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POWDER MILL EXPLOSION KILLS 5 AND INJURES 40

THREE MEN KILLED IN COLLISION

Dispatcher's Mistake Causes Wreck of Fast Passenger Trains Near Tulsa—Many Passengers Are Injured in Smashed Coaches.

Westbound Frisco Express Is Rammed by Eastbound Train on Long Curve Four Miles East of Indian Territory Town Yesterday.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) Tulsa, I. T., Aug. 24.—Running at high speed, westbound Frisco fast passenger train No. 497, due here at 2:35 p. m. and eastbound passenger train No. 422, due here at 2:55, collided at a long curve, four miles west of here this afternoon.

Three persons are known to have been killed and a score injured. The dead: Christ Bentz, Monett, Missouri, westbound engineer.

W. C. Snook, Conway, Missouri, an injured fireman, who was being taken to a hospital.

George Angers, Oklahoma City, fireman, accompanying Snook.

The injured: James Sauer, Monett, Missouri, fireman.

W. B. Hill, Monett, Missouri, engineer.

J. Walker, St. Joseph, Missouri.

W. B. Baumgarten, St. Louis, Missouri.

M. A. Coe, Monett, express messenger.

E. J. Shipley, Kansas City.

J. J. Glanfield, Tulsa.

W. M. Blake, St. Louis, express messenger.

Will Randolph, mail clerk.

Frank Burford, Tulsa.

W. O. Tucker, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Mrs. Millie Henderson, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Walter Boyard, Sapulpa, Indian Territory.

Mrs. Garret Bristow, Oklahoma City.

W. W. Burns, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

E. Cook, Red Fork.

The dead were removed to their homes and the injured brought to the hospital here. The trains were loaded with passengers, but the dead were all trainmen. The accident was due to the mistake of a dispatcher.

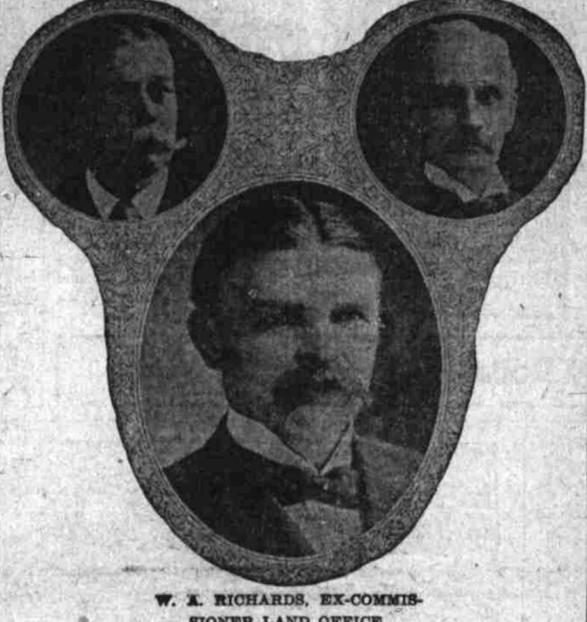
NAVY YARD EXPLOSION INJURES THREE MEN

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) Norfolk, Va., Aug. 24.—Little hope is entertained tonight for the recovery of two of the three men injured today in an explosion of an air compressor used in fitting torpedoes in the power house at the Norfolk navy yard.

The accident occurred while ordnance officers were testing the air compressor. A heavy sheet of armor plate placed as a protection in case of accident was blown 100 feet.

STEFFEN'S STORY OF THE OREGON LAND FRAUDS TELLS OF HERMAN'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

"THE WYOMING PUSH" SENATOR C. D. CLARK. SENATOR F. E. WARREN.



STRIKERS' FIGHT IS FAR FROM BEING SETTLED

Arrival of President Small in New York Will Make Conditions More Aggressive—Railroads Will Not Force Operators to Handle Non-Union Messages.

(Closest News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Aug. 24.—That the strike of the commercial telegraphers will become more aggressive with the arrival of National President S. J. Small from Chicago tomorrow is the declaration of local leaders. They are not yet ready to place hope in immediate arbitration.

In spite of the fact that big labor men from various parts of the country will be in the work of arbitration, Charles E. Samuel Gompers will head the peace delegation which comes for a conference. John Mitchell was said today to be on his way from Indianapolis to aid in the work of arbitration.

Whether or not there will be a peace conference Monday afternoon will be decided after Mr. Small has looked over the local situation. It is possible that the labor men will endeavor to secure a hearing from President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay.

