

2 DIE, 15 HURT IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Two Crack Trains Pile Up in Canyon When Signals Are Misinterpreted

BOTH ENGINEERS JUMP

Pilots of Train Leap From Cab When Crash Impends; Several Passengers Expected To Die

LEADVILLE, Colo., Aug. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Two firemen were killed, 15 passengers are known to have been seriously injured and 75 others received minor hurts in a head-on collision between the Panormie "specials" on the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad in Granite Canyon, ten miles west of Buena Vista late this afternoon.

The dead: Fireman W. Taughenbaum of train No. 7, and C. E. Phelan of train No. 8, both of Salida, Colo.

Only the names of two of the injured, both of them the engineers of the two trains who saved themselves by jumping when the crash occurred, were available late today.

They were G. Johnston of train No. 7, and Ed Claire of train No. 8. Claire is said to have a fractured leg.

Failure on the part of a telegraph operator at Tennessee Pass to transmit orders to train No. 8 was reported to have been responsible for the collision.

Train No. 7 left Denver at 4:15 o'clock this morning. Train No. 8 left Salt Lake City, Utah, at 6 o'clock last night. Both trains were heavily loaded with east and west bound passengers. The majority of them were tourists.

The trains crashed together at Curve, in Granite Canyon and the engine and two coaches of train No. 8 were derailed and tossed against the canyon walls, near the banks of the Arkansas river which flows through the canyon.

One order had instructed the trains to meet at Granite. But later this was amended and the trains were ordered to meet at Pine Creek a mile and a half below Granite. Failure of the conductor of train No. 8 to receive the latter is believed to have been responsible for the crash.

Both trains were crack specials of the D & RG and rate as the fastest and most completely equipped on the line.

Both were pullman trains, No. 8 carrying six passenger cars, and

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WOMAN SAID SWINDLER

SEARCH EXTENDING FROM COAST TO COAST ENDED

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a three-year search from coast to coast, local authorities announced today that they had located in Detroit Mary K. Griffin, wanted here in connection with frauds aggregating \$20,000.

She is wanted for jumping \$1500 bail here in October, 1922, while awaiting prosecution on grand larceny charges for defrauding S. L. Lewis of \$6700 on what officials claim were forged express receipts for corset shipments.

She is also wanted for a similar case of \$2500, and it is said that she defrauded other Seattle people of more than \$20,000.

One complaint concerning \$2,500, asserted that Mrs. Griffin borrowed money by giving a lien on goods that were supposed to be in storage but had no existence. She was taken two years ago in Baltimore on the same charges and Governor Richie of Maryland refused extradition.

BLAZE SWEEPS FOREST

LOSS OF MILLION DOLLARS RESULT OF RAGING FIRE

BLOWING ROCK, N. C., Aug. 20.—Grandfather mountain, near here, tonight was a raging mass of flames which were being spread by a strong wind. Efforts to check the fire made little headway because of the exceedingly dry condition of the undergrowth due to the almost total lack of rain in this section all summer.

Those who have been endeavoring to fight the flames tonight saw little hope of success unless rain should come soon.

Estimates place the loss of timber at more than a million dollars already and the charring of Grandfather mountain, which is government property, will destroy some of the most picturesque scenery in the section.

FORTUNE IN JEWELS IS TAKEN BY FOUR BANDITS

GEMS WORTH \$200,000 STOLEN IN DARING ROBBERY

Four Highwaymen Hold Up Six Employes and Raid Five Large Safes

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jewelry valued at upwards of \$200,000, most of it in diamonds, was the loot of a robber quartet who late today invaded the seventh floor offices of Lazarus and Weil, jewelry manufacturers on the fringe of the downtown district, held a half dozen employes of the company at bay and raided five large safes and fled without disturbing 30 other employes in adjoining rooms.

The robbers were engaged for half an hour in their task of sorting the most valuable jewelry, scattering the cheaper gems on the floor. Two of the robbers sorted the jewelry, a third terrorized the office with two pistols and the fourth remained in an automobile with engine purring. All the men were masked, worked calmly and leisurely and as they backed out of the office, pressed the elevator button, whisked the mask from their faces as they stepped in and at the bottom slipped the elevator operator and fled in their car. Officials of the company after a cursory examination said the loot was at least \$200,000 and possibly much higher. Half of this is covered by insurance.

