



PORTLAND IN DARKNESS

Storm Cripples Electric Service of City.

SLEET BREAKS WIRES

Was Completely Isolated for Over Nine Hours Yesterday.

CAR TRAFFIC ALMOST TIED UP

Only in Business Districts Are Street Cars Being Run—O. R. & N. Has Snowslide Near Bridal Veil Falls, Blocking Line.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—A sleet storm as severe as unusual, occurred here last night and today. The storm is distinctly local, affecting only a territory about 75 miles in diameter, having its center in this city. When the maximum of the storm was reached early in the afternoon, telegraph and telephone companies had lost communication with the outside world and for a period of almost nine hours Portland was completely isolated as if it had been lifted off the map. Railroad traffic is seriously affected on one line, the O. R. & N. That line is suffering from a snowslide at Bridal Veil Falls, and this is not expected to delay traffic more than twelve or fifteen hours. Ordinarily the railroad has the Columbia river to fall back on for a transfer of passengers in an emergency of this kind, but at present navigation is tied up. In this city the damage to shade and fruit trees will be heavy. Like the telegraph, telephonic and electric power wires, they are covered with a thick coating of ice, and every district and suburban telephone system is in bad shape. Whole districts are without service because of the uprooting of poles unable to withstand the heavy strain of the weight of the ice-coated wires. The breaking of wires, or the falling of poles, crossed many trolley wires and except in the center of the town where the wires could be continually supervised, no attempt was made by the street car company to operate its lines. Although the Portland General Electric Company has sufficient power, it was considered so dangerous to turn heavy currents through the wires, that the street lights were not lit and except where the streets are illuminated by store windows, the town is in darkness.

NOTED CHICAGOAN DIES.

President Chicago Board of Underwriters Dies of Grip.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Edward McKinstry Teall, and for a number of years President of the Chicago Underwriters Association, died last night after a month's illness of grip and resulting complications.

Mr. Teall was born in Albany, New York, on July 27, 1839.

At the time of his death Mr. Teall was President of the Board of Trustees of the McCormick Theological seminary and president of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society.

ACTORS WED.

Leading Lady of the Hypocrites Marries English Player.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Jessie Millward, leading woman of the "Hypocrites," now playing at the Hudson Theatre, was married last Thursday

morning to John Glendenning, who has a part in the same company.

Miss Millward, who made her reputation here as a leading woman of the Empire Theatre company was born in London and began her career as a member of Sir Henry Irving's company. Mr. Glendenning whose first wife died two years ago, is an Englishman. For several years before coming to America, he toured England with his own company in Shakespearean repertoire.

OLIVER GETS CONTRACT.

Now Practically Assured That He Will Dig Big Ditch.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., the lowest bidder in connection with the contract for the completion of the Panama canal, today notified Secretary Taft that he would complete his contract within the ten days allowed him. He assured the secretary that he was about to associate with him one or more responsible contractors whom he was satisfied would be satisfactory to the President. In speaking of the matter today, Taft said the contract would be given Oliver, if, as he stated, the persons he intends associating with can bear their share of the responsibility.

BEACON FOUND.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Beacon post light No. 2, which went adrift from Tongue Crossing last Friday, was found the following day ashore four miles south of the Gray's Harbor light station. It shows that there is an unusually strong current running north off the Washington coast. Captain P. J. Werlich, lighthouse inspector in this district, was notified this morning that the post light had been found.

ANOTHER SUSPECT

Cigar Dealer Arrested in Connection With Postal Thefts.

BELIEVED TO BE INFORMER

Is Now Being Sweated by Federal Authorities—Postal Inspectors Believe They Have Captured the Five Men Implicated.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—E. Sutter, a young man who conducts a cigar store on First street, between Washington and Alder, and is believed to be implicated with the alleged Sellwood and St. John's postoffice robbers, as an informer and "fence" for the disposal of plunder, is in the custody of the federal authorities, and is being "sweated" in an attempt to learn what he knows about the suspects. Sutter was taken into custody by Constable Lou agner and Detective P. J. Patrick Maher, of the district attorney's office, and questioned at the office of Mr. Manning. He admitted that he knows Wane, the leader of the suspected robbers, that he has loaned him money and that after Wane's arrest an attorney came to him to put up bail for the prisoner. He denied that he had disposed of stolen stamps for Wane or any other of the party.

The officers say that Sutter's brother runs a store at Sellwood, near the postoffice and they believe the boy gave the robbers information about the postoffice. After being questioned by Wagner and Maher the young man was turned over to the postal inspectors for further sweating.

Threat by threat the postal inspectors are weaving a web of evidence tending to prove conclusively that Frank Wane, Charles Anderson and Louis L. Smith were three of the active participants in the Sellwood and St. John's postoffice robberies and that Captain A. Turnbull of chemical company No. 1, and A. F. Bryant, a bartender at Tom Fallon's North End saloon are implicated with the robbers.