The feature of the strike today was the initial appearance of Fair Play, the strikers' organ. It is a neatly printed paper, and sold readily wherever offered.

B. Brooks of the Western Union, in a statement today, said: "I want to say with emphasis that so far as we are concerned the strike is over. While there are men among the strikers I should like to see return to our operating rooms for their value as experts, there is not one whom we would make any special effort to get back."

"A wrong impression has gone forth that we are fighting organized labor. We are not. We gave the operators full permission to join any organization they wished so long as they did not inject it into our affairs."

"But we will not deal, however, with any committee of a union. No officer of this company will recognize or even see Mr. Small if he comes to New York. The Western Union is carrying on its business in a normal condition and without overworking a single member of its operative staff."

This comment called forth an outburst from Chief Strategist Russell, who said: "We know what the Western Union did when the telegraphers' union passed a resolution that its members should not operate gambling wires. They put nonunion men on the wires and continued to give active assistance to the gambling element."

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NELSON MORRIS IS DYING

Veteran Packer, Who With the Elder Armour Built Up the Chicago Yards, Is Suffering From Arteriosclerosis Brought on by Business Worries.

(Closest News by Longest Leased Wire.) Chicago, Aug. 24.—Nelson Morris is critically ill and late tonight his condition is very grave and his chances of recovery are very unfavorable. In his old wooden mansion at Indiana avenue and Twenty-fifth street the great packer lies, surrounded by a tender family group, constantly under watch of the nurses and the two doctors.

His ailment is that destroyer that has prematurely claimed the lives of so many men of commercial pursuits, "arteriosclerosis."

As physicians describe it, death is gradually drawing near through the thickening of the blood vessels about the heart, aggravated by an affection of the kidneys.

The underlying cause is the too strenuous life-long hours of close application, the tension of tremendous business cares, the need of rest and the never-ending battles in the war for millions.

All these elements, combined with the advanced age of the eminent patient—he is past 65 years—have discouraged the physicians and they believe

BATTLE OF TWO STATES

Oregon Versus Wyoming in Struggle for Control of Land Office—Exposures of Graft and How They Came to Be Made.

(Portion of article by Lincoln Steffens in the September American Magazine.) This country owes as much to Ethan Allen Hitchcock as it does to the ancestor after whom he was named. The debt may never be paid. Mr. Hitchcock is not a popular figure. Undemocratic, uncommunicative, independent, he was in office no respecter of persons. To the president a crooked senator is a senator; Mr. Roosevelt plays the game. To his ex-secretary of the interior, a crooked senator is a crook. He cannot play the game.

Ancient Order of Land Grant. Mr. Hitchcock was not expected, nor did he intend to perform this great service. Outside of the grafters, few men knew that there was an organized system of land grabbing. Who realized that the great captains of pioneers who had "cleared" Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota had perfected methods by which they were stripping and "fencing in" for themselves Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

Not Mr. Hitchcock's wife imagined that this corruption had extended from the petty land offices to county and state officials, thence to legislatures and governors and finally to congressmen and United States senators who, in turn, "stood in" with all the representatives at Washington of all the "protected" businesses which get privileges out of the government; and

and, moreover, that these men were controlling the judicial, legislative and the executive branches, not only of states and territories, but of the federal government.

Work of a Priest. Mr. Hitchcock let the ring investigate and when men like Binger Hermann himself, Secretary of the land office and an ex-congressman from Oregon, where the land business was understood—when such men reported again and again that they were being "fenced in" by the great captains of pioneers who had "cleared" Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota had perfected methods by which they were stripping and "fencing in" for themselves Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

There was a priest, for example, the Rev. Joseph Schell of Tillamook county, Oregon, who ousted some poor parishioners adversely on present-day Christians. He followed the banker of the gang to the bank of the banker and thence to the office of the federal land agents.

Father Schell gathered facts, records, evidence, which Secretary Hitchcock's prosecutors told me they wished they had had. This tireless priest reported that fact to the local land office, the United States district attorney, to the Interior Department at Washington, and to the newspapers. He knocked at

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DIVORCE GIVEN TO MRS. TRIGGS

Man Who Classes Rockefeller With Shakespeare Loses His Wife.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) Chicago, Aug. 24.—Judge Chetlain has decided to grant Mrs. Laura Starrette McAdoo-Triggs a divorce from her husband, Prof. Oscar L. Triggs, the noted educator.

