

BIG TREE CRUSHES TWO CHILDREN IN THEIR CABIN HOME

Brother and Sister Killed Instantly When Huge Fir Is Blown to Earth.

LITTLE BODIES RESCUED

Children of James Smith of Rockton Are Victims; Tots Were in Bed Asleep When It Happened.

When a huge yellow fir tree was blown to earth at Rockton, on the United Railways yesterday morning, it crushed to death the two children of James Smith, asleep in a cabin 100 feet from the base of the forest giant. The dead are Arald, aged 3 years, and "Babe," the 3-year-old daughter. Of the family that was five in number Friday evening, only a 6-year-old daughter and the parents remain.

Word of the tragedy was brought to Portland yesterday afternoon by E. S. Word, president and manager of the Oregon Fir Lumber Co., of which James Smith is an old and trusted employee. Mr. Word said the cabin was near Rockton, and was at the site of the Smith cabin just after the tree fell.

Wind Suddenly Changes.

The fir tree stood 225 feet high, and at its base was six feet through. The cabin stood 100 feet to the west. In the back room in one big double bed, slept Arald and "Babe." In the front room slept the parents and in a room adjoining them, the 6-year-old daughter slept.

All night the wind had howled through the gorge with the force of a gale. At 6 o'clock, when Mr. Word arrived, the wind was just changing from the north to the west. This strain was more than the ancient fir could bear. The roots of the east side of the tree were in the sloping earth of a creek bed and did not give the tree the support necessary against the tremendous wind.

"Just at 7 o'clock, as I stood looking out of the cabin window, the big tree dropped," related Mr. Word. "At first I didn't realize what had happened, but in an instant I heard screams from the cabin and saw the tree falling.

The tree sheared off the rear of the cabin as neatly as if the job had been done with a saw. The roof boards were clipped off six inches from the wall, which was left standing.

Children Killed Instantly.

The two children's bed headed against this wall. As the little ones lay sleeping, the forest giant crashed down. The huge tree fell across their bodies just below the heads, and they died instantly. Hardly a bone in the bodies was broken. The little girl sustained a fracture of the leg.

As Mr. Word and one or two other men in the camp climbed about the tree in attempts to rescue the children they could see the upturned faces, still in repose as if asleep.

Extraordinary means were adopted to release the bodies. Where the tree trunk crossed the bed it was exactly 36 inches through. There were only four men present, including the father and Mr. Word.

First the branches were cleared off, and the end of the house, left standing, was torn down. Then jacksaws were used and the trunk was sawed through in two places, one cut on each side of the bed. A five foot long "stick" was left.

Substantial blocks with inclined wedges were then placed along either side of the bed under the trunk.

Log Is Rolled Away.

Mr. Pullen, one of the men in the camp, hitched on his team of horses after a block and tackle had been secured about the trunk. The piece of log, weighing at least two tons, was then rolled towards the heads of the children. The inclined wedges, however, lifted it, and the faces were not even scratched. The piece was dragged outside the house and lowered to the ground.

Mr. Word, when this job was completed about noon, hurried to Portland and notified the coroner. His statement of facts was accepted, and the coroner did not go to the scene, issuing death certificates without the necessity of an inquest.

Then two little coffins were purchased and sent to the logging camp last night.

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STOCKHOLM IS PICKED AS PERMANENT SEAT OF PEACE TRIBUNAL

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were refused permission to return to their homes via Germany, have made arrangements to make the journey by boat.

Delegates packed madly today, joyous at the thought of seeing before another week end the status of Liberty looming out over New York bay. They did their farewell sightseeing and planned to go to Rotterdam this afternoon, where tonight they will board the Holland-American liner Rotterdam.

To Cost \$10,000 a Week.

Several of the leaders, however, are remaining to help to start the permanent peace tribunal, through which the Detroit automobile man hopes to bring nearer the day when peace will be again a reality. This tribunal, however, will hold no session for several weeks. The Scandinavian nations have not named their members and no word of acceptance has come from former Secretary of State Bryan.

Miss J. Adams, secretary, from Mr. Charles F. Aked or Mrs. Joseph Fels and other American members. Schwimmer and anti-Schwimmerites are fiercely contending over the first three places on the list, as it is expected they will not accept.

