



## ROCKS ROLLED ON MEN

### Could Workmen Routed By Southern Pacific.

### FORCED TO FLEE AWAY

### Western Pacific Railroad Has a Hard Time Entering California.

### EVERY STEP IS OPPOSED

### Railroad Monopoly Fights Gould—Electric Company Organized to Harass Construction Crews—Unique Methods to Head Off Opposition.

OROVILLE, Cal., Feb. 3.—The Southern Pacific has opened real war against the advancing forces of the Western Pacific with a bombardment of howlers from the mountain sides. George J. Gould had some tough tussles in the East, where he sought to invade the Pennsylvania railroad territory at Pittsburgh and elsewhere, but nothing surpasses the Southern Pacific in making him in the mountain country around Oroville, Butte county.

New tactics of obstruction against the Western Pacific were revealed in the interference of the Southern Pacific with the work of Gould's contractors in the Feather river canyon, where large rocks were hurled down the side of the canyon, endangering the lives of the men engaged in construction work. It is alleged that the Golden State Power Company, believed to be an adjunct of Harriman's line, was organized for the purpose of harassing the Gould interests in the vicinity of Oroville, caused the attack on the Western Pacific laborers in the canyon and compelled them to cease work.

This company alleges that the Gould men are trespassing on its property and is using all its efforts to block their work.

### APPOINTED MANAGER.

### J. J. Gleason Selected Leader of Frisco Ball Team.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—John J. Gleason, athletic leader at the Olympic Club, has finally been appointed manager of the San Francisco baseball team for the coming season. Gleason has purchased the interest held in the club by Henry Harris, former manager of the team.

### ALEXANDRIA ARRIVES.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 3.—Queen Alexandra arrived here this evening and was met at the depot by King Frederick. It is not improbable the funeral of King Christian will be postponed to February 21st in order to permit the attendance of several royal personages, among them King Edward.

## CLERK IS INDICTED ON TWENTY-FIVE COUNTS

CHICAGO, February 3.—Twenty-five indictments were returned today against John A. Linn, clerk of the circuit court and for eight years clerk of the superior court. The charges against Linn are embezzlement, larceny and forgery. In addition to the charges of financial irregularities, Linn is accused of conspiring to keep from the grand jury a witness whose evidence was important in

### McARTHUR RETURNING.

### Major-General MacArthur Coming From Manila to America.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—With the return to the United States of General Arthur MacArthur, who was in the far East as one of the American military observers and who is now enroute to the United States, and with the promotion of General Greely to the grade of major-general there will be two officers to be provided with division commands. The southwestern division is commanded by a brigadier, General Baldwin, but with the assignment of General Lee who commanded one of the departments of that division, to duty in the Philippines, one of the major-generals can be assigned to the command of the southwestern division and still leave a brigadier-general's command for General Baldwin.

Within a few days Major-General Sumner, commanding the Pacific division, will be placed on the retired list, leaving a major-general's command.

It is quite probable that General MacArthur will return to the command of the Pacific division and that the southwestern division will be General Greely's first command as a major-general.

### KNITTING FACTORY BURNS.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—Fire last night destroyed the knitting factory of N. J. Rich & Co., Payne avenue and Seventeenth street and also twenty-one dwellings adjoining. Loss, \$125,000.

## NEARING A CRISIS

### Moroccan Conference Approaching Main Issue.

### ANXIETY OVER THE OUTCOME

### Efforts Being Made by Delegates to Secure Accord Between France and Germany Before Decisive Question is Broached—Police Control is Disputed

ALGERIAS, Feb. 3.—The conference on Moroccan reforms is now freed from most minor questions and finds itself fast approaching the main issue which hinges on who shall control the police of Morocco. The delegates have shown an increasing anxiety at approaching this issue, knowing the intense feeling it has aroused between France and Germany. Efforts are being made to secure accord before the question reaches an open conference and thereby to avert open controversy and open a possible deadlock.