Triggs, who is famous as a sensationalist among other things, is the genius of John D. Rockefeller equalled that of Shakespeare; compared with the present-day Christianity, and disclaimed belief in the sacredness of the marriage tie. It was his conduct in pursuing the latter theory which gave Mrs. Triggs grounds for divorce. She is now in Paris.

Minnie Fagan, a young student of striking beauty, who is described as the professor's "physical affinity," is named as the co-respondent.

The testimony on which the divorce was granted was given by Herman Keuhn as follows:

"I entered Professor Triggs' room and found him sitting on a sofa disrobed. Some one was lying on the sofa and a small pink foot was protruding from beneath the covers. It was too small to be a man's foot and was not a child's foot. The toes were small and pink. Professor Triggs started up suddenly and I backed out of the room."

Triggs graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1879, obtained a position on a local newspaper and is said to have been discharged for comparing a society woman with a well-fed cow.

"THE OREGON BUNCH" SENATOR CHARLES W. FULTON, THE LATE SENATOR MITCHELL.



MIZNER SAYS DIVORCED SPOUSE IS FLAT BROKE

Former Mrs. Yerkes Said to Have Been Mulcted by False Friends Who Induced Her to Involve Her Fortune in Endless Litigation.

(Closest News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Aug. 24.—Mary Adelaide Mizner is free to marry again should she desire to do so. Justice Guy in the supreme court today signed the final decree for the divorce from William Mizner. She was married to Mizner shortly after the death of her husband, Charles T. Yerkes, the street railroad magnate, and within a few months sued Mizner for an absolute divorce. She charged him with improper conduct with a woman whose name was not disclosed.

A few hours after Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner had been granted a final decree of divorce, the man whom she married after Charles Yerkes' death made an astounding statement that she is in financial distress. Mizner in his hotel in Forty-ninth street said when he heard the news of the decree:

"I am glad that it is all over and the trial is ended. I am sorry for this woman, for I know that she has been the hands of friends who have fleeced her, forced her to the wall and caused her to depend upon the charity of others for her subsistence."

"Just one third of the estate," he continued, "such as it was, was allotted to Mrs. Yerkes. But then came the demands of these 'friends' who found the pitiful financial state in which she now finds herself. They coddled and caajoed her. They instilled into her mind the idea of relinquish her claim to this one third."

"When Mrs. Yerkes acceded to the demands of these 'friends' she found that she had been mulcted. These supposed kind-hearted persons who had induced her to lay claim to one half of an estate that was so tied up that tedious, nerve-racking litigation would be necessary to acquire any part of it, ruined her."

"As a result of the plotting done by those interested in her affairs Mrs. Yerkes was unable to discover of just what the estate consisted. She derived no income from it, and hence was compelled, as I say, to practically throw her life upon the charity of relatives and friends. She has little money now, and but little hope of getting much."

Mizner denied he had married Mrs. Yerkes from mercenary motives, saying her estate had been so tied up that no one knew what it consisted of and

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NEW SULTAN OF MOROCCO

Fierce Struggle for Throne Expected to Result From Mouley Hafiz Proclaiming Himself Ruler of Moors. Is Marching on Casa Blanca.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) Tangier, Aug. 24.—A fierce struggle for the Moroccan throne is expected here as a result of Mouley Hafiz proclaiming himself sultan in Morocco City a week ago, according to advices brought here today. He was hailed as leader by his followers.

The tribes of southern Morocco are rallying to the standard of Mouley Hafiz and it is expected Abdul Aziz, the present sultan, will have a hard fight to hold his throne against his determined rival in view of the support sure to be given the pretender by the dissatisfied tribesmen of the south.

The proclaiming of Mouley Hafiz as sultan was accomplished with great ceremony, today's advices state. A salute of four guns marked his assumption of the throne, and there was a notable review of his army. Chieftains of half a dozen of the fiercest and most warlike tribes immediately paid their homage to their new sultan and promised their aid in ousting Abdul Aziz.

Mouley Hafiz immediately formed a court and announced Jabba Cureak, pasha of Kasbah, as his vizier. He announced his intention of naming his

brother, Mohammed, as khalif of Fez. Mouley Hafiz is supposed to be now on his way to Casa Blanca, a fierce attack on the European armies there is expected on his arrival. An attack on Casa Blanca may prove more than the French and Spanish forces can meet.

