

FOUR KILLED, SIXTEEN INJURED IN WRECK

FATAL COLLISION UPON INTERURBAN

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT CRASH HEAD-ON TOGETHER 8 MILES FROM TACOMA

Motor Pushing Four Freight Cars When the Passenger Dashes Down Around Curve. Smoker Split Wide Open and Contents Are Scattered—Nearly All Fatalities and Injuries Were in the Smoker

- The dead: George Ross, conductor. William Harris, third rail man, of Edgewood, body cut in two. William Guyon, motorman. George Rusher of Edgewood. The injured: D. C. Conley of Tacoma, hurt internally. J. A. Ward of Far & Co., badly hurt. A. W. Henderson, 310 South Thirty-fourth street, Tacoma, hurt about head. C. W. Bates, chief steward steamship Nebraskan, injured. George Brockman, chief engineer, injured. A. L. Hoppood, 724 South C street, Tacoma, bruised badly. C. H. Nicholson, 953 Commerce street, barber, bruised about head. A. W. Collins, Edgewood, left leg broken. Martin Johnson, Georgetown, arms broken. Mrs. M. E. Kellogg, Tacoma, bruised.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 26.—Interurban passenger train, No. 2, which left Seattle at 6:30 a. m. today bound for Tacoma, collided with a freight train a mile this side of Edgewood and eight miles from Tacoma at 8 o'clock. Twenty persons embrace the number killed and injured. The freight was crawling up a grade which wound around a curve where the track rises from the water grade to the upland. The motor was behind pushing four freight cars. The passenger dished around the curve and before there was time to think of checking the speed of the train, they had smashed into each other. The passenger motor-car, which contains the smoker, was split wide open by the freight and its fragments scattered on both sides of the track. Fatalities in Smoker. Nearly all the fatalities and injuries were in the smoker. The second passenger coach butted sharply up against the freight car and its front end was considerably splintered and damaged. The people in the coaches were thrown about, shaken and bruised. The injured passengers were cared for in the coaches until aid arrived. Help was promptly sent from Edgewood and everything possible is being done for the relief of the sufferers. A relief train with Dr. Love, Dr. Yocom and other physicians together with several nurses left Tacoma for the wreck. The man was carefully searched by the police and a gold watch and chain belonging to Mr. Monaghan and a valuable fur boa, the property of one of the daughters, were found. Several overcoats, carefully piled up near the front door, showed that the burglar or burglars intended to carry them off. Miss Monaghan was extremely resentful in regard to the capture. She refused to talk to newspaper men and avoided discussing it with friends. She said it was not bravery that she could think of nothing else to do when she caught sight of the man. She is a sister of Esmail J. R. Monaghan, who was killed in Samoa, and whose statue at the corner of Monroe street and Riverside avenue was unveiled recently.

JOHN D.'S FORTUNES SLUMP

Standard Oil Stock Continues Its Downward Tendency—Loses Hundred and Eighty Dollars in Year Due to Investigations

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 26.—Rockefeller's millions are dwindling very fast these days. His holdings in the great Standard Oil company are becoming less valuable every day. Not only for the money the stock could be sold at, but the general absence of demand. A few years ago there were few people who would not have considered Standard Oil security the best in the world, many preferring it to, even the stable old United States government bonds. For the dividends were not so much greater, but the values were considered as stable as the securities guaranteed by the government. Government Prosecution. Perhaps the great preference for Standard Oil helped along the government's prosecution of the big oil combine, but nevertheless since hostilities were begun Standard Oil stock does not hold the attraction to traders it once did. In less than a year Standard Oil value has dropped about \$100 a share—a very uncomfortable loss if you were lucky, or just \$100 less than it was in January. Downward Slump. The highest price reached by Standard Oil stock was \$700 a share. That was in January of this year. Today the issue was quoted on the curb at \$530 a share, or just \$170 less than it was in January. The downward range of Standard Oil since the first of the year shows: January \$700, February \$695, March \$677, April \$651, May \$625, June \$612.50, July \$599, August no bids., September \$505, October \$559.75, November \$551, December 20 \$520, December 26 \$520.

