



SHARKS GRAB SCHOOL LANDS

DOG FINDS THE GOLD DUST

Retriever of Cashier Adams Delivers Plunder.

PACKAGE IN HIS MOUTH

Secret Service Men, Friendly to Dog, R paid For Their Kindness.

DUST WORTH \$10,000 FOUND

After Package is Delivered by Adam's Dog, Secret Service Operatives Set to Work Beneath Tons of Coal Find the Steals Plunder Cashed.

Seattle, Dec. 2.—Racial instinct of a Chesapeake Bay dog today resulted in the discovery of gold dust worth \$10,000 cached away in the home of George E. Adams, the self confessed defaulting cashier of the United States assay office in this city.

When the secret service operatives entered the Adams home to make a search, they cultivated the acquaintance of the dog, which is a broken retriever. A few minutes later he came to the operatives with a package containing gold dust in his mouth. With this incentive, the searchers set to search with a will, and underneath tons of coal stored in the basement, found dust valued at \$10,000.

HUNT WILL PRESIDE

Expects to Be Called to Portland to Try Land Fraud Cases.

Helena, Dec. 2.—Federal Judge Hunt, in an interview today, said, that while not yet formally called to Portland to try the land fraud cases, he expected he would be. January 8, he thought, would be the opening day of the Federal Court in Portland, at which time he expected the cases would come up.

Heney Will Have Charge.

Washington, Dec. 2.—It was stated at the Department of the Interior, that F. J. Heney, whose successor has been named as District Attorney for Oregon, will have entire charge, for the government, in the prosecution of the land fraud cases.

NEW YORK POLICE ADOPT IMPRINT SYSTEM.

New York, Dec. 2.—Police Commissioner McAdoo has decided to adopt the French imprint system of identifying criminals, in the New York department, and has announced that for this purpose, Detective Sergeant Joseph Fauro will leave shortly for Paris where he will spend two months studying the methods now followed throughout France. Sergeant Fauro is in charge of the Bertillon measurement system at headquarters, and is an expert in that line.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF MONTANA BLIZZARD.

Butte, Dec. 2.—A special from Lewiston says that Tom Davis, a sheep herder, of the Flat Willow district, is missing and it is believed that he was frozen to death in a recent blizzard. The snow in Fergus County is two feet and a half deep on a level and tremendous storms have raged lately.

EXPRESS DASHES THROUGH WRECKING CREW IN TUNNEL

With Backs Toward Advancing Train, Men Meet Their Doom Without Moment's Warning.

New York, Dec. 2.—One man killed, four dying and two others seriously hurt was the result of the dash of a fast flying western express train through a construction crew on the tracks of the Erie railroad, in the tunnel in Jersey City, early this morning. The men were struck without warning as they were working to clear the track from a wreck.

Stanislaw Monaster was killed outright, John Robaski, William Dietree, Vincenzo Kunciska, and George Yarsick were, it is said mortally injured. The men were working on the east bound track of the Erie, about 500 feet west of the tunnel's mouth. Their backs were toward the advancing train. The train itself, known as the "Western Flyer," was heavily laden and running behind time. The signal lights and tower signals showed the track all clear and the engine driver was going at a high speed when the train swept around a curve and upon the gang of laborers.

RUMOR OF TROUBLE

French Correspondent Tells of Clash at the Palace.

CZAR QUARRELED WITH DUKE

Communication Between St. Petersburg and Outside World Shut Off on Account of Strike of Telegraphers Who Demand Durnovo's Resignation

Paris, Dec. 2.—The Journal this morning publishes a St. Petersburg dispatch, carried to Eydtkuhnen (East Prussia) by a courier, which repeats the recent reports relative to the violent scene in the palace, at Tsarkoe Selo.

The Journal says the trouble was between Emperor Nicholas and the Grand Duke Vladimir, and was relative to the Grand Duke Cyril. The paper adds that it is certain something extraordinary occurred there, beside the disaffection of the guard, and the whole domestic staff at the palace is now preparing to strike.

