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DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSION

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AT ROSSLAND B. C.

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MANY BUILDINGS WRECKED

badly damaged, some inmates being Columbia Avenue, Rossland, smashed, and many people are severely cut by falling glass.

Spokane, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rossland, B. C., reports a destructive explosion of dynamite there this afternoon in which one man was killed and possibly fifty others more or less painfully injured by the shock and by the falling glass. The explosion occurred in the thawing house of the War Eagle and Central Star mines. John S. Ingram, in charge of the thawer was killed. The substitution of the electric light plant was wrecked and the town is in darkness tonight. The shock was felt throughout Rossland and earlier reports stated there had been a heavy loss of life, the belief being that the powder magazine at the mines containing about two tons of dynamite had exploded. The explosion caused much consternation and did a large amount of damage. Nearly all plate glass windows on Columbia Avenue were smashed, many people receiving cuts from the fragments. The Center Star, War Eagle and LeRoi mines will be shut down in a few days because of the injury to the steam and air pipes and the compressor machinery, and the practical wreck of the buildings containing them. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.
Red Lake Mills, Minn., Dec. 16.—Peter Martel, wife and three children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home early today.

INSURANCE MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED BY HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 16.—The House indulged itself again today to the extent of four hours in what many times have been termed an academic discussion of federal control of insurance. It was the fourth day of the debate and the interest of the members was appreciably diminished. The Democratic contention for state rights predominated in the controversy. Republicans who spoke confined themselves more to the committee reference to which would be made of the subject of insurance in the

TRAIN HELD UP.

Tacoma, Dec. 16.—The Northern Pacific westbound North Coast Limited train was held up tonight at Hillsdale near Ellensburg and the express car dynamited. No details are obtainable. It is understood that none of the passengers or trainmen were injured.

ROBBERS VICTIM DIES.

Portland, Dec. 16.—Thomas Fleming, an old sailor, who was shot in cold blood last evening by robbers who held up the bar of the Centennial saloon, died this afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock. Roush, the other man shot, is getting rapidly better. No clue to the robbers has been yet found.

DEFY INVESTIGATION.

Annapolis, Dec. 16.—There is a rumor afloat among the midshipmen that when the congressional investigation of hazing commences all the upper class men will join in an acknowledgement that they have partaken in hazing and in a sense defy investigation.

NO MORE PASSES.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—The announcement was made today that with the close of the year the Baltimore & Ohio would cease to issue passes and reduced rate of transportation to all classes except officers and employees of the company and the connecting lines.

SIX INDICTMENTS

Federal Grand Jury in Kansas Gets Busy.

STATE SENATOR INDICTED

Dumont Smith Charged Jointly With His Law Partner Roscoe Wilson of Conspiring to Violate the Federal Laws—Bribed Government Official.

Topeka, Dec. 16.—The Federal grand jury in investigating the government land frauds in Kansas tonight returned an indictment against State Senator F. Dumont Smith. Five other indictments were returned. Smith is charged jointly with his law partner, Roscoe Wilson, of conspiracy to violate the federal laws, which provides a penal sentence for influencing, for any consideration, a government official, on any matter then pending before that official.

It is alleged in the indictment that Smith and Wilson for a consideration influenced the operation and actions of T. E. Ryan, formerly special agent in the government land office in the land fraud cases, which he was investigating in Hodgman county, Kansas. According to allegation the men implicated in the cases raised the sum of \$2500 which was divided between Smith, Wilson and Ryan. It is alleged Ryan then reported to his superiors that he had investigated the cases and found the four men who contributed money not guilty of making fraudulent entries of land and that

ATTEMPT TO HUMILIATE JAPAN BY RUSSIA

BY SENDING HER A THIRD RATE AMBASSADOR

The Slovo, A Leading Russian Newspaper Characterizes the Action As Puerile Which Will React On Russia In Eyes of World.