KING'S LIFE IN DANGER

ATTEMPT IS SAID MADE TO ASSASSINATE ALFONSO

HENDAYE, France, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A traveler who has just returned from Santander told a circumstantial story today of an alleged attempt to assassinate King Alfonso of Spain at that place Saturday night. Later, the Spanish embassy made a formal denial that there had been any such attempt. The king's assailant, the traveler related, was arrested as he was drawing a revolver from his pocket just as the king was approaching in the royal automobile. Soon after the arrest, rumors were current that the king had been wounded in the shoulder, that the Duke of Miranda, who was created a grandee of Spain in 1920, had been killed and that the king's chauffeur also was wounded.

As the traveler left Madrid it was reported that a former radical deputy of Barcelona had been seized by the authorities. Circles in touch with the general directorate of security do not hide the existence of a plot against King Alfonso.

SWIM AGAIN ATTEMPTED

AMERICAN GIRL IS NOT DISCOURAGED BY FAILURE

BOULOGNE, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Undeterred by her recent failure to swim the English channel, Gertrude Ederle will make another attempt. She has tentatively fixed the date as August 31 or September 1.

Jabez Wolfe, the American girl's trainer has given way to "Old Bill" Burgess, one of the men who successfully negotiated the channel, and who trained Miss Lillian Harrison, the girl from the Argentine. During the next 12 days or more he will take Miss Ederle under his guidance in the full belief that if conditions are favorable she will this time successfully swim the channel.

Miss Harrison may take the water along with Miss Ederle for she has made up her mind to have a fifth try at the channel.

Ighka Helmy, the brawny Egyptian, will attempt a crossing Saturday or Sunday.

GIRL CRUSHED BY CAR

YOUNG BRIDE MEETS DEATH ON RAILROAD SPEEDER

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 20.—Marion P. Hendrickson, a bride of two months, was killed instantly today while riding on a speeder on the Big Creek Logging company's logging road with her husband and Mrs. Roy McCarty.

According to her husband, the speeder struck a derail switch which had been slightly opened. Mrs. Hendrickson was thrown forward and off the car by the slight jar and the front wheels of the speeder crushed her chest, death resulting almost instantaneously.

The body was brought to Astoria by County Coroner Hughes, who tonight declared that he did not believe an inquest would be held.

Mrs. Hendrickson, who is the daughter of Mrs. Dora Sims of Portland, was about 27 years of age. She was married to Hendrickson on June 5.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES ARE PROBED

28 Public Service Commissions Determine Methods to Combat Raise

USE OF WATER URGED

Diversion on Traffic From Rail To Water and Highway Is Declared Best Way To Force Cut

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Methods of combatting the proposed increase in freight rates in the western district were discussed here today by representatives of 28 state public service and utility commissions and representatives of agricultural and shipping interests. The conference is for the purpose of coordinating the efforts of all concerned in the fight being waged against any increase in rates.

Declaring that an increase in freight rates were unnecessary J. H. Mercer, secretary of the Kansas Livestock association said the railroads were generally prosperous.

Another note was taken by T. W. Adams, writer on economics and contributing editor of the Kansas City Labor News. Adams declared that "the present transportation trend is heading us straight for government ownership unless something can be done to check the tremendous diversion of traffic from the railroads."

The diversion of traffic to highway and river, he added, "must inevitably result in higher transportation costs."

An investigation by rate men of the various public service commissions to determine the equity of freight rates on agricultural products as compared with other commodities was urged by William Hirth of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

BOY KILLED IN FALL

SPOKANE, Aug. 20.—When his horse became frightened by a bee stinging, Melvin Burkey, 9, was thrown from the animal and suffered injuries which resulted in his death yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burkey, near Colbert, Wash.

TO AID NAVY MEN

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which is adjourning tomorrow here its eighteenth biennial convention after session that opened Monday, decided today to intensify efforts to organize workers in American navy yards and to seek better pay for them.