France, on the one hand, wants control of the semi-military police. Germany objects because it will make France virtual master of Morocco's political future. Some of the compromise projects offered are on the following general lines: First, leave the police to the Sultan of Morocco. This avoids Germany's objection to French control and France's objection to international control, but nevertheless is distasteful to France. Another compromise places control in the hands of France and some other country, Spain for example. This incurs Germany's opposition to participation by France in control. Another, which apparently has Germany's approval is an international police, for an experimental period, and if this fails

France will be in position to assume control. France, so far, shows no disposition to accept an international police system even for a limited period. The discussion of a state bank may pave the way for the solution. If Germany is willing to give France a strong hand over Morocco's finances, may be France will consent to international control of the police for the time being.

## DEAD RECOVERED NOW NUMBER THIRTY

### REVENUE CUTTER PERRY PICKS UP 11 BODIES

### Nine Bodies Are Picked Up On Beach at Darling Creek and Two More Are Found at Sea, Totalling Thirty.

### BODIES BEGINNING TO RISE OWING TO DECOMPOSITION

### REVENUE CUTTER PERRY DOES GOOD WORK IN FINDING THE BODIES OF THE LOST VALENCIA PASSENGERS—DECOMPOSITION IS BEGINNING TO SET IN, AND BODIES ARE RISING—VALENCIA IS NOW BROKEN UP, AND MACHINERY OF BOAT IS LYING VISIBLE ON BOTTOM.

VICTORIA, Feb. 3.—A special to the Associated Press from Bamfield tonight states the cutter Perry has succeeded in getting nine bodies from the beach at Darling Creek. The Perry also found two bodies at sea today, making thirty in all.

The sea was smooth today though the surf continued to roll heavily and the bodies are beginning to rise. It is expected more bodies will be recovered from now on. Owing to the advanced state of decomposition the bodies hereafter will be buried where found.

### Lands Sailors.

The Perry, which returned to Bamfield tonight after a day spent in cruising near the scene of the wreck, reports

## MANY HORSES BURNED

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—Fire tonight totally destroyed the Union Elevator in East St. Louis containing a million bushels of wheat. The loss is \$1,500,000. The fire spread to the stables of the St. Louis Transfer Company and 200 horses and as many wagons were burned as well as the building. The fire originated in the engine house of the elevator. Seven dwellings were covered with burning oil from the explosion of four tank cars and destroyed. The occupants escaped. The heavens were brightly lighted and it is estimated 30,000 people viewed the fire from both banks of the Mississippi river and the bridge.

The tank cars which exploded were standing nearly 400 yards from the elevator and contained 1000 gallons each. Just north of the tank cars three strings of loaded freight cars were deluged by the burning oil and destroyed.

(having landed Lieut. Stromberg and six sailors from her crew to relieve the searchers on shore, who are now thoroughly exhausted.

The sea was smooth today, though a heavy surf rolled on the shore, and the wreck of the Valencia could be plainly seen from the deck of the Perry. The outline of the steamer shows plainly in the kelp, and her boilers and cylinders, from which the hull has been broken away, can be seen above the water at low tide. The wreck is not more than

100 yards from shore. Officers of the Perry say the course she took is indicated in the kelp.

### LAWSON HAS PROXIES.

### Will Deliver Insurance Company Proxies to Committee.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—Thomas F. Lawson left here today for Chicago armed with a large number of proxies from policyholders in the Equitable, New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies. Lawson's intention is to deliver the proxies to the committee made up of Governors of the Middle West and West who are assembled in Chicago to discuss the insurance question. Lawson declined to outline his policy or give the names of the Governors. The number of proxies are said to be sufficiently great to command a vote in the affairs of the three companies.

### RELEASED FROM PRISON.

### Theresa Humbert's Health is Failing From Prison Life.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The Figaro this morning states Mrs. Theresa Humbert, the swindler, will be released from prison today. Mrs. Humbert's health has become much worse recently.

### TO ARRANGE GAMES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—J. A. MacDonald, of Vancouver, B. C., the representative of the British Columbia Rugby Football Union has arrived here to perfect arrangements for a series of games between local players and a team of New Zealand champions. Mr. MacDonald will interview the athletic officials of the University of California and Stanford and endeavor to arrange matches with teams from those institutions.