COMMUNICATION CUT BETWEEN ST. PETERSBURG AND KIEFF

Battleship Slava and the Cruiser Abreck Have Been Dispatched to Riga—Captain of Company in 2nd Regiment Refuses to Obey Orders of the Colonel Who Commands Him to Use His Company to Break up the Strike Saying It Was Police Work.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—The Slovo severely criticizes the foreign office for the appointment of M. Bekhametiev formerly minister at the Hague and diplomatic agent in Bulgaria, as minister to Japan, saying the selection of a man from this third rate post is a puerile attempt to humiliate Japan, which will react on Russia in the eyes of the world.

Tonight the telegraph office at Kieff called up St. Petersburg and asked whether Minister of the Interior Duranovo had been dismissed. Receiving a negative reply, the sounder ceased and all efforts to call up that city are in vain. The same thing happened on the Irkutsk wire.

The battleship Slava and the cruiser Abreck have been dispatched to Riga.

At Kaluga, Captain Samanaki, of the Twenty-second regiment declined to obey the order of his colonel to use his company in breaking up the strike, declaring in writing that he regarded police work outside of the duties of officers and soldiers.

The Russian professors at Warsaw university have organized a volunteer postal service as a thousand bags of mail await distribution.

The Colonel of grenadiers today sent a message to the mutineers, offering to consider their proper grievances if they would submit them. He received no reply. Only eight operators are working in the telegraph offices. The telegraph congress has again resolved to continue the strike.

Every development goes to show that the government is resolved to make an attempt to repress the agitation now existing throughout Russia and restore order in the empire at any cost. Every move made by the reactionaries has already been met with open defiance. The Liberals are incensed at Witte's contemptuous reply to the Zemstvo resolutions, contemplating a plan to hold elections for a constituent independent government. The Liberals contend there are unmistakable signs that the government is preparing a counter revolution and openly charge that Witte has been elected to take up the cause of the court against the people, and all hope from him is ended.

there was no evidence to warrant their arrest.

An indictment was returned against Ryan charging him with receiving a valuable consideration and allowing his opinion and actions to be influenced in the case under his investigation.

He is one of the original backers of Senator Burton, who was recently convicted by a federal court at St. Louis.

ROBBERS GET THE MONEY.

Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 16.—The state bank of Colby, Wis., was robbed this afternoon of \$4500 by two highwaymen, who ordered the cashier at the point of revolvers to turn over the money.

Plans for a revolution in the Baltic provinces provide for the establishment of a revolutionary administration, in which boycott, the representatives of the present government will refuse quarters or subsistence to the troops and withdraw deposits from the banks and cease payment to the crown, land owners, and the church. It is also provided to arm and organize the people into militia to respond to a call for a general strike of the Russian proletariat, to compel the convocation of the constituent assembly.

The Revel city council tonight passed a resolution in favor of the removal of police and troops from the city and rely on the protection of the workmen's militia. Also they resolved to transform the city treasury into a strike fund.

In Moscow proclamations are being distributed inviting the people to the regular square of Kremlin on December 19th to a public service. It is believed by some this means a massacre by the "Black Hundred" after the people assemble.

Today's advices from Riga are meager. Confirmation is received, however, that the governor has asked for war ships. Reports are in circulation of collisions in the streets of the city. A letter written December 11th and brought through by a special engine which was riddled with bullets, says every dead wall in Riga bears posters urging the mob to attack the gentry and capitalists. Women of the better classes have been seen elsewhere, and the gentlemen remaining have formed themselves into militia and are holding the houses of the nobility, while the soldiers hold the other public places.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Konigsberg East Prussian correspondent says the revolutionists are in full control of all Gdansk and Livonia and the neighboring government of Kovno is also in a blaze of rebellion. Mitau and Riga are in flames and Libeau is seriously threatened. The lives of all German's are in the greatest danger. Everything is in an uproar from Kreutberg on the Duna to Kovno.

DARING HOLDUP.

Two Masked Men Stop and Rob the North Coast Limited.

Spokane, Dec. 16.—The North Coast Limited express westward bound, was held up and robbed 15 miles West of North Yakima, Washington, at 7 o'clock tonight. Two masked men compelled the engineer to stop the train and run the locomotive, mail and express cars half a mile West of the balance of the train. They dynamited the express car, shattered the through and local safes, and decamped with the contents. The amount of plunder obtained is unknown. The contents of the through safe is known only to the terminal

points, the messenger not being in possession of the information. No report was received tonight as to the contents of the local safe, but it is said to have been light, as the train does comparatively little local business.

