

POWDER WORKS BLOWS UP AND JARS ENTIRE COUNTY

MANY SUFFER WOUNDS IN ACCIDENT

Desperate Efforts Being Made at Trojan Company's Plant in San Leandro to Prevent Spread of Flames.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Leandro, Cal., Feb. 17.—With four men missing, 14 known to be seriously injured and a score slightly wounded as a result of the terrific explosion at the Trojan Powder Works at Roberts Landing, hundreds of volunteers are working desperately this afternoon to prevent the fire from spreading to other magazines which are nearby and are in imminent danger of letting go.

San Leandro, Cal., Feb. 17.—With a roar that startled the people of this city and vicinity and a detonation that shook the surrounding country the Trojan Powder Works of this city blew up today and was afterwards totally destroyed by fire.

Over the men and women were employed in the plant and were at work when the explosion occurred at 10:45 o'clock. The plant is at Roberts Landing, some distance from the heart of San Leandro.

Soon after the explosion occurred a score or more of farmers in the vicinity drove their wagons as near to the blazing buildings as they dared and began the work of rescue. The injured were placed in open wagons and automobiles and hurried to the Alameda county hospital two and a half miles away.

Soon after the fire had gained headway a Southern Pacific train drew into the west San Lorenzo station and several of the injured were placed aboard and rushed to the county hospital.

It is believed at Palo Alto that the shock was due to an earthquake and the classes at the Stanford university were dismissed.

The force of the explosion was so great that hundreds of persons who were in the vicinity of the plant were stunned and it was several minutes before they were able to get up.

YUCATAN DUMPS BERG; BEACHED AT MUD BAY

Seventy Passengers Aboard, Skagway to Alaska; Taken Off in Safety—Santa Ana Sails to Their Relief.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 17.—The Alaska Steamship company's liner Yucatan, southbound from Skagway to Seattle, hit an iceberg in icy straits this morning. She is beached at Mud bay, 25 miles from Hoonah. No lives were lost. The Santa Ana has sailed in relief. There were 70 passengers aboard. The ship is badly damaged.

The Yucatan is a 3255 ton boat, built on the Atlantic coast, and is an old ward liner. She was brought around the horn to Seattle two years ago and put into the Alaska service, on which run she has operated regularly.

Officials at the local offices of the Alaska Steamship company received their first word of the wreck from the United Press. They had no list of passengers. Captain W. P. S. Porter of Seattle commands the Yucatan.

2 BECOME 1 AT THE DALLES, OR., IN 210 SECONDS

Special Dispatch to Journal. The Dalles, Or., Feb. 17.—Records for quick wedding ceremonies were broken here yesterday afternoon, when Louis and Sara, an electrician of White Salmon, and Miss Laura M. Lee were made husband and wife.

Mr. Sorg and Miss Lee applied to the county clerk for a license, and told the clerk they were in a hurry to have the knot tied, as the electrician of White Salmon, and the lady wanted to catch the westbound train which was due to leave the depot in 15 minutes.

TROUBLES IN ARMY AND NAVY STIR WASHINGTON

CARR LEAVES MAUS CLEARS HIS POST IN NAVY

Reflex of Hopkins Affair Ascribed to Inter-Departmental Strife—Hint That Commandant Phelps Must Go.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 17.—The hint that an effort may be made to remove Rear Admiral Thomas Phelps as commandant of the Mare Island navy yard is believed here to foreshadow a sensational conflict in naval affairs that will reach to the highest seats in Washington.

Following the removal of Commander C. A. Carr from his position as head of the engineering department of the yard, it has been suggested that Secretary Meyer, displaced with the fact that Phelps has given support to the Newberry plan of the administration of naval affairs, may endeavor to establish an entirely new regime at Mare Island. Friends of Admiral Phelps point out that he stands in high favor with the entire California delegation in congress. It is said Phelps is particularly friendly with Senator Perkins, head of the naval affairs committee in the senate, and some of Phelps' supporters intimate that perhaps the admiral, though subject to the regular discipline of the department, may perhaps have more power than some officials at Washington may suppose.

There is no doubt whatever that any effort to remove Phelps will result in a big row and it is believed here that his influence in congress would make it possible for his friends to give Secretary Meyer considerable trouble.

Meyer Would Reverse Newberry. The general dissatisfaction and unrest in naval circles has grown out of the conflict which resulted from the action of Secretary Newberry in placing the construction department in a position superior to the engineering department and making a naval constructor the general manager of the navy yard. This policy was put into effect throughout the organization.

When Meyer became secretary he decided to make the plans of Newberry and institute the Meyer plan, which contemplates the establishment of two great coordinate branches and does away with the ranking of one department over another.

Phelps' Friends Criticize Meyer. Friends of Phelps here think Meyer has made a mistake in accepting figures submitted to him by Rear Admiral Cone, who is at the head of the engineering department of the navy, and is thus naturally opposed to the Newberry plan, which placed the construction department in a position of superiority. They point out that the secretary could have obtained a more comprehensive view of the situation if he had also obtained statements from the chiefs of the construction branch.