### SERIOUS EXPLOSION.

### Fifty Men Are Seriously Hurt in Mine Explosion.

GENESEE, Feb. 3.—Fifty men were burned many seriously, by an explosion in the Sterling Mine near Schuyler today. The explosion was caused by the accumulation of gas in the sand house near the surface. The men were coming up the shaft at the close of the day's work when the gas was ignited by one of their lamps. A blinding explosion followed. The men were all brought to the surface.

### WILL NOT LOSE MUCH.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—Receiver Essen of the People's United States Bank, is ready to make a 25 per cent payment to depositors and stockholders. The first payment was 30 per cent. The bank will probably repay nearly dollar for dollar.

## TRAIN IS WRECKED

### East Bound C. R. I. & P. Passenger Train is Ditched.

### OREGON PEOPLE ARE HURT

### Locomotive Tender is Derailed Throwing Seven Cars Into Ditch and Down Embankment—Seven Persons Injured—Train Was Traveling at Slow Rate.

DURHAM, N. M., Feb. 3.—Seven were injured, two probably fatally, in the wreck of the east-bound Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger train four miles from Durham today. Among the seriously, but not fatally injured, are: J. H. Dennis, Mrs. Margaret Dennis and Maleta Dennis from Oregon. Two private cars containing members of the Chicago commercial association did not leave the track and the occupants escaped with a bad shaking up. The wreck was caused by the derailment of the locomotive tender. Seven cars were ditched rolling down the embankment. The slow rate the train was traveling prevented a larger loss of life.

### GETS NEW POSITION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Joseph E. Reed, examiner of wool at Boston, has been detailed for service here. He takes the place left vacant by the dismissal of Robert M. Kitching on the order of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw. Mr. Reed has had an extensive experience in the wool business prior to his appointment as examiner of wool at Boston.

## DEMOCRATS UNITE TO DEFEAT DOMINICAN TREATY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The Democratic Senators today perfected what they believe to be a compact for the organization to defeat the Santo Domingo treaty and place the minority in a position to compel a strict party vote on other questions. The spirit manifested in the caucus, in emphatic expression, was that today's action meant the Democrats in the Senate have united for party action on matters affecting party policy. Those who do not abide by the caucus decision will not be re-

## IS PREPARING FOR WAR

### Castro is Taking Elaborate War Measures.

### CALLS FRANCE'S BLUFF

### Venezuela is Ready and Will Fight on French Vessels.

### CASTRO IS NOT AFRAID

### President Has Issued Orders to Fire on First French War Vessel Sighted Cruising in Venezuelan Waters—To Prohibit French Imports.

WILLEMSTAD, Feb. 3.—Passengers from La Guayra, Venezuela, report that President Castro is making every possible war preparation. They said orders have been issued to fire on the first French war vessel sighted cruising in Venezuelan waters. Castro regards the whole French movement as a "bluff" and says he will "not be bluffed" and says he will retaliate by prohibiting the importation of French goods into Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—W. J. Calhoun, the President's special commissioner in the asphalt controversy with Venezuela, has arrived in Washington, and today called at the State Department to consult with Secretary Root in relation to the presentation of facts in his official report.

The decision of the President again to demand of the Venezuelan government a settlement of at least a part of the Asphalt Company's claims, it is said, marks the refusal of the State Department to accept the Venezuela Convention that the asphalt matter is re-adjudicated, having been finally decided by the Venezuelan courts.

### GRAIN RATE LOWERED.

### Rate From New York to Hamburg Cut Five Cents.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The rate on heavy grain from New York to Hamburg by direct steamer was cut yesterday from 17 1/2 cents to 12 1/2 cents for the second half of February loading without inducing the engagement of a single bushel.

Owing to the new German tariff which goes into effect March 1 and which imposes the maximum duties on American grain imported into that country, the steamers sailing from New York for German ports up to the middle of February will, the brokers say, carry a large amount of grain. They are inclined however, to think that very little of our grain will find its way into Germany during the few succeeding weeks.