The sheriffs of Yakima and Kittitas counties have posess in pursuit of the bandits. The passengers were not molested and no one was injured.

The robbers boarded the train at Hillsdale, and climbing over the tender into the cab and presenting their guns at the heads of the trainmen ordered the engine, express and mail cars cut off and run down the track and stopped. The engineer at the command of the robbers fixed seven charges of dynamite to the express car which blew out the sides and ends. After removing the contents of the safes, the robbers left, taking shots at the fireman who stuck his head out of the cab window, and at the approaching brakeman.

Reports received at the general offices of the Northern Pacific state that both men were masked and heavily armed. They were of medium height, inclined to be slight in build and wore black hats and coats and blue overalls. One man's overalls were badly torn. On releasing the trainmen, both robbers went in the direction of North Yakima.

MORE FAKE CERTIFICATES.

Salem, Dec. 16.—Seventeen fraudulent certificates for school had been reported to Clerk Brown today by R. E. Mose of Chicago, who it is said bought them through S. A. D. Puter.

AMERICAN RIGHTS

Men And Munitions From U. S. to Isle of Pines.

SITUATION IS STRAINED

If Needed, to Defend American Rights on the Southern Island, Six Thousand Men Will Go There from U. S. to Fight.

Havana, Dec. 16.—President Raynard of the Isle of Pines Association, in a letter to the Associated Press says:

"The last mail from the United States brought additional guarantees of the meaning of the total of over \$50,000, in cash, and 6000 men and all the munitions needed should we elect to use force in maintaining the rights of Americans on American territory.

Secretary of the Interior Andrade when shown the letter said the United States doubtless could be depended upon to prevent the embarkation of men and munitions of war for the Isle of Pines. He declared his government would pay no attention to such statements.

JAIMAICA GOVERNOR GETS BUSY.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 16.—The governor of Jamaica, Sir Alexander Swettenham last night proclaimed the Panama canal zone under the emigrants protection law, under which a \$5 deposit is required from each person going there. This measure hampers the operations of the recruiting agent of the Isthmian canal here.

RUSSIAN ARMY DISCONTENT IS FAST SPREADING

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—A private letter received from Harbin dated November 25th, denies the reports of widespread rioting and mutiny and burning of Harbin on November 16th. The letter says there is much discontent in the army on account of the universal desire to return to Russia and because of the appearance of a mutinous spirit, and grumbling.

Reports of mutinies in the regiments

BILL PASSES SENATE

That Body Passes Panama Appropriation Bill.

AFTER LONG DEBATE

Set Speeches Made By Bacon Allison Culberson Stone Newlands.

NO MORE PRESS AGENT

Bacon Offers Substitute Amendment Requiring Congress to Be Supplied with Estimate of all Salaries Paid in Connection With Canal Construction.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Senate today passed the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill, but the result was not attained until after a debate on the bill which continued the greater part of the day to the exclusion of practically all of the business. Set speeches were made by Bacon, in advocacy of his amendment requiring estimates for canal commission salaries, and by Allison, who devoted himself largely to details of the bill; another speech by Culberson, who criticized the employment of Bishop as "press agent," and by Stone, criticizing the purchase of American ships to carry the Panama canal supplies in face of the announced determination to go abroad for vessels under the conditions then existing, and by Newlands, who expressed the opinion that the construction of the canal should have been entrusted to the geological survey.

A substitute for Bacon's amendment offered by Hale was accepted. It specifically requires Congress to be supplied with regular estimates of all the salaries except those paid laborers, both skilled and unskilled. Otherwise the bill was passed as reported from the committee.

During the debate Hale made an authorized announcement that Bishop's duties as press agent would be discontinued.

NOTHING TO NOTHING

Multnomah and Seattle Play Scoreless Game.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—There was nothing to choose between the Multnomah Athletic club and the Seattle Athletic club in today's football game, and it went through with a score of nothing to nothing. It is declared one of the best and most hotly contested games ever played in Washington. Seattle succeeded in keeping the ball in Multnomah's territory a large portion of the time but the closest it got to the goal line was twenty yards.