The officers in the construction department here contend that the Newberry plan was put into effect more successfully at Mare Island than at any other navy yard, and that the best results were obtained from it here.

ELOPEMENT OF CHINESE WIFE MARS CELEBRATION OF CHINATOWN NEW YEAR

New Year's celebration in Chinatown has been marred by the elopement of Dorothy Kay, wife of Lee Kay, a prominent commission merchant at 331 Flinders street. She imitated Hanna Kam Far, wife of Lee Foo, another merchant, in emptying her husband's safety deposit vault. Dorothy Kay took \$500 belonging to her husband, their marriage certificate, and \$240 belonging to a member of the firm.

FIGHT TO OWN LIGHTING PLANTS

Eastern Interests Start War of Finance for Control of Gas and Electric Lighting Business in the Northwest.

With the struggle centering in the Washington cities of Vancouver, North Yakima and Walla Walla, a fierce war of finance for supremacy in the gas and electric lighting business of the northwest, has begun, between H. M. Byllesby & Co., of Chicago, Ill., and the General Electric company, which recently purchased the Portland Gas company.

Following the purchase of the Olympia Gas & Power company of Olympia, Wash., Tuesday by the Byllesby interests, after a hard fight, the scene of battle has shifted to Vancouver, Wash. And in the meantime both great interests have opened negotiations for the purchase of the North Yakima and Walla Walla gas plants.

Strengthens Control. Within the last six months H. M. Byllesby & Co. have obtained control of the Northwestern Gas company of Everett, Wash., Tacoma Gas company of Tacoma, Wash., the Olympia Gas & Power company of Olympia, Wash., and the Coos Bay Light & Power company of Coos Bay, Or. Francisco has been obtained for lighting plants in Chobals, Wash., and Centralia, Wash. The General Electric company has control of the Astoria Gas company of Astoria, Or., and recently acquired the Portland Gas company.

Staying at the Hotel Portland today are H. M. Byllesby, president of the H. M. Byllesby & Co.; C. E. Goosbeck of San Diego, Cal., vice president and general manager of the western interests of the company; F. N. Stearns of Chicago, Ill., one of the heaviest stock-

FINDS WIFE IN A LONELY CABIN

Mrs. M. E. Williams' Left Her Wealthy Husband in Butte to Lead Mountain Life on Claim.

Was it? That is the question. Was it love, or was it beans and bacon and hard-cooked bread? Was it the beating of a bleeding heart marking off the time and tune of love, or was it the cry of the senses calling for luxury and ease? Only Mrs. E. M. Williams of Butte, Montana can tell. Undoubtedly she will say it was love, now.

Once upon a time, as the story books say, there was a happy, happy home away up in the smelter smoke of Butte. In that home lived M. E. Williams, who was a cattleman of wealth who branded his long horned beef on a hundred hills. In the home was a young wife, who had much that money could buy, and who seemed to be without a care.

Mrs. Williams Flees. Suddenly, about a year ago, the comparative quiet of Butte society was interrupted by the news that Mrs. Williams had fled, leaving no trace or track. Anxious friends and parents and relatives, not to speak of the anxious husband, hunted high and low, but their clues led them to nothing and they at last returned disheartened.

In the meantime a young woman appeared before the land office in Portland and fled upon a timber claim in the "T-8" district. The place was miles away from a railroad, without mail except when the lone settlers tracked through the unbroken forests to the distant postoffice. Here the wife, for it was Mrs. Williams, believed she could find solitude and forgetfulness.

But Mrs. Williams had been reared in the midst of civilization. She knew not how to hoe logs and rear rude houses for her comfort. The pioneer life soon lost its charm and the shadow of suffering began to peer at the lonely woman.

Second Chapter Begins. Then began the second chapter. A solitary man, settled some miles through the forest, stumbled across the rude shelter charged her husband with taking her jewelry. It has been learned she attempted at that time to have him arrested so she could carry out her plans with her Chinese affinity.

The cash drawer of the partner. That was the last seen of her. A custom among the Chinese closely followed is that the wife shall not be seen on the street in company of any one except her husband. This was where the woman made a mistake. She was seen with her affinity, and the husband was informed. He immediately began an investigation and discovered he had been deserted. A visit to the bank in the Chamber of Commerce building yesterday showed his wife had taken his money and jewelry.

PRETTY GIRL WHO WILL WED TEDDY JUNIOR



Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander of New York, who will wed Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of ex-President Roosevelt. Colonel Roosevelt does not seem to have been consulted, and it is doubted whether he will approve, for a cable sent to Africa by Teddy, Jr., was the first intimation of the happy event. Young Roosevelt is working in a carpet factory in Thompsonville, Conn., learning the business.

