one man yelled for the police he was answered by a shot from the crackers. The interior of the building was wrecked by the explosion. The yeggmen were watched in their operations by Mrs. Anna Atkinson, who resides across the street. She attempted to notify the proprietors by telephone but could not get them.

A FRESH SHIPMENT OF FOSTER & OREARS' DELICIOUS CANDIES RECEIVED ON REDONDO.—LEWIS.

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