

BOILER EXPLOSION IN SEATTLE KILLS TWO, INJURES TEN

Survivors Are Rushed to Hospital From Steam Engulfed Room; One of Injured in Critical State

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—Two men died and 10 others are suffering from injuries received in the explosion of the south boiler of a battery of eight in the Post street station of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company here at noon today.

The dead: WILLIAM M. SANTMYER, 40, engineer; GEORGE BUNNELL, 60, fireman. The injured: P. J. Jacobs, 50, carpenter, badly burned about hands and body; Fred Orfield, 40, pipe fitter, burned about hands and face; T. D. Parr, 60, foreman of the pipe shop, painfully burned about hands and face; T. A. Nolan, steam fitter, painfully burned; Howard Bellows, 40, meterman, blown through door and slightly bruised; James E. Elliott, clerk, blown across office and slightly bruised; Ben Johnson, 28, plumber, blown from balcony above boiler, scalded and bruised; Verne Martin, 28, plumber, blown through doorway and slightly bruised; E. A. Huntley, 40, machinist, painfully scalded; Dave Spurgeon, 40, engineer, badly burned about body and bruised. Of the injured, Spurgeon is in the most serious condition. Little hope of his recovery is held out by attending physicians. All were rushed to the city hospital as soon as they were rescued from the steam and smoke engulfed room.

RAILROAD STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED

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Living wage he established, giving among other things due regard to skill, responsibility assumed and hazard incurred; decision of this tribunal to be handed down within 60 days after agreement to establish a wage to be final and binding upon all railroads in the United States and employees whom we represent."

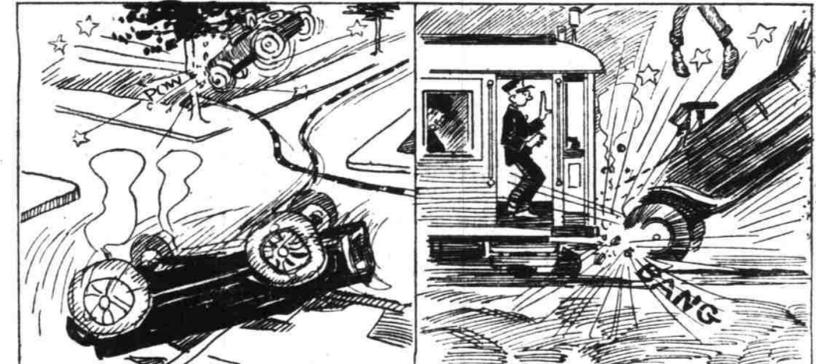
This plan is an elaboration of the second of two proposals made by President Wilson to them in a written statement which was made public at the White House late today.

PRESIDENT MAKES PROPOSALS

The president's proposal to the workers was: First—To use his influence for legislation to create machinery for the adjustment of wages when the railroads return to private ownership. Second—In the event no such legislation is passed, to use his influence to create a commission of employees and employers to adjust wage disputes. The proposal continues: "Federal control will end in 16 days and in accordance with the policy as explained to the employees, it is now eminently reasonable and proper that I take such steps as will reassure them that their claims will be properly and promptly disposed of. PLAN DEEMED NECESSARY

"This is all the more necessary because inevitably the change from federal control to private control will in the absence of special provision involve delay in dealing with these matters which could not be otherwise than disquieting to the employees. I wish, therefore to announce to all railroad employees at this time that I propose to carry out the following steps: (1)—In the event that in connection with the return to private control provision shall be made by law for machinery for dealing with railroad wage matters I shall promptly use my influence and so far as such law confers power upon me, I shall promptly exercise that power, to bring about the earliest practicable organization of the machinery thus provided. TRIBUNAL IS SUGGESTED (2)—In the event that no such provision is made by law for dealing with these matters, I shall employ the influence of the executive to get the railroad companies and the railroad employees to join promptly in the creation of a tribunal to take up these problems and carry them to a conclusion. (3)—I shall at once constitute a committee of experts to take the data already available in the various records

MANY WEIRD SCENES ENACTED TRAFFIC MIXUPS ARE ALSO ODD



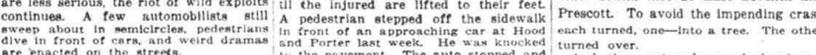
AT AN INTERSECTION, TO AVOID AN IMPENDING CRASH, EACH CAR TURNING INTO THE OTHER TURNS OVER— INTO A PILE OF JUNK.



AN ORDINARY STREET CAR IS A MINOR OBSTACLE TO SOME DRIVERS. THIS CAR COULDN'T TURN AND THE DRIVER WOULDN'T, SO SOMETHING HAD TO HAPPEN!