SPOKANE BELLE CAPTURES THIEF

Miss Margaret Monaghan, Sister of Naval Hero, Holds on to Burglar's Coat-Tails Until Her Small Brother Arrives With Double-Barreled Shotgun.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 25.—Tightly grasping the coat-tails of a burglar whom she discovered prowling around in her home at East 217-Boone avenue at about 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Miss Margaret Monaghan held the marauder until her brother, Charles Monaghan, a lad of 12 years of age, could arrive with a double-barrel shotgun of large bore. Then they watched the burglar until officers arrived. About midnight Miss Monaghan heard someone walking about in the house. Jumping out of bed she made a tour of the house and discovered the man in her father's room. Grabbing him by the back of his coat she called loudly for help. Hearing her cries, Charles Monaghan seized a big shotgun belonging to an older brother. Rushing into the room, he covered the intruder. She is a sister of Esmail J. R. Monaghan, who was killed in Samoa, and whose statue at the corner of Monroe street and Riverside avenue was unveiled recently.

ULTIMATUM ISSUED BY COURT TO SCHMITZ

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 25.—In the Schmitz trial this morning Judge Dunes announced that until Codofendant Ruef withdrew his motion to set aside indictments no notice would be taken of the mayor's offer to waive the indictments against him and plead. The court promised a speedy trial, once the motion to set aside the indictments was withdrawn. Schmitz left the courtroom with a disappointed look on his face. The examination of the members of the grand jury that indicted Schmitz and Ruef was then commenced.

ROOSEVELTS TAKE WALK WITH USUAL GUARD

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 25.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt walked out from the White House early this morning and created a panic in the office of the secret service agents when it was announced that the guard usually accompanying them was either lost or left behind. An officer happening to be in the office plucked down the stairs and raced to overtake the distinguished charge. The Roosevelts visited an art store near the treasury building and returned to the White House.

ARSENIC IN STOMACH OF MARTIN VRZAL

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 25.—A chemist today announced the discovery of arsenic in quantities sufficient to cause death in the stomach of Martin Vrzal, the first of that ill-fated family to die. Herman Billeck is accused by witnesses who attended Vrzal until his death.

LETTER ESCAPES PUNISHMENT

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 25.—The coroner's jury today reported that the killing of a negro youth by Joseph Leiter's automobile yesterday driven by C. H. Raymond was an unavoidable accident.

ASSESSOR SIGLER THINKS BUDGET FIGURES TOO HIGH

Coming Councils May Never Get High Assessment Roll From Him Unless They Sign Agreement. The city has grown during the two years, but not in such an extent as will necessitate the largely increased expenditure. "County Assessor Bluford D. Sigler. "The city has outgrown its clothing and needs a new suit. Every cent appropriated is carefully spent, and it will be carefully spent as long as I have anything to say about it. It will be permanent betterments. We need the money and the improvements. We must not slide backward."—Mayor Harry Lane. These are briefly the opinions, first of the man who trebled the assessed

AGAIN TO BE MARRIED



Mrs. James G. Blaine Jr., formerly Miss Martha Hitchborn, daughter of Admiral Hitchborn. She secured a divorce at Sioux Falls last week and now her engagement is announced to Paul S. Pearsall of New York, a former Rough Rider.

MAN AND MILK CAN SPLASH IN RIVER TOGETHER

Captain Amos of the Gasoline Launch Eva Comes to Rescue, Throws Rope Over Struggling German's Head and Drags Him Out.