TWO HUNDRED ARE KILLED

Terrible Coal Mine Explosion in Germany.

GASES CHECK RESCUERS

Two Explosions Said to Have Occurred Involving Those Aiding.

FIND SEVENTY-SEVEN BODIES

Official Statement of Dead Places List at Less Than Two Hundred, But Reports Says Three Hundred May Be Killed.

SAARBRUEK, Rhenish Prussia, Jan. 28.—A fire damp explosion occurred this morning in the Roden coal mine at St. John-on-Saar, opposite Saarbruek, and caused the loss of from 100 to 200 lives. The mine is owned by the Prussian government. Up to 6 o'clock this evening 77 bodies had been brought out and of these the doctors say that at least thirty-five will die, as they are frightfully injured through having been hurled against the walls of the galleries by the force of the explosion. The official report given out this evening says that the number of dead exceeds 160.

Immediately after the explosion the workers were hurried from all the adjacent mines and they boldly entered the Roden shaft in great numbers. The work of rescue has been greatly hampered by poisonous gases, rising from the explosion and from a fierce fire which broke out immediately afterward. This caused the rescue work to be suspended and workers to be ordered from the mine. When all had reached daylight, according to one version, a second terrific detonation was heard underground. Another report says many of the rescuers were still underground when this second explosion occurred and it is estimated that the total casualty list of the two explosions will reach 300. It is believed that the bottom of the mine is completely wrecked and in order to control the fire the managers are discussing the advisability of flooding the lower levels. It will take a full week to enter the mine.

DENY COMBINE.

Copper Companies Say Raise in Due to Natural Causes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Representatives of some of the largest copper producing companies in the city denied the truth of the letter sent to Attorney General Bonaparte to the effect that copper is being withheld from the market by a combination. They denied the existence of any combination, and declared the situation is a natural one, due to the enormous increase in the demand for copper.

ATTACK SHIP SUBSIDY.

Incidentally Minority of Committee Whack at Republicans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—In the course of the minority adverse report to the House against the Littauer ship subsidy bill, J. J. Hill and E. H. Harriman and the Republican policy of protection are assailed. In discussing the two proposed lines the bill proposes to subsidize between the Pacific coast and the Orient, it says: "But when it is recalled that at Seattle, north of Cape Mendocino, existing a

steamship line, owned by J. J. Hill, and south of it at San Francisco, is a Harriman line, the Pacific Mail, we may begin to suspect there is a nigger in the woodpile. Who are Hill and Harriman? The former is the great railroad magnate of Northern Securities notoriety, who tried to merge vast interests in violation of the law and was only prevented by proceedings in court. Harriman is another leader of corporate wealth who controls more railway trackage than any other man in the world. Is it hard to guess who under this bill would profit by \$1,400,000 of the people's money?"

SCANDAL IN LONDON.

Murder of Prominent Merchant Brings Past Career to Light.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—It now seems doubtful whether the mystery surrounding the killing of William Whiteley, the Westbourne Grove merchant, will ever be unraveled. According to the latest developments it is thought possible that there is some truth in the assertion of Horace George Rayner, who shot Whiteley, that Whiteley was his parent. Rayner's father has come forward with a statement in which he declares the murderer had no right to any other name than that of his mother, a spinster named Emily Turner, now dead. It appears that some thirty years ago Whiteley and the elder Rayner paid attention the two sisters, Emily and Louise Turner. Two children are alleged to have been born to Emily, who, however, subsequently confessed to Rayner that he was not the father of the first child and on account of this he repudiated being the father of the second, though he accepted the responsibility of parentage regarding this particular child. It was this alleged son who shot Whiteley.

TAX FREIGHTS ALIKE

By Boat or Rail it Pays Wharfrage Tax at San Francisco.

SHIPPERS ARE IRRITATED

Lack of Discrimination on Part of Railroads Causes Complaints to the Interstate Commerce Commission by Jobbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane today resumed in this city his inquiry into the affairs of the railroads involving the so-called Harriman merger and the effect of such merger has upon competition between the lines affected. The case is designated as the Pacific Coast Jobbers against the Southern Pacific Company. The shippers complain that they are charged five cents wharfrage tolls on every ton of freight that entered the city, whether it came across the bay or over the coast line, in the latter case there being no lawful wharfrage tax to pay. It was claimed this tax is a discrimination against the commerce of San Francisco as compared with other terminal points on the coast. General Freight Agent Luce in reply to question stated that the Southern Pacific does not divide the toll of five cents with any of the connecting companies. The merger question is to be taken up tomorrow.

TRIED BULLDOZING.

Ex-Congressman Connel Found Guilty of Contempt of Court.

OMAHA, Jan. 28.—Ex-Congressman Connell, one of the leading attorneys of this state, was today found guilty of contempt of court, after a trial lasting several days. Sentence was reserved until tomorrow. Judge Sutton in the "coal trust" suits, so called, accused Connell of trying to bulldoze the court.