THE ENGINE STALLS, GOING UP A RUNWAY THE DRIVER LOSES CONTROL AND THE CAR GOES CRASHING INTO THE PATH OF ANOTHER MACHINE.



EVEN THE POOR OLD SUN IS BLAMED FOR SHINING INTO THE EYES OF SOME DRIVERS!

Although the number of automobile collisions has been reduced, and results are less serious, the riot of wild exploits continues. A few automobilists still sweep about in homicidic, pedestrian-diving in front of cars, and weird dramas are enacted on the streets. The last two weeks have witnessed many ludicrous scenes. Here are some: An automobile was bound for town on Sandy boulevard. Near East Thirty-first a machine was parked in front of a factory. With semi-signal the car moved ahead into the roadway. The car behind struck it, the driver was knocked from the seat, and the pilotless auto whirled around into the front of the factory. An automobile was parked near the southwest corner of Fifth and Gilliam. Another was proceeding west on Gilliam, crossed the intersection, and when it was directly across the street from the parked machine, it veered around and headed broadside into the motionless machine. The driver claimed the steering gear was broken. EVEN OLD SOL BLAMED Even the poor old sun is responsible for accidents—according to certain drivers. An auto proceeding north on Union avenue was smashed slap in the side by a machine bound east on Oregon. The driver insisted that the sun was in his eyes. Another driver presented a similar alibi for a similar collision at East Clay and Grand avenue. And one accident does not prevent another. Some drivers don't even wait until the injured are lifted to their feet. A pedestrian stepped off the sidewalk in front of an approaching car at Hood and Porter last week. He was knocked to the pavement. The auto stopped and the driver prepared to offer aid. Bang! Another machine had crashed into the rear of the first car. HE GOT HIS PAPER An elderly pedestrian was standing on the corner of Broadway and Washington about 6 p. m. one evening last week. He suddenly decided he wanted an evening paper. He whistled to a newsboy across the street and dived into the center of the street to meet him. He fumbled in his pockets for change amid the protestations of gongs and horns. Traffic was entirely blocked while the old gentleman purchased The Journal. A streetcar was a minor obstacle in the path of an automobile out on Dekun street. The car was bound south on Dekun, a machine north on the car tracks. Neither showed a tendency to stop, the car couldn't turn and the auto wouldn't. They smashed. At the police station the driver was asked why he didn't turn off the track. HE TOOTED HIS HORN! "Why, I tooted my horn," was the reply.

be a means of avoiding what might otherwise be a long-drawn-out investigation of facts. While I propose to act at once in regard to this matter, and to avoid any delay in doing so I shall, nevertheless, invite the co-operation of the railroad corporations and believe they will appreciate that it is to their interest, as well as to the public interest, to get these matters promptly settled. "I am sure it will be apparent to all reasonable men and women in railroad service that these momentous matters must be handled by an agency which can continue to function after March 1 and therefore cannot at the present stage be handled to a conclusion by the railroad administration. "Under the circumstances, therefore, I have the right to request and I do request that any railroad labor organization which has a strike order outstanding shall withdraw such order immediately and await the orderly solution of this question. The railroad men of America have stood loyally by their government throughout the war, they must in the public interest and in their own interest continue to do so during this delicate period of readjustment."

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PASTORAL LETTER WILL BE ISSUED

American Cardinals Prepare First Communication of Its Kind to Church Since 1884.

Baltimore, Feb. 14.—(U. P. S.)—A pastoral letter, the first to be issued in this country in 35 years, and which was prepared by Cardinals Gibbons and O'Connell and the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic university, is being sent to all the clergy of the Catholic church today and will be read to the congregations Sunday, February 22. There are now about 20,000,000 members of the church in this country.

A recent pastoral letter signed by the then 76 Catholic bishops of the country was issued in 1884 from the third plenary council held in Baltimore at that time. Of all the signatories Cardinal Gibbons is the sole survivor. The letter now being issued emphasizes the need of justice and charity and their application to the practical solution of the pressing problems that confront the civilized world.

The problems of marriage and divorce, industrial problems, national conditions and international relations are also dealt with. Only extracts, comprising about 4500 words, are being issued, while the letter itself contains about 65,000 words.

HOSPITAL AT KELLY BUTTE CRITICISED

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for a bath," the matron told her. The young woman finally persuaded a man patient to cleanse the tub.

A patient requested a laxative and bed pan. She got the bed pan that night and the laxative two days later.