CONSUL IS NABBED WITH CASES OF BEST LIQUORS

HONORARY DIPLOMAT FINED \$1200 FOR WET GOODS

240 Bottles of Champagne Included in Varied Assortment of Spirits

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Eugene Le Bosse, honorary consul of the republic of Haiti at Manchester, N. H., arrived today on the steamship H. Nickerle from Port Au Prince, accompanied by 26 large and heavy pieces of baggage.

A customs agent asked for the keys to the trunks. "Sir," said Mr. Le Bosse, "I am a diplomat. I claim exemption from customs examination."

"Sir," replied the agent, "I suspect that you have liquor hidden among your shirts."

"Certainly," assented the honorary consul, "all the ambassadors bring in liquor."

"But you, sir," the examiner pointed out, "are not an ambassador, nor even a minister, but a consul," and an honorary consul at that."

Mr. Le Bosse bowed to authority. "That trunk contains liquor," he said, "and so does that case."

They did hold liquor—240 bottles of champagne, vermouth, whiskey, and a precious morsel, a five-gallon keg of best Haitian rum.

"I abide by the laws," the consul protested to Edward Barnes, assistant solicitor at the customs house. "I just brought this in for some of my friends. They did not give me the money to purchase it. I thought it was quite regular. Never before has my baggage been searched."

Mr. Barnes fined him \$1200, but offered him immunity if he would give the names of his friends.

"No," said Mr. Le Bosse positively. "If a crime has been committed I alone am guilty and I alone will pay the penalty."

TWO RIDERS AMBUSHED

SHEEP AND STOCK RAISERS FIGHTING OVER RANGES

YAKIMA, Aug. 20.—Two head sheepmen in the East Selah district, near here, were fired upon from ambush today, according to a report received at the sheriff's office. Glen Haynes said that one charge grazed the inside of his saddle-horn as he was crossing a ridge. Both Haynes and Phil Simons, another rider, have been targets several times for men in ambush, they reported.

According to the sheriff's office, trouble has been brewing for some time, since the men who have leased land in the district for sheep grazing have concentrated on driving range horses and stock off the leased land. After today's report, deputies investigated and found empty shells from a gun but were unable to find other clues.

DEATH TOLL FROM SHIP EXPLOSION IS MOUNTING

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEAD IS EXPECTED TO BE FIFTY

All Victims Are Terribly Scalded By Live Steam From Bursting Boiler

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—The toll of deaths in the Mackinac disaster stood at 42 tonight with every indication that at least eight more names would be added to the list before daylight.

These eight persons, terribly scalded when the boilers exploded on the excursion steamer as she steamed through Narragansett bay on Tuesday night have not the slightest chance to recover, physicians asserted.

Four other persons, reported as missing, are believed to have drowned. United States naval fliers flew over Newport harbor today in search of bodies.

Investigation of the disaster moved swiftly today following the arrival of Inspector General George Uher, head of the United States steamboat inspection service in Providence.

He left Washington to assume charge of the federal probe on the orders of Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Mr. Uher inspected the Mackinac in Pawtucket, giving the vessel's boiler a minute examination. He declined to make any statement.

Mrs. Francis Holt of Providence, died late tonight at the naval hospital, making the 42nd death.

DRUNKEN DRIVER JOLTED

JOHN HURD IS GIVEN HEAVY SENTENCE BY POULSEN

Driving an automobile while intoxicated within the city of Salem has become a costly privilege. To this fact John D. Hurd will testify, for when he appeared yesterday before Police Judge Poulsen on a compound charge of drunkenness and driving his car while intoxicated he received a sentence of \$100, fine and 30 days in the city jail, and revocation of his driver's license for 90 days. Indications were that he will not pay his fine and will elect to lay out the extra time in jail.

Hurd was arrested Wednesday by Traffic Officer Edwards after an accident in which a car driven by Hurd struck a machine driven by Alfred G. Moon. By occupation Hurd is a carpenter.

SPLINTER CAUSES DEATH

YAKIMA, Aug. 20.—Ten days ago Cecilia Neuve, 6, ran a splinter in her foot while playing. Today she died from blood poisoning. The child was removed to a hospital yesterday but efforts to save her life proved futile.