JURY NOW COMPLETED

Last of Those to Try Thaw Has Been Secured.

CASE WILL OPEN SOON

Defense Denies it Will Use Emotional Insanity Plea or Higher Law.

SURPRISE SPRUNG YESTERDAY

Declaration by Thaw's Attorney That They Will Not Use Outline for Defense Accredited Them Is Latest Sensation in Case.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Delphin M. Delmas, after the conference, when asked to outline the defense, said: "It would hardly be professional to disclose our case. You may say, however, that it will come strictly within the statutes of New York. There is no higher law in this state, and all this talk about the 'unwritten law' is bosh. Nor can I see the efficacy of a plea of emotional insanity. There is really no such thing. A man may be temporarily insane, but that is quite another matter."

The jury to try Thaw has been completed. When the court adjourned tonight there were nine men in the jury box. It is expected that the taking of testimony will begin Wednesday afternoon. Fifty talesmen were examined this morning and at noon an order was hurriedly issued for the summoning of a hundred additional talesmen. This will make a total of 300 talesmen thus far summoned. All the defendant's family were in court today, Mrs. Harry Thaw and her companion, May Mackenzie, being among the first to arrive. They sat closely grouped in two rows of chairs, just back of the prisoner. As usual they seldom spoke to one another.

BURIED BY DEBRIS.

Twenty Firemen Caught in Falling Walls of Big Building.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Buried under tons of the ice coated debris of the eight story Seneca building on Seneca street, which was destroyed by fire here today, three firemen are probably dead or so badly injured that they will die before aid can reach them. About twenty firemen including the three missing men, were on the roof of the Haywood building, adjoining the Seneca, fighting against the spread of the flames when two thick brick walls of the Seneca building collapsed. Tons of debris crashed down on the roof of the Haywood building, going through the roof and carrying floor after floor to the basement. Not one of the twenty men escaped injury, but half of them were able to fight their way out and to give aid to their less fortunate companions. Rescuers worked all this afternoon, but no trace of the missing men could be found. As the light fell, electric wires were strung into the ruins and tonight the work of rescue was kept up.

ALASKA PACK LARGE.

Nets Millions for Fishermen of the Frozen North.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 28.—Sufficient salmon was shipped from Alaska ports to Puget Sound during 1906 to provide every other man, woman and child in the United States

with one can, the enormous number of 40,157,760 cans having been entered at the customs house at this port. The number of cases involved is 836,620, each case containing four dozen, or a total of 3,346,480 dozen. The wholesale price for this salmon will average close to \$4.50 per case, showing a revenue to Alaska fishermen and canners for the year of \$3,764,790, not counting that portion of the pack retained for home consumption.

RUIN IS POLICY.

Charge Made by Commission Against Standard Oil Company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Interstate Commerce Commission sent to Congress a report of the investigations made by it under the Tillman-Gillespie resolution concerning the relations of common carriers by rail to the production and distribution of oil. The report covers the distribution of petroleum and its products east of the Mississippi River, and, incidentally the Kansas and Texas fields. The report points out generally the methods by which the Standard Oil Company "has built up and perpetuated its monopoly." It is asserted that "the ruin of its competitors has been a distinct part of the policy of the Standard Oil Company in the past, systematically and persistently pursued."

HOLD UP SALOON.

Masked Men Get Two Hundred Dollars at Chehalis.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 28.—Two masked men held up the Tivoli saloon here at 12 o'clock last night, compelling the bartender to open the safe. They got \$200. Two men came in during the robbery and were held up and relieved of small change. No captures have been made.

FOR PRESS CENSORS

Bill Would Have Restrictions for the Daily Newspapers.

WOULD LIMIT ADVERTISING

Joint Postal Commission Desires Touch of Paternal Government to Correct Loss on Carriage of Second Class Mail Matter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The bill of the Joint Postal Commission, just completed, if enacted into law, would create a press censorship in the hands of government employees to determine what information the reading public wants, and extend a paternalistic guardianship over the counting-room by limiting the amount of advertising and specifying just how it shall be printed in the pages of daily papers.

The joint commission started work on the hypothesis that second-class mail matter is carried at a loss to the government and does not pay its proportionate share in revenue. One of the main results of its pondering is the discovery that the newspaper, especially the Sunday edition, has expanded too much in the direction of the magazine. The members of the commission avow that the miscellaneous matter contained in Sunday issue of a newspaper lacks the "quality to make it socially and educationally valuable." They would reform everything by abolishing the Sunday supplement or else make it so innocuous that nobody would care to read it.

A glance at the above provisions of the bill will fully convince any one of the radical nature of the law the commission proposes. It would limit the amount of advertising; it would eliminate all legitimate advertising matter from supplements, and it would prevent the publication in the supplement of all fiction, of all matter of general or useful information regarding the affairs of the world, and make

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