BANG GOES RECEIVER

A girl's mother telephoned to ask the condition of her daughter. "She's all right," answered the matron, and bang went the receiver. Others have been told that there "isn't time to talk to you." A woman's husband called and could learn nothing of his wife's condition.

Further than meals and washing, the patients take entire care of themselves. Those less ill care for the more serious cases. Patients wash the dishes and do what cleaning is done, although the place is commonly known in many quarters as the "rag house" due to the great number of old rags lying about the premises.

The fumigating is done by patients. When one is ready to leave, those still suffering from the disease pack the clothes to the fumigating room, they are clarified and returned to the healthy person by the peek-exuding patient. In one case, a girl's fur was returned to her around the neck of a diseased man.

DR. FARRISH EXONERATED

"When Dr. Farrish would come we got everything we needed, but while we



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were alone with the matron, we couldn't get a thing. In fact, most of us were afraid to ask," testified a former sufferer. "After the doctor left the matron remonstrated because he had been there. She hated to have him come." Five per cent of the deaths from smallpox could be avoided if every patient were given proper care, Dr. Parrish declares. He recommended six months ago that Mrs. Tout be pensioned and a graduate nurse given the place. "Mrs. Tout has done excellent work out there, but she is now too old. She should be relieved. Under the present system practically nothing can be done. My orders are not followed, the place is not fit, and an entire housecleaning is necessary." There are approximately 375 cases of smallpox in the city. Forty persons can be housed at Kelly Butte. It is the only smallpox hospital in Portland.

Big Entertainment Fund Tentatively Approved by Shriners

Appropriation of \$50,000 from the treasury of Al Kader temple of the Mystic Shrine, to be placed in the general entertainment fund for the convention of the imperial council in this city in June, was tentatively approved with but one dissenting voice at a special meeting in Al Kader temple Saturday evening. Final action will be taken at the regular meeting next Saturday.

With this appropriation from the treasury, the entertainment fund would lack only \$26,000 of the \$125,500 necessary. Already \$46,000 has been received in individual subscriptions from Shrine members and \$10,500 from merchants and individuals interested in bringing the Shriners here.

Ringer Will Become Farm Land Appraiser

With the discontinuance of the Portland office of the United States bureau of markets March 15, Robert L. Ringer, present manager, will affiliate himself with the federal farm loan bank as appraiser for farm lands in Oregon, according to an announcement by Ringer Saturday. The limitation of federal funds has necessitated the closing of the Northwestern office of the market bureau.

Credit Men Hold Valentine's Dance

A banquet and Valentine's day dance was held Saturday night by the Portland Association of Credit Men in the Crystal room of the Benson hotel. Nearly 25 couples attended. Various entertainers appeared during the banquet and were well received. An especial attraction was a little skit put on by Henri Thiele, chef of the Benson, and G. A. How, who appeared as an Italian in search of work. Singing was led by Walter Jenkins, while the Orpheum orchestra furnished the music. Valentine favors were distributed.

Abnormal Brain

London, Feb. 14.—(U. P.)—The brain of 10-year-old Alice Simmonds weighed 51 ounces, heavier than a normal adult's. It was stated at a Southwark inquest.

STATE SECRETARY JOB IS APPEALING TO DR. W. D. WOOD

Washington County Man Who Is Dean of Senate Said to Be Feeling Urge to Nomination.

Dr. W. D. Wood of Washington county is feeling the urge to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state. He does not intend to be a candidate for reelection to the state senate, that much has been definitely determined by him. But he has not made up his mind finally whether he will hop into the battle royal that is to be waged about the secretaryship.

BECOMES SENATE DEAN

Dr. Wood is the dean of the state senate, having served Washington county for six consecutive terms in the upper house. He is the only one of that body who has seen 12 years of uninterrupted membership in the legislature, and has the record of being one of the sane and conservative members of the upper house, especially in his attitude toward state expenditures and appropriations. He was the author of the act creating the emergency board and was for several sessions a member and, in 1917, the chairman of the ways and means committee of the senate, serving as chairman of the joint committees.

EASTERN OREGON BUST

Switching into Eastern Oregon it is expected that Denton G. Burdick will be a candidate for reelection to the lower house from the Twenty-first representative district, consisting of Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties. It is also said that H. J. Overturf of Bend will seek the same place, together with H. A. Brattain of Lake, R. A. Ford of Dayville, Grant county, and Wesley O. Smith of Klamath county. There are two Democratic candidates talked of from this same district, Bradbury of Klamath and Harry Gard of Jefferson county.

Senator Wood Will Make Up His Mind Definitely About Becoming a Candidate

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