The permanent tribunal probably would cost \$10,000 weekly.

GERARD SAYS FORD'S IDEA RIGHT, BLUNDERS MADE IN EXECUTION

By Herman Bernstein.

The Hague, Jan. 15.—(U. S. N.)—Ambassador Gerard said concerning the Ford expedition and its effect in Germany.

"Mr. Ford's plan deserved unqualified praise and admiration. I believe all efforts, however fanatic of spreading peace sentiment, should be encouraged. Mr. Ford started upon the right principle. Even if he came to Berlin dressed like a clown in green tights, carrying peace placards and running up and down Wilhelmstrasse shouting 'Peace!' I would say he deserved praise.

"You cannot talk too much of peace, but Mr. Ford permitted himself to be drawn into grave blunders violating the peace expedition. The chief blunder was the presence and influence of foreigners in the American expedition. No members of the belligerents should have been connected with it. This naturally alienated serious consideration.

"Under the best circumstances the crowd was a large one, small, but representative American commission coming with Mr. Ford might have achieved something tangible. There was no sense in the haphazard way.

"The blunder was the presence of Wilson Criticism a Mistake.

"President Wilson's national defense policy made the American expedition not only hopeless, but positively dangerous. I would have declined to have received Mr. Ford or any member of the expedition who had signed the pledge opposing American national defense. It is almost treason to preach American defenselessness and endearment to the world when all the world is arming.

"All know that national defense is not militarism. It is for peace, not war, like fire engines, fighting a fire and not dropping a fire. It is deplorable that the Ford expedition showed so little political wisdom and love for America and peace. This ended its usefulness."

PLOT TO FORCE MEXICAN CRISIS HINTED BY KENT

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representatives of the Washington government were making strenuous efforts to get Americans out of Mexico.

Within the next few days at least 2000 Americans are expected to return to the border. The number still remaining in the interior is much larger than previously estimated.

Hundreds returned to their mining interests, stores or farms when General Obregon gave them positive guarantees of safety.

The Mormon colonists of western Chihuahua telegraphed today that 700 of them were coming to the American side immediately.

A column of regular troops from Fort Bliss was thrown around the Mexican quarter of El Paso tonight. Mexicans could not leave this section without passes from brigade headquarters.

Brigadier General Pershing announced the city would be protected in this manner nightly until all danger of a recurrence of rioting was passed.

A heavy guard was placed along the international line to guard against any invasion of Mexico by a regiment of American cowboys, mining men and others bent on avenging the Santa Ysabel massacre. Officials did not believe the regiment was being formed but decided to take no chances.

Arrests in Execution.

The flight of Americans from Mexico shared attention here with the Carranzistas efforts to capture or kill the Santa Ysabel murderers and other bandits. The only results of the campaign so far made known is the execution of General Jose Rodriguez whose body is said to be en route to this city as proof to the American authorities.

Villa, whose capture or death the Carranzistas most ardently desire, was reportedly reported to be moving with 40 followers in several directions.

The Carranzistas consulate here and the Carranzista commander in Juarez were ignorant of Villa's real whereabouts.

Edwards Denies Sanction.

United States Consul Thomas Edwards of Juarez, whose first call was made by El Paso citizens following the Santa Ysabel massacre, denied a report that he had said Washington sanctioned the mining party's return to Mexico.

"I said nothing more than that the state department through me, requested the Carranza government to protect against this answer by Mr. Edwards. I had no knowledge of the departure of the unfortunate men from Chihuahua City."

Snow in Valley.

Pleasant Hill, Or., Jan. 15.—There is about three inches of snow in the valleys of this community now, and it is still snowing.

IN WAKE OF THE YOUNGSTOWN RIOTS



Above—Ruined section of East Youngstown, Ohio, where rioters levelled the business section and looted the wreckage. Below, left to right—Mrs. Stephen Kovic seated among the household goods saved from her home wrecked by rioting strikers; Mayor W. H. Cunningham among the ruins.

CRIMPY DAYS CRIMP BABY HOME BENEFIT; PROMISE REPETITION

Storm Makes Financial Frost of "Romeo and Juliet" Actors to Try Again.