Captain Amos of the gasoline launch Eva is entitled to an iron cross or some other sort of a medal from Kaiser Wilhelm, because this morning he rescued one of his subjects around the neck and drew him from a watery grave. The man's name was not learned because he was too rattled to remember it, but he delivers milk along the waterfront and this morning he slipped into the cold, cold river at the foot of Stark street. "Hel-lup, hel-lup, hel-hel-hel-lup," came the distressing screams from the river, while Captain Amos was busy preparing breakfast in the kitchen of his well equipped floating home. "Hel-lup! hel-lup-up-up-up!" man overboard" came the cry again, this time less distinct, but more agonizing. "Hel-lup!" Looking out through the port window Captain Amos saw a man struggling frantically in the water, but hanging on with one hand to the rail of the stern-wheel gasoline launch known as the "grocery store." The other hand had a death grip on a milk can partly submerged, but bobbing up and down like a cork on a fish line. After adjusting his sweater the Eva's skipper stuck out an oar to the milkman, but the latter was so excited that he refused to let go either the can or the hold on the rail. Unable to grab him with his hands Amos secured a long rope and finally succeeded in throwing a loop over the German's head. Then he pulled him loose and ashore.

SIX ITALIANS VICTIMS OF THE DREAD MAFIA

JAPANESE PLAN REVOLT IN CUBA

Governor Magoon Investigating Report That Mikado Is Abetting Insurrections in Philippines, Hawaii and West Indies to Begin in March.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 26.—A cablegram to the World from Havana says: Governor Magoon is investigating a report that the Japanese are planning an insurrection in February against American rule in Cuba, the Philippines and Hawaii. This information was given to the American governor by Mr. Pardini, a government official. Five Japanese are said to have been taking photographs and measurements of the fortifications at Havana. The secret police have been shadowing five Japanese for three weeks. Magoon ordered the police to watch them, but not to molest them. Pardini overheard a conversation between the Japanese, who talked of planning an insurrection among the negroes in Cuba simultaneously with insurrections in the Philippines and Hawaii. The Japanese plot is said to be due to the antipathy of the mikado to the United States. This antipathy dates back to the Russo-Japanese peace conference at Portsmouth and was accentuated by the killing of Japanese seal poachers and the exclusion of Japanese from schools attended by white children in California. The Japanese obtained entrance to the new batteries at Havana and Cabañas by pretending to be reporters for the Havana Post. They were well appearing and spoke five languages. They lived in poor quarters in the suburbs. Suspicion was aroused and they moved to another address. Sunday secret police found them and they scattered again. It is said a German acquaintance of Governor Magoon fears arrest.

RUSSIANS TRYING TO EXTRADITE GERSHUNIE

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 26.—Warnings have been received by the American western wing of the Russian revolutionary party that agents of the St. Petersburg government are active in trying to secure the extradition of Gregor Gershunie. Gershunie escaped from Siberia, where he was exiled for instigating the assassination of Von Plehva, the noted conservative and reactionary. After his escape he came to this country, landing at San Francisco and has been lecturing to raise funds for the revolutionists.

ORE WORTH FIFTEEN DOLLARS THE POUND

(Journal Special Service.) Thorne, Nev., Dec. 26.—The Fininger company of Philadelphia, lessee of the famous Dutchman mine, has uncovered a large body of high grade ore. A 10-pound specimen assayed \$20,000 to \$25,000. There is great excitement here and the mine is closely guarded.

ANNA NOT QUITE DONE PAYING THE FIDDLER

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Gould was today held liable to pay, jointly with her former husband, Castellane, two claims, it being shown that certain jewels purchased had been delivered to the countess. One claim was for \$24,000 worth of diamonds.

GRAND JURY FINISHES PROBING INSURANCE

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 26.—A special session of the grand jury is being held this afternoon to clear up the investigation of the New York Life Insurance company. Several of the company's bookkeepers were examined. It is understood the grand jury will report Friday.