BEACH ASKS FOR OPEN INQUIRY

School Board Director Declares Controversy Between Architect Jones, McLeod and Himself Must Be Aired.

"If I am making false statements about Architect Jones and Attorney Beach, why do they not institute an investigation to learn the facts?" questioned Alex McLeod last evening. McLeod has filed affidavits charging Jones and Beach with conversion of school funds to private use. He added: "I have witnesses to prove that what I have said is true. I am willing to stand the most rigorous investigation. To show that something is wrong, Jones has telephoned me twice to come back to work for the school board since my dismissal was secured."

"We must have an investigation of the facts alleged in Carpenter McLeod's affidavits," said Director J. V. Beach of the school board, this morning. "Architect Jones at the present time, I understand, is ill. He should attend the hearing. While I dislike the notoriety attending such action it yet seems to me inevitable. It is in my own interest in seeing the matter adjusted." Mr. Beach made the statement this morning when he learned that Alex McLeod, according to records kept by the clerk of the school board, had received pay out of the school fund for work.

BLIZZARDS ARE RAGING IN EAST AND MIDDLE WEST

Traffic Tied Up in Many Sections—Texas Orange Crop Damaged to Great Extent—N. P. Trains Stalled.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Snow to the depth of eight inches has fallen here today. This is the heaviest fall of the winter. A blizzard is sweeping Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, according to reports received here.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—The heaviest snowfall of the season was recorded today throughout the southwest. A blizzard which has raged for 36 hours continues with unabated fury. Traffic has been tied up in many sections. Reports from Texas and Arkansas indicate that intensely cold weather prevails. The entire eastern portion of the Missouri valley is in the grip of the storm.

The orange crop in Texas is reported to be damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars by the sleet that fell in the orange belt last night.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 17.—The entire northwest is in the grip of a cold wave. Minnesota and the Dakotas are blizzard swept and communication is difficult. Northern Pacific officials announce today that the trains of their road are stalled in Montana because of unusually heavy snows and that none is proceeding toward the Pacific coast.

SCHOOLMA'AMS CEASE AGING IN UMATILLA WHEN ?? YEARS OLD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 17.—That unmarried women never advance in years after they reach a certain age was given substantiation here recently when the county teachers' examinations were in progress. The majority of the applicants were women, and among the number were many who had been in the pedagogical profession for several years.

PIERCE WARNS O. A. G. STUDENTS

Party Organization Teachings Are Deplored by Regent From La Grande.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 17.—In one of the strongest speeches ever made at O. A. C., the Honorable Walter Pierce of La Grande, a regent of the Oregon Agricultural college, inspired the large crowd of students and farmers at the convocation yesterday. Mr. Pierce's address was given as a special feature of farmer's week. He said in part:

"One of the greatest dangers threatening the youth of our state comes from party organization. I would rather vote for a great Republican statesman like LaFollette or a just and fearless Democrat like Judge Jundley than to be one of the puppets of party organization."

9 ARE INJURED WHEN CAR LEAVES RAILS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—Six persons are in a serious condition and six others are suffering from minor injuries as a result of the derailment of a streetcar on the University line last night. The motorman failed to shut off the current while rounding a sharp curve at Twenty-third street and Estrella avenue. The coach leaped from the rails, rolled on its side and slid across the street to the curb, where it ran into a palm tree. A number of people were in the car. Those who were seriously injured are: Miss Clara Igoe, a tourist, three ribs fractured; A. A. Gilhouse, compound fracture of the right arm, left leg broken; Thomas F. McLaughlin, postoffice clerk, deep lacerations on head.

NATURALIZED JAP NOT A CITIZEN

Governor Hay Refuses to Appoint H. Ohnick of Seattle a Notary Public.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Olympia, Wash., Feb. 17.—Governor Hay will refuse to appoint H. Ohnick, Japanese merchant of Seattle, a notary public, even though Ohnick is a naturalized citizen. The refusal is made on the ground that Ohnick, being a Mongolian, is not a citizen of the state, though he may be naturalized. This is based on the decision of the state supreme court, which barred a Japanese named Yamashita of Tacoma from practicing law, though he had been granted his citizenship papers, the court ruling that his naturalization was illegal.

KAISER HAS THE GRIP: CASE NOT SERIOUS

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Emperor William is confined to his bed with an attack of influenza, according to an announcement from the palace. The royal physicians state that his condition is not serious and that he will be out in a few days. Meanwhile attendants on the Kaiser are keeping free from him any information concerning the socialist disturbances throughout Germany, that may tend to alarm him or aggravate his malady.

Burglar Runs When Help Comes.

(Sleep Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Feb. 17.—Burglars entered C. N. McArthur's residence in Salem last night and stole 30 cents. McArthur was at the club until about 11 o'clock. He returned home to find a burglar going through his dresser. McArthur ran over to the state house, got the night watchman and a big revolver and went back, but the burglar had fled.