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FIVE INDIANS WERE CREMATED

Burned to Death By the Government Jail at the Agency Catching Afire.

THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

The Victims Were Prisoners Charged With Drunkenness and Were Locked in Between 7 and 9 O'clock Saturday Night—They Had Been Searched for Matches, But Had Probably Succeeded in Retaining Some—Had Been No Fire in the Jail Stove for the Past Month.

The Dead.

Henry Cook, also known as Henry Pond. Abraham Lyman. Went-pa-ya, a Yakima. Um-ta-ki-llip, or Steven, a Montana Indian. Wet-a-snoot, or Reuben, a Lapwal.

Five Indians were burned alive at the agency on the Umatilla reservation early Sunday morning. They were prisoners in the agency jail, which was evidently set afire by the prisoners themselves. Before the jail was discovered the jail had become a blazing mass and the Indians were probably dead, as no sounds were heard from them. The door of the jail was never unlocked and after the fire had burned low the charred bodies of the five were found within the ruins. The verdict of the coroner's jury, given after a long investigation, is to the effect that the fire was started by the prisoners themselves and that they were not rescued owing to the poor system in connection with the keeping of the jail.

Christenson Gave Alarm.

It was about 3 o'clock Sunday morning that the fire was discovered. William Christenson, the agency farmer, looked out of a window of his cottage at the agency and saw a glare of light. Arising, he saw that the jail was afire. About one-fourth of it was afire and a portion of the roof had already fallen. Springing from bed he rushed to the fire bell and rang the same to awake the agency people. He then secured one of the fire axes and, rushing to the jail, tried to chop the door lock so as to open the door. But he could make no headway and soon gave up the attempt. However, he says he heard no sound from within and in his judgment the Indians were dead at that time, anyway.

Gardner Had Key.

W. L. Gardner, the industrial teacher, and who carries one of the keys to the jail, said he was awakened by the fire bell and at first thought the dormitory was afire. He began arousing the sleeping children under his charge and finally discovered the fire was at the jail. With others he then coupled on the fire hose and got a stream of water to the fire, hoping to prevent the bodies of the prisoners from being burned up. He declared the Indians were certainly dead before he reached the scene and he made no effort to unlock the door.

A Ghastly Sight.

That the agency jail had burned with its five prisoners was phoned to the city immediately after the fire by Agent O. C. Edwards. He notified Dr. T. M. Henderson, who gave the information to Coroner Ralph Folsom. Early in the forenoon that official secured men for a jury and drove to the scene. Aside from the coroner's party several other white men drove out in buggies to view the ruin.

The sight presented during the forenoon before the bodies had been removed, was a horrible one. The bodies, while burned beyond recognition, were still intact and of life size. The grinning skulls remained in place of the heads and the muscles were still on the skeletons. One of the prisoners was sitting in a life-like position, leaning against the sill at the

Murdered for Her Money.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 21. Miss Annie Roper, aged 37, living at Blaine, was attacked at her home late last night, gagged and beaten to death with a hatchet. Kerosene was then used and the house burned to the ground. Robbery is supposed to be the object. The women kept her money in the house, fearing to trust the banks. There were five wounds on the head. The body was almost entirely cremated. Two suspects have been arrested.

northwest corner of the jail. The other four were heaped in another corner, the one which had burned last, and where the prisoners had doubtless huddled in agony while they were burned alive.

Lengthy Inquest Held.

It was about 11 o'clock yesterday that the coroner's jury commenced taking testimony and witnesses were examined for several hours. The members of the Indian police were first questioned. On Saturday evening they declared all five of the Indians were drunk and fighting near the home of Luke Minthorn, just this side of the agency. Abraham Lyman was the first one arrested, and he was locked up about 7 o'clock. About 9 o'clock the other four were placed in the jail.

According to Chief Luke Minthorn and both the policemen who made the arrests, all of the prisoners were well searched for matches, as well as for other effects. When they left the jail after locking the prisoners up there was no fire in the jail stove and the police declared there had been none for a month. A fire was not allowed while drunken prisoners were locked up.