SOME HACKED TO PIECES, SOME CHARRED BY FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS HOUSE

Panic in Foreign Quarter Follows Discovery of Outrage—Police Called Upon With Firemen to Subdue Excitement, and Maintain Order—Men Struck Down Unawares and Several Engaged in Slaughter

(Journal Special Service.) New Orleans, Dec. 26.—A Mafia plot, working secretly in New Orleans for years, it is thought, is responsible for the death of six Italians found murdered this morning in a tenement-house in Dumaine street. Some of the victims were burned to death, others hacked to pieces and mutilated. There was such a panic in the Italian quarter following the discovery of the bodies that the police reserves were forced to call upon the firemen for assistance to maintain order. The bodies of the victims were hacked to pieces. It is believed they were killed early last evening. As no screams were heard it is thought several persons were engaged in the slaughter and that the men were struck down unawares. The attempt to burn the bodies was probably made after the victims were dead, in an effort to hide the crime. Work of the Mafia. The murderous work of the Mafia in New Orleans began in 1888, culminating in June, 1890, in a desperate fight between two factions on the streets. This determined the municipal authorities to break up the organization. In order to prevent this, it was alleged, the Mafia, in October, 1890, murdered Hennessey, chief of police. Arrests were made but a jury failed to convict. In March, 1891, six of the arrested men had escaped conviction and 10 were in jail with the prospect also of a similar verdict. The people of New Orleans believed the men to be guilty and a mob broke into the jail and shot 11 of the prisoners including those who had been acquitted. The incident led to a controversy between the Italian government and the United States and to the temporary withdrawal of the Italian minister, but an amicable agreement was reached, by the terms of which the United States indemnified the relatives of the victims. Two Kinds of Mafia. For a long time local police authorities refused to recognize the Mafia as an organization. They said it was a bugaboo and that "a society" it did not exist. The numerous crimes attributed to the Mafia, they said, were for the most part private vendettas or the work of small, scattered, unrelated gangs of counterfeiters and blackmailers. But the multiplicity of murders within the Italian districts of large cities during the past few years has forced upon police officers everywhere the realization that there really exists in this country, as well as in Italy, a most powerful society founded on the principle of vengeance and that the methods of this criminal organization are murder, blackmail, intimidation and perjury.

MISSOURI POSTOFFICE SAFE BURGLARIZED

(Journal Special Service.) Warrenton, Mo., Dec. 26.—Robbers this morning cracked the safe of the postoffice in this city and stole \$1,200 worth of stamps and \$400 United States Marshal Morsey with a posse is on the trail.

BANKER TABOR RUNS FOR CAR AND DIES

(Journal Special Service.) Marion, Ind., Dec. 26.—Thomas Tabor, aged 50, a banker of Argos, Indiana, ran for a car this morning and the exertion caused heart failure. He died just as he arrived in this city.

SNOW STORM BLOCKS TRAFFIC IN LONDON

(Journal Special Service.) London, Dec. 26.—Great Britain is swept by a blizzard. Two inches of snow blocks traffic in London. Several ships were wrecked along the coast.

SETS ASIDE USURIOUS SALES

Sheriff Stevens Will Not Permit the Collection of High Interest on Tax Sales—Owners Can Redeem at Reasonable Charge

Usurious interest on tax sales cannot be collected through Sheriff Stevens' ceaselessly. Any effort to collect excessive interest through the tax department will be fought by the sheriff in the courts. Many sales of taxes were formerly made to bidders who asked as high as 1,000 per cent interest a year on the amount of the taxes. The owner of the property has three years after the sale in which to redeem his property by paying to the sheriff the amount of the tax and the interest at the rate bid by the buyer. Sheriff Stevens said this morning that where a rate of interest that exceeded the legal rate of 10 per cent had been bid, he would accept from the owner of the property seeking to redeem the amount of the tax, and the 10 per cent legal rate of interest, and tender it to the holder of the certificate of tax sale. Should the holder of the certificate insist on collecting his usurious interest and refuse to accept the tender of the sheriff and surrender the certificate Mr. Stevens declares that he will refuse to give deeds when the period of redemption has expired. Thousands of Cases Entered. In a number of cases where the sale had been at 1,000 per cent interest, the sheriff has accepted 10 per cent from the owners of the property who desired to redeem it. So far none of the holders of certificates have consented to accept less than the rate of interest they bid. The period of redemption for tax sales for the roll of 1903 expires next Saturday, December 28. The sheriff (Continued on Page Two.)