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WOMEN IN PANIC AT BAY CITY

Sound of Explosion Starts Riot at California Fruit Canners' Plant and Wild Rush for Open Air Ensues in Which Many Are Injured.

Waving Knives and Tearing at Each Other Like Wild Beasts, Italian Women Try to Escape From What They Believe Is Quake.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Aug. 24.—Five dead and two score injured are the latest figures tonight as the result of the explosion of nitro-glycerine today in the mixing house of the Dupont powder works at Sobrante, 18 miles north of Berkeley. Many of the injured will die.

In addition scores of persons were thrown into a panic by the terrible detonation and shock when three tons of the explosive went up, and were injured in surrounding towns.

The first idea was that another earthquake had struck the community. The panic this belief caused is responsible for the injuries of many. The mixing house, washhouse and acid separating house were wrecked. A moment later the debris from the building burst into flames. Three employes are said to have been burned to death in the separating house. Two of the dead, Richard Thompson and William D. Deane, were in the mixing room. Their bodies were shattered to bits and the pieces scattered over a wide area.

Frightful as was the scene at the plant, where 100 employes fled in wild confusion from the yet unruined workhouse while the earth rocked and shook, more frightful was the frenzied aftermath five minutes later here in San Francisco, when 500 canned employes of the California Fruit Canners' association, mostly Italian, were in the streets, waving knives and tearing at each other with their fruit-peeling knives, men and women in one fearful swirl, inspired by the mad fear that the boilers in the basement had exploded and that they were all to be incinerated if they did not escape.

An Appalling Disaster. The disaster will rank as one of the most appalling in the history of powder explosions in California.

Absolutely without warning the nitro-glycerine, which had been stored in the mixing house for four tons of nitro-glycerine, exploded at 11 minutes after 11 o'clock. Within the space of three minutes the mixing house, containing two tons of the high-power explosive, exploded.

Blazing embers and brands, hurled high into the air, fell upon ruined buildings and upon the grass in surrounding fields. Within 10 minutes the plant was in flames and by nightfall, despite the heroic efforts of scores of volunteer firemen, the powder works

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CAMERON IN LINE FOR SALEM CHAIR

Police Judge Is Whittling His Sticks for the Governorship.

From police judge to chief executive of Oregon. Such is the ambition of George J. Cameron, present municipal judge of the Rose City. His friends have launched a boom throughout eastern and southern Oregon and Mr. Cameron says it "looks good to him."

The announced ambition of Judge Cameron to fill the executive shoes now worn by George E. Chamberlain comes as a surprise to the greater number of the people of the state perhaps, for the microbes of his malady has never before become visible to the naked eye. But Judge Cameron thinks he is in the running and in the lead of the bunch.

"I know how we go but after things," he said last night. "I am not afraid of anything along the line."

Judge Cameron is a Republican and will make a strenuous effort to secure the nomination of his party. But hand in hand with his republicanism is his

remembrance of the bloodiest blood fight in his veins and his Italy he is one of the vote-getting agencies of the gubernatorial battle.

Already in eastern Oregon and in the southern part of the state friends of the Portland attorney and judge have been launching a boom through the people of the state. The people of Scotch ancestry and members of the Chamberlain club throughout the state are preparing the Cameron boom and

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JOURNAL'S WORDS ARE APPLAUDED

Depositors of Defunct Bank Agree to "Lend a Helping Hand."

At a largely attended meeting of depositors of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings bank at the Empire theatre last night the suggestion of The Journal that everybody lend a helping hand toward raising a fund to restore the confidence of the country in Oregon and Oregon institutions was loudly applauded when the editorial which appeared in Thursday's Journal under the head "Lend a Helping Hand," was read by G. M. Hirsch.

Mr. Hirsch followed closely along the spirit of the editorial and remarked that the time had come for the people to show their stand in the affair and favored each depositor lending his aid toward the movement. His remarks were loudly applauded and the executive committee which was afterward appointed decided to call upon C. B. Jackson, publisher of The Journal, and confer with him upon the best way to proceed.

At the meeting was enthusiastic and also conservative and frowned upon all attempts at radicalism. Those present were opposed to the action of the creditor who filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the bank in the United States district court, and will ask that it be withdrawn for the present.

The following were appointed to act with President J. L. Day and Secretary A. Richmond as members of the executive committee: G. M. Hirsch, Frank Malvin and E. J. Molnar.