COMMUNICATION SHUT OFF

European Capitals Hear No News from Russia.

London, Dec. 2.—Up to midnight, London, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Stockholm were completely shut off from telegraphic communication with St. Petersburg. Early this afternoon, the Great Northern Telegraph Company, which has two routes into St. Petersburg, one by way of Copenhagen and Libau, and another by the way of Finland, announced communication was completely severed.

The Associated Press was endeavoring to get into communication with St. Petersburg, via Helsingfors, but finds it impossible by wire, and there is some

DEFRAUD STATE OF HALF MILLION ACRES

RE-SELL THE SAME TRACTS TIME AND AGAIN

After Defrauding State of Practically all the School Land it Possessed They Begin The Manufacture of Bogus Certificates.

FORGE SIGNATURE OF CLERK OF THE LAND BOARD

Operations of Swindlers Who Have Perpetrated Frauds Far More Serious Than Any so Far Unearthed, Discovered by State Land Agent Oswald West, Who Finds that Victims Are for the Most Part Eastern Bankers, Who Were Induced to Make Final Payments and Secure Deeds.

Salem, Dec. 2.—Far more serious than any of the previous developments in the many sided land frauds perpetrated in this state, are the charges made in a letter to Governor Chamberlain today from State Land Agent Oswald West, who in effect asserts that by means of forged certificates of sale of school lands, Eastern bankers have in the aggregate been swindled of untold sums of money.

Many Times Resold. Not content, the land agent asserts, with having defrauded the state of approximately 500,000 acres of school land, practically all it possessed, by means of "dummy" entries, when the money was no longer to be made in that manner, the land operators prepared printed certificates of sale and assignments, and inserted in them descriptions of school lands, on which certificates had previously been issued, the number of the entry, then forged the signature of the clerk of the state land board and notaries public, attached the forged notary seals and the forgery of the great seal of the State of Oregon, and re-sold the lands time and again, to innocent persons in the East.

Land Lists Secured. State Land Agent West states that the forgeries were discovered while engaged in separating bona fide entries from the dummies. Land operators secure lists of all school lands on which all but the last or "demand" payment has been made, and filing these into their prepared certificates, invite the purchaser to have the land cruised and induce him to obtain abstracts from the clerk of the state land board, who knowing nothing of the fraudulent nature of the proceedings, reports the certificate in good standing and gives exchangeable deeds, on the payment of the balance due. The deal is then concluded.

Eastern Banker Duped. West says he discovered a large number of forged certificates in the hands of Eastern bankers, and says the magnitude will be known only when, through publicity, the duped persons send certificates to this city for examination. The forgeries, West concludes, are almost perfect.

Great Fire Raging. Warsaw, Dec. 2.—The railroad telegraph operators at Moscow say a great incendiary conflagration is raging there.

Durnovo to Be Retained. Berlin, Dec. 2.—A correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger reports from Kieff, by way of Podwoczycki, (on the Austrian frontier in Galicia) that Russian officials communicate with St. Petersburg by railway telegraph couriers. Two hundred postal and telegraph delegates assembled at Moscow, the correspondent adds, and demanded recognition of the old Russian League of Post and Telegraph officials, the removal of M. Durnovo, the acting minister of the interior, freedom of the assembled delegates and the re-appointment of dismissed officials.

WHARF LABORER STRIKERS IN CLASH WITH THE POLICE

Georgetown, British Guiana, Dec. 2.—Riots of wharf laborers continued throughout Friday. The police fired on the strikers several times, killing seven and wounding seventeen. The mob is very determined and refused to listen to its own delegates, who met the Gov-

GIRL CRUSHED BY A PASSENGER ELEVATOR.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 2.—Miss Grace R. McNulty, aged 20 years, and employed at a department store here, was caught between the car of a passenger elevator and the basement ceiling in the store last night, sustaining injuries from which she died at the city hospital this morning.