NO DEFINITE TRACE FOUND OF CONVICTS

Chehalis Officials Believe They Have Clue; All Deputies Called Out

PORTLAND IS DOUBTFUL

Many Wild Rumors Run Down Without Results; Chief Says Killers May Still Be In Rose City

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 20.—Three men in an Oregon licensed automobile who were believed to be the escaped convicts, from the penitentiary at Salem, stopped at Toledo, 20 miles south of here at 10 o'clock tonight. Word was flashed here to Sheriff Frank Roberts, and the sheriff and his deputies, as well as the city police, took the field at once, covering all roads in this vicinity.

According to the officers here this is the most reliable clue on the missing men that has developed in southwest Washington.

The word came from the owner of the service station at Toledo known as the Teapot Dome station. The car containing the three men drove up to the station and asked to have their gasoline tank filled. The man compiled all the more quickly when he noted the men all carried rifles.

When the tank was filled the motorists told the man to "go to Roberts" and sped away. Sheriff Roberts at once was notified by telephone. He called in Deputies John Shipley, Felix Heford, Lew Hawkins, Joe Coleman, Dick Clamptit, and they were joined by Chief of Police John Carr and Patrolman George King, P. W. North and Robert Fallon.

These officers deployed along the highways on both sides of the city and a dragnet was thrown out all over Lewis county points.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—Though three days have elapsed since the trail of Tom Murray, James (Blackie) Willos and Ellisworth Kelley, escaped convict-killers was picked up in Portland, only to be lost again, police were still on the alert tonight for the trio.

Several residents in Portland, most of them in the so called north end were still under the watchful eyes of police detectives according to Chief Jenkins. Police heads admit it possible that the fugitives are still in the city.

"One guess is as good as another," Captain Moore of the in-

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HUGE FOREST BLAZE IS ENDANGERING PASADENA

1400 MEN WORKING FRANTICALLY TO CONTROL FIRE

Over 4,000 Acres Burned Over by Brush Fire With Six-Mile Front

PASADENA, Cal., Aug. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Fourteen hundred men were tonight fighting a brush fire in Big Tjunga canyon region, nine miles north of here, which was advancing on a six-mile front and in some places was within four miles of Pasadena. Another fire, 74 miles from Pasadena, in the Verdugo hills, was reported to the firefighters late today. It is not considered serious.

The Big Tjunga fire was burning briskly on north and south fronts, having covered 4,000 acres since it started last Tuesday, but the firefighters announced they had succeeded in checking, temporarily at least, the La Crescenta valley and lower Arroyo Seco watersheds. The upper watersheds are still in danger.

County authorities announced they were investigating two private surveying parties which were seen in the Big Tjunga region shortly before the fire started.

Twenty-five men who were believed trapped in Dark Canyon, arrived safely after many of them had received slight burns in their escape from the advancing flames.

FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

GEORGE J. PARSONS IS SUICIDE AT WEST SALEM

Despondent over continued ill-health, George J. Parsons, 72, retired farmer living in West Salem, committed suicide shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning. He had suffered from heart trouble and high blood pressure for many years and recently had been frequently in acute pain.

Mr. Parsons arose at 4:30 yesterday morning to build the fire and do chores in his customary manner. About 7 o'clock he left the house and did not return. The suspicions of his wife were aroused by his unusually long absence and she investigated a search.

His dead body was found in a woodshed back of the house with a razor beside it.

The family moved to Salem from Osage, Iowa, in 1905. Their address in West Salem was 1161 Fourth street. Mr. Parsons was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and of the Methodist church. He is survived by his widow, Sarah Parsons, 72, a daughter, Mrs. B. S. Leach of Salem, and one son, T. L. Parsons of Dallas.

The remains were brought to Salem to the Terwilliger funeral parlors. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

SPECIAL ELECTION IS TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

The special meeting of the city council tonight is being held for the purpose of discussing informally the proposed measures to be submitted to the people of a special election is called in October and definite action will not be taken on them until the next regular session of the council, it was announced yesterday by Mayor J. B. Giesy. Consideration of the proposed ordinance that would call the special election is also slated for debate tonight.