The snow storm made "Romeo and Juliet" a financial frost.

But the weather man says that some day it will be fair weather and then all of the directors, singers and musicians will get together and repeat the performance. And it will be for the benefit of the Baby Home.

Yesterday afternoon when accounts were checked up it was discovered, as it had been feared, that the receipts for the three performances would not cover the actual expenses, although they were insignificant as compared with the usual cost of giving grand opera.

The committee of business men who had been acting for the Baby Home, met last night and discussed the situation and concluded:

To repeat "Romeo and Juliet" as soon as the weather permits people to get to and from the Heilig without having to use snowshoes or skis; to accept with the most heartfelt thanks the offer of the principals and the chorus members again to donate their services and to accept any other offers that may be made to assist in giving the Baby Home a genuine financial boost that it failed to get because of the fickleness of the elements. And the musicians, too, who furnished such splendid quality under the direction of Roberto Corruccini, intimated that possibly their association would permit them to volunteer or near volunteer.

From an artistic viewpoint the opera was a grand success, and a tip to the wise is to watch for the date when it is to be repeated.

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Residence Attacked By Two Small Fires

First Clothes Closet Catches Fire, Then Burning Garments Put on Bed Set Later on Fire.

After fire had burned most of the clothes in a closet at the home of Michael Varicettus, 781 Water street, yesterday afternoon, the thrifty housewife began going over the ruins to see if any of the charred garments were good for anything. Some of these she threw on a bed. Shortly afterwards she found the bed on fire, and a few minutes later the firemen of engine 6, who had just backed their machine into the house, were back on the scene again. The original fire was caused by sparks from a disconnected stop pipe dropping into a barrel of clothing. The total loss was about \$50. Mrs. Varicettus had just gotten the clothes out to pack preparatory to a journey to Rickreall to visit friends.

Eight Grade Boys Should Worry About 'Watchful Waiting'

Albany, Or., Jan. 15.—What is meant by "watchful waiting" was a question in the eighth grade examinations held in Lina county Thursday and Friday. A paper graded today by County Superintendent Jackson contained this answer by a boy: "It is waiting to see if there is going to be war or to see if the United States goes dry."

Another boy gave this answer: "Watchful waiting is an eagle by the railroad watching with out-stretched wings."

Did He Break the Dry Law? Ask the District Attorney

"Did District Attorney Walter H. Evans violate the prohibition law?"

The question was discussed, seriously and otherwise, after the Ad club links at the Multnomah hotel Friday evening.

It was the first large dinner since the prohibition law became effective. Near beer, liberally served as a beverage, was partially consumed. During the stunt picturing the return of the Oscar II and Henry Ford, John T. Douglass, impersonating W. J. Bryan, announced that some of the real vintage from Champagne had been brought back under lock and key and would now be served. The bubbling beverage was handed in glasses to a select few, including the district attorney, who rose, toasted the crowd, and drank.

A hush fell over the merry-makers. They remembered the ruling of the district attorney that alcoholic liquors may not be served whether free or for fee at public dinners. Later there was an investigation. The champagne proved to be very pale, heavily carbonated, ginger ale.

A deputy district attorney, Charles W. Robinson, was concerned in a demonstration of another method of getting around the prohibition law at the same meeting. Robinson was one of a trio presenting a sketch, "A Night Aboard Ship." His associates were Barnett Goldstein and F. L. Moreland. There was mock strife between Robinson and Moreland. Goldstein, in peace, presented his hot water bottle, and it, when inverted, yielded liquid which had the appearance of the wine that is red.

Berlin Press Backs UP GERMAN REFUSAL TO SUBMIT BARALONG

Claims Alleged Killing of Submarine's Crew Constituted Nothing Else Than Murder.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, L. I., Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—The Berlin newspapers today unanimously approved the rejection by the German government of the British proposal to submit the Baralong case to the court composed of American naval officers. The government's decision to adopt reprisals because of the alleged murder of the submarine crew by the crew of a British steamer was warmly applauded in the reichstag.

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LETTERS OF LOVE AND BUSINESS ENTER INTO GILL DEATH MYSTERY

Attorney's Widow Turns Missives Over to San Francisco Police to Investigate.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—Love letters from Chicago and a business message from Denver given the police by Mrs. Henry D. Gill formed a background of mystery tonight in the case of Attorney Gill, found dead Sunday night in the bay here.