IN A MOMENT OF SANITY LUNATIC BEGS FOR DEATH

Implores Attending Surgeon to Kill Him If Unable to Permanently Restore His Reason.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 2.—Restored from what seemed hopeless lunacy, to complete sanity, yesterday, by a surgical operation at the University hospital, William Dwyer, in a momentary period of control after being placed on the operating table, begged the surgeon to kill him if it appeared that he would always have to be crazy.

Two years ago in a smelter furnace, at Portland, Ohio, Dwyer's skull was crushed, by being hit by a steel rail. After an apparent recovery, he became, a month ago, a raving maniac.

In the operation it was demonstrated that his mental trouble was entirely due to an abscess in his brain. This was successfully removed and a silver plate, about two inches square, fitted in the hole that the surgeon had made in the skull. Then the scalp was sewed in place and the patient is well on the way back to his former usefulness. Dwyer is 35 years old and has a wife and two children.

18 MINERS KILLED

"Blow-out" Causes Explosion in Diamond Mine.

NO ONE ALLOWED TO ENTER

Fearing After-Damp, Superintendent Refuses Admission to Mine and it is Many Hours Before Rescue Parties Enter and First Body is Recovered.

Diamondville, Wyo., Dec. 2.—Eighteen miners lost their lives in an explosion late last night in the Diamond Coal & Coke Company's mine. It is believed all the men who perished were instantly killed. What caused the disaster is not definitely known but the theory advanced by the miners is that a "blow out" shot caused the dust to explode.

The force of the explosion was felt all over town, rocking the buildings so violently that the occupants ran from them. This is the second disaster of the Diamond mine. February 26, 1901, thirty-two miners perished.

Practically the whole population of Diamondville, including the wives and children of the entombed miners rushed to the mouth of the shaft, and the scenes were most pathetic.

Although men were ready to enter the mine, the superintendent refused to allow it, owing to fears of afterdamp, and it was late today before the first rescue parties entered the shaft, and after that some time before the first body was brought to the surface.

Every man in the mine perished, and that the loss of life was not greater is attributed to the explosion occurring at night when only a small force was employed. The dead miners were mostly Englishmen.

MISSILE SHIED AT TRAIN

Thrown through Window of President's Car.

FALLS AT GUEST'S FEET

President Attributes Wanton Act to Some Irresponsible Person.

TRAIN RUNNING SLOW SPEED

When Close to Philadelphia Occupants Are Startled by Metal Plum-Bob Crashing Through Front Car Which Fails to Inflict Injury.

Washington, Dec. 2.—An unknown person hurled a heavy iron plum-bob through a window in one of the cars of President Roosevelt's special train tonight, on the run from Princeton to Washington. The missile which was thrown with terrific force, crashed through the transom of the window of the combination car Salvius, and fell at the feet of Maof Webb Hayes, son of the late President Hayes, who was a guest of the President on the trip to the army and navy football game.

Fragments of the broken glass fell on Major Hayes, who was sitting with his back to the window reading, but did not injure him.

Traveling at Slow Speed.

The train at the time was running at a comparatively slow rate. Broad street, in North Philadelphia, had just been crossed and the train was in the vicinity of Oxford street, when the crash was heard by the occupants of the car. The car was first on the train and might have been mistaken easily, for President Roosevelt's private car. That, however, was at the rear of the train. It was remarked also that Major Hayes from the profile view strongly resembles the President and might have been mistaken for the chief executive. Doubt is expressed by the officials of the Pennsylvania, whether the missile was intended to be hurled at the President. They say several times, recently stones have been thrown at the train passing through North Philadelphia, and on one occasion a man was severely cut by broken glass, when a heavy stone crashed through the window.

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CLUNG TO THEIR BOAT FOR HOURS.

Victoria, Dec. 2.—Two Japanese fishermen rescued Wednesday by the light keeper at Cowichan Gap, showed wonderful endurance. Their sloop was wrecked in an easterly gale and the two men were in the icy water two hours during a snow-storm, clinging to their wrecked vessel until it drove ashore. Despite their privations, they worked all night vainly trying to save their vessel. The light keeper found them exhausted and took them to the lighthouse for succor.