Ordinances authorizing the purchase of new fire equipment and an appropriation for street improvement are the two measures thus far scheduled for reference to the voters if a special election is called. It is probable that no other matters than the special election questions will be given consideration tonight, it was said.

MURDER CASE NEAR END

ELLINGSON TRIAL EXPECTED TO GO TO JURY TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Dorothy Ellingson murder case will not reach the jury before some time tomorrow at the earliest.

With the concluding argument of Chief Defense Counsel Walter McGovern still uncompleted, and the closing argument of Harmon D. Skilkin, chief counsel for the prosecution, yet to be made, the case was adjourned at four o'clock this afternoon until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

McGovern said he could not complete his argument before 11 o'clock tomorrow. Skilkin's argument is expected to consume between two and three hours. The court's instructions to the jury probably will require something less than one hour. If the foregoing problematical schedule is borne out by developments, the case should be in the hands of the jury of seven women and five men late tomorrow afternoon.

TEXTBOOK GROUP IS OPENING BIDS

Advice of Attorney General Van Winkle Ignored by State Commission

MAY TAKE BOOKS TODAY

Situation Different From Others Declares Miller; Many Book Agents Hovering About State House

Acting upon the advice of Elton Watkins and Johnston Wilson, Portland attorneys, and going against the recent opinion given by Attorney General Van Winkle, the Oregon state textbook commission organized Thursday and proceeded to open bids for textbooks to be adopted for the next two years. The Portland opinion declared that an emergency exists and that the commission should meet and proceed as in regular session and enter contracts for one-third expiring June, 1927, and one-third expiring June, 1928.

No adoptions were made and owing to the great number of bids, there being nearly 30 representatives of publishing houses present with more expected today, it is anticipated the commission will not complete its work until Saturday. Discussion centered around which books should be selected for two and which for four years. Prices received indicate that the new contracts will be higher than previous ones.

"We are confronted at present with a situation that is different to a certain extent than the previous textbook adoption for two outstanding reasons," Milton A. Miller, chairman, said in opening the meeting. "The first of these is that the contracts on two-thirds of the books have expired and the other that the publishers refuse to extend contracts at the former price. The legislature of 1923 passed a law that one-third of the books should be adopted every two years, which changed the original law that provided for the adoption of the entire list for a period of six years."

"We find that no contracts exist for two-thirds of the books and the publishers refuse to continue the books at the same price. Therefore we have been asked by the governor to meet the situation and protect the children of the state and the patrons so far as we can relative to the price and the making of the contracts."

The ruling of the attorney general, under which J. A. Churchill is proceeding, holds that the adoption of textbooks at this time is illegal and that no books can be adopted until November, 1926.

FEWER CARDS RECEIVED

INCREASE IN RATES REDUCE RADIO APPLAUSE CARDS

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Applause is worth a cent but not two, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar of Tennessee deducted from testimony today before the joint congressional committee on postal rates.

"Before the postage on privately issued postcards went up from one cent each to two cents," L. L. Hunter, secretary of Henry Field Seed company of Shenandoah, Va., had testified. "we received 5,000 radio applause cards a week. Since the new rates went into effect the applause cards have dropped out of sight."

Mr. Hunter was one of a number of witnesses representing business houses who testified to the shrinkage in the use of post cards.

"That testimony about the worth of applause," opined Senator McKellar, "ought to interest politicians, sir."

"We still get a number of applause letters," Mr. Hunter hastened to add.

"Ah, I see," said Senator McKellar. "There are both one cent and two cent applauders."

GIANT PLANE IS READY

NAVY MODEL TO FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO TOMORROW

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—The giant all-metal plane PB-1 built here for the navy's California-Hawaii flight, is to leave for a non-stop flight to San Francisco Saturday morning. It was announced here tonight as the big plane was being put in readiness for the long hop.

A new coat of paint will be applied and minor adjustments made tomorrow. The last test flight was held Wednesday when a speed of 125 miles per hour was registered.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