The love letters were addressed to "Mr. George Martin, D. C. Gill." One reached Gill's office after his death. Both were volcanic in their expressions of love. One was signed "Billy," the other "Wally," but the back of one was the return address, "M. Siler, General Delivery, Chicago."

"My dear little long-haired boy," read one. "I love you, and I want you. I don't get the bulldog, why, all I want is you. I want you to be good, and we will be equal for waiting."

"Little Bungalow" mentioned.

There was talk, too, in the love letters, of a "little bungalow," and you, out in California, and mention of the possibility that the writer would be there in February.

"Bless your dear heart, how I would love to tell you how much I love you," ran another passage.

The business letter came from C. C. Hixon, the Chicago-Vanderbilt company, Chicago. In it, he wrote of employing secret service men in St. Louis and suggested he had feared Alphonse King was to "jump us." Denver messages indicated that King, Gill's attorney, was interested in formation of a promotion company in connection with King's ventures. Huston, at Denver, declared he knew of no enemies of Gill, and seemed surprised at his death.

Mrs. Gill was seeking divorce.

No reason was assigned in Huston's letters for employing secret service men, but the context indicated that he was afraid King was not going in on their deal.

The police admitted there is nothing thus far which could in any way connect the strange letters with the lawyer's death.

Mrs. Gill had recently entered divorce action against him, but, while it is understood she knew then of the love letters, she made no reference to an affinity at that time.

Fears Mexicans Killed Her Brother

Portland Woman Is Worried Last "W. D. Pierce," Santa Ysabel Victim, May Be Her Relative.

That the W. D. Pierce given in the list of Americans massacred by Mexican bandits near Santa Ysabel last week was her brother is the fear of Mrs. M. Edgerton, 825 Second street. Although news dispatches spelled the name both "Pierce" and "Pearce" and gave the victim's address as Los Angeles, the similarity of the initials led Mrs. Edgerton to believe that her brother was one of those who fell in the massacre.

When last heard from six months ago Pierce was running a large store at Douglas, Ariz. He is known to have had an offer to sell out, and as he was an experienced mining man it is feared he accepted a position in Mexico in the belief that the danger of living in that turbulent country had passed.

Pierce formerly mined in Globe but more recently had been running the Copper Queen company in Douglas. His sister, Mrs. Edgerton, ran the hotel at Douglas until the beginning of trouble along the Mexican border.

Since last hearing from her brother she has been keenly watching the news to the east and believes that perhaps this is the reason no word has been received telling of Pierce's movements.

Pierce was 33 years old and had a wife and three children.

President Appealed to.

Los Angeles, Jan. 15.—(U. P. S.)—President Wilson has been seen sending a message by four Los Angeles friends to W. D. Pearce, Mexican massacre victim, in which the immediate capture and execution of the murderers is demanded. The four petitioners are R. M. Nolan, F. S. Shurtliff, W. A. McDonald and F. A. Waters.

Montenegrin Force Almost Surrounded

Remnant of Valiant Little Army May Escape by Retreat Through Foodless Mountains.

London, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—The remnants of the little Montenegrin army that withstood the Austrian invaders for many weeks is more than three-fourths surrounded, according to advices received here tonight.

One Austrian detachment moving eastward from Cetinje, the Austrian troops have occupied the Montenegrin town of Spizza on the Adriatic seacoast 25 miles south of Cetinje. Spizza was seized by the Montenegrins at the outbreak of the war.

"In occupying Cetinje we captured 154 cannon, 10,000 rifles and 100 machine guns," the Austrian war office reported. The number of cannon taken on Mount Lowen now reaches 45 and we have taken 300 Montenegrin prisoners. Austro-Hungarian troops have stormed Montenegrin trenches on Gradina Heights, south of Berani.

Subalterns Called "Cubaters."

London, Jan. 15.—(U. P. S.)—Older officers in the British army are complaining of the manners of the host of subalterns which the sudden creation of a great army has brought forth. These are dubbed "Cubaters."

They are accused of addressing their seniors without the prefix "sir" and of failing to