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5,000 LIVES ARE LOST AT VALPARAISO

FIRE WIPES OUT ENTIRE TOWN ON COQUILLE RIVER

Lumber Town of Parkersburg Destroyed by Flames, Every Building Except Two Small Residences in Ashes—Hundred People Without Shelter and Loss Amounts to Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars—San Franciscans Losers

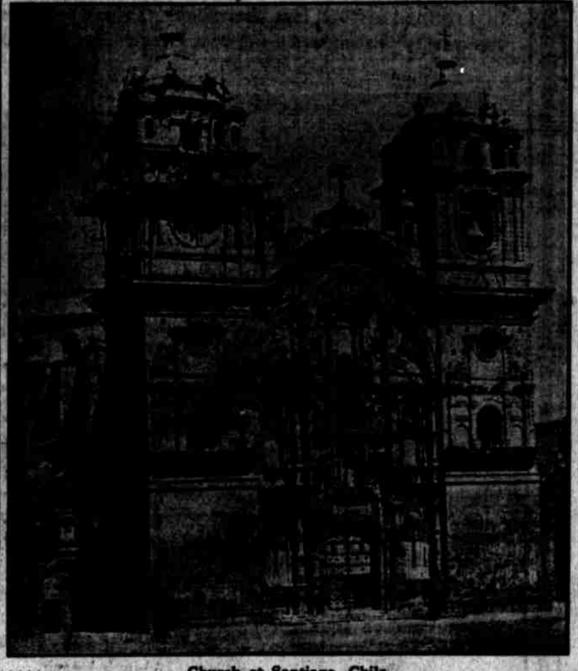
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Coquille, Or., Aug. 18.—As the result of an unexpected gust of wind the town of Parkersburg, situated on the Coquille river, 10 miles from the mouth of the stream, lies in ashes tonight, every building having been burned to the ground with the exception of two small residences on the outskirts; 100 homeless people, former residents of the town, are seeking shelter from the bitter cold of the coast breezes in neighboring farmhouses or the homes of Coquille, and loss amounting to \$150,000, which is not covered by one cent of insurance, falls upon the Coquille Mill & Tug company of San Francisco.

Some slabs were being burned near the big Parkersburg sawmill today, when suddenly a fresh breeze was felt. Within a few moments a sudden gust of wind had scattered the fire and it was beyond control of the men who were endeavoring to guard it. The flames rapidly spread in the dry sawdust and timber heap by and it was but a very short time until the big mill was ablaze.

When the first danger arose and it was seen that the conflagration was beyond the control of the men fighting it a general alarm was sounded and the entire populace turned out to assist in protecting their homes and the property of the towing company. Means of fighting to be found at hand proved to be inadequate and despite the utmost efforts of the men on hand the flames continued to spread.

One after another the big sawmills, the general merchandise store, with its extensive and valuable stock, the boarding-house, wherein the employees of the company were provided with their meals, the bunkhouses, salmon cannery, wharves and cottages were ignited and rapidly consumed by the great conflagration. When the fire subsided it was seen that but two buildings remained, two small residences near what had been the outskirts of the town.

These had been saved by strenuous efforts of a large force of men, who, after seeing that they were wasting time in trying to subdue the main portion of the great conflagration, turned their attention to these two houses, fighting bravely the shower of sparks and cinders constantly falling and threatening to add two more buildings to the general wreck.



Church at Santiago, Chile.

TRUNK LINE ACROSS AMERICA

Harriman Seeks to Acquire New York Central Railroad System and Makes Heavy Purchases of Vanderbilt Line Stock

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 18.—Heavy purchases of New York Central stock are being made by the Union Pacific management, and already a large stock ownership in the Central rests with the Union Pacific. The purchases are understood to be in furtherance of a scheme for a transcontinental line from New York to the Pacific which, if plans are consummated, will be the first really transcontinental line in the country.

It is said that Harriman has long had ambitions in this direction and with \$100,000,000 cash at the Union Pacific's command, to say nothing of the \$20,000,000 made this week by Harriman himself in the Union Pacific squeeze of shorts and the other millions made by the interests allied to him, the Harriman interests are in a position to acquire the New York Central as far as it meets their desires.

Union Pacific is also said to be a heavy borrower for time money in New York which would presage some big deal.

The Vanderbilts system, with its control of the Chicago & Northwestern, extends from New York to Chicago and Omaha, and its rails span the great American desert to Caspar, Wyoming, with an extension to Lander under construction. It has been reported on the best of authority that, while a semblance of cordial relations existed between the Northwestern and the Harriman roads, the former has for the last eight months been surveying on the Oregon side of the Snake River. Engineers working under the closest secrecy have been known to mail bulky reports at Nyssa and Ontario to Superintendent Cantillon of the Northwestern, whose headquarters are at Caspar.

SANTIAGO DESTROYED BY QUAKE AND FLAME

Hundreds of Mutilated Dead Recovered From Ruins of Seaport City of Chile. Casualties at Capital Do Not Exceed Fifty—Fires Extinguished By Heavy Rain. Doomed Cities Shaken By Five Shocks Today—People in Panic Flee to Ships.

Fires Continue to Sweep Through Valparaiso and Entire City Now Doomed to Annihilation

Galveston, Aug. 18, 1 p. m.—Bulletin.—Dispatches came this morning from Valparaiso stating the dead at from 4,000 to 10,000. Martial law has been proclaimed. The conflagration is still raging and the shocks continue at intervals.

Panic Among Stricken Refugees Is Appalling Whole Streets Cave in, Rescue Is Impossible

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Word has come from Santiago, the splendid capital city, that the city is demolished. Fully one half of the town is gone and the flames are sweeping unchecked. Whole blocks of buildings have been hurled into the streets.

While it is now believed that the first reports of damage to shipping in the harbor and along the coast were exaggerated it is yet too early to tell just what has happened. Following the earthquake a severe storm came down from the north and it is blowing a gale from the sea.

BRADY IS SUED FOR \$1,000,000 DAMAGES

Most Sensational Litigation in History of Idaho Begun by Illinois Banker Spalding Who Alleges Conspiracy

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, Aug. 18.—The most sensational litigation in the history of Idaho was instituted today in the United States court when Charles W. Spalding, who claims a legal residence in New Hampshire, brought suit against James H. Brady, chairman of the Republican state central committee and recently a candidate for the United States senate, for the recovery of property valued at nearly \$1,000,000, claimed to have been taken from the plaintiff through fraudulent acts on the part of Brady and his associates during the time that Spalding was serving a sentence in the Illinois penitentiary.

The history of the case, as set forth in the complaint, reads more like one of Victor Hugo's novels than a modern piece of high finance. Spalding was president of the Globe Savings bank of Chicago until April 5, 1897, when that institution went into the hands of a receiver. He was also treasurer of the University of Illinois, and under an arrangement with the trustees of that institution had been loaning its funds, paying 4 per cent interest.

ENDS SPREE BY SHOT THROUGH HIS HEART

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 18.—Peter Halmisky, a Russian, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the heart, and his body was found in a vacant lot tonight.

As soon as he had regained his liberty, Spalding began to look into his affairs. He discovered that the receiver of the Globe Savings bank had collected \$60,000 more than the total liabilities of the bank at the time of his appointment and that the state had been more than made good for its indebtedness; he discovered that his Idaho holdings had been dissipated and no track could be got of them. He also discovered that under the laws of Illinois he was legally and civilly dead.

He went to New Hampshire, his former home, where he rehabilitated himself, securing a legal will as well as a physical existence. He then began accumulating the information which led to the bringing of the action filed today.