Other witnesses examined before the jury were Agent Edwards, Stone the teamster, Dr. T. M. Henderson, Small Hawk, to identify one of the men, Harry Redford, Kash Kash, Yakima George and Alice Padawah. According to Mr. Edwards the general orders of the department were to arrest drunken Indians and lock them up. This has been done regularly and to the best of his knowledge the prisoners had always been searched for matches as well as other articles. One of the agency men, Gardner, was under orders to make an inspection

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EIGHT HOUR DAY STRUGGLE IS ON

RAILROAD UNIONS STRIVE FOR A LAW IN WASHINGTON.

All the Railroad Brotherhoods of Oregon, Idaho and Washington Labor in a Conference at Seattle With Governor Mead and Members of the Legislature—Railroaders From the Eastern Unions Were Present.

The struggle for the eight-hour day on the O. R. & N. has been transferred from Chicago to Seattle, where all the grand officers of the railway brotherhoods are now in session with delegates from the various railway systems of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

At a meeting held in Seattle Saturday night Governor Mead and members of the Washington legislature were present and the eight-hour day proposition was thoroughly discussed. It is hoped to secure an eight-hour law for the railroads in Washington.

A dispatch from Seattle says of the session of the labor representatives:

In an effort to have the working hours of all employes in the operating departments of the railroads in this state reduced to the eight-hour schedule by the legislature there assembled in the Arcade building this afternoon the largest convention of railroad employes ever brought together in the northwest, the assembly including national executive officers from the four big railroad brotherhoods of firemen, engineers, trainmen and conductors.

The executive officers who made speeches were: Warren S. Stone of Cleveland, O., grand chief of the engineers; John J. Hanrahan of Peoria, Ill., grand master of the firemen; A. B. Garretson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, grand chief of the conductors, and P. H. Morrissey of Cleveland, O., grand master of the trainmen. Members of the King county delegation in the state legislature were present. Governor Mead and State Labor Commissioner Hubbard were present and favored a change in the law.

SOLDIERS SAVED HAINES.

One Member of the Tenth Infantry Was Burned to Death.

Haines, Alaska, Jan. 21.—Heroic work by soldiers of the 10th Infantry from Fort Wm. H. Seward, saved this city from total destruction by fire this morning. One soldier was burned to death. Property loss \$20,000.

Miners Endorse Beverage Bill.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—The resolutions committee of the miners decided the Beverage child labor bill the best yet offered, and endorsed many ideas of the bill. Beverage will not speak on the bill till Wednesday.

Chief of Police Killed.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—Colonel Peschkowski, chief of police of Lenoxon, formerly police chief of Loz, was assassinated today.

Electric Plant Destroyed.

Ketchikan, Alaska, Jan. 21.—The electric light plant was destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss, \$15,000.

GOV. SWEETENHAM FIRED AMERICANS

Colonia Governor of Kingston Hotly Resents Admiral Davis' Assistance.

AGREED THAT HE MADE AN EGREGIOUS ASS OF HIMSELF

Governor of Island and Mayor of Kingston at Loggerheads—Liquor Making Much Trouble Through the Negroes—Mayor of Kingston Squares Himself and People With Admiral Davis—British Embassy at Washington Deeply Regrets—Four Relief Ships Back Away From Kingston.

New York, Jan. 21.—Kingston tourists arrived today by the steamer Baker expressed no surprise at Governor Sweetenham's action in ordering Admiral Davis and his American sailors off the island. Max Magnus, on the island at the time of the quake, said, "It is just what you would expect of Sweetenham if you once saw him strutting about in jack boots, the picture of absurdity. Americans there are doing more than all his force to right things."

Sweetenham Execrated.

Kinkston, Jan. 21.—There was disorder here last night and discontent is rife. Governor Sweetenham and the mayor of Kingston are at loggerheads and everybody is expressing the opinion the governor made a mess of the situation, and an ass of himself.

A number of small rum shops have been opened secretly and negroes are causing much trouble. Lady Sweetenham is the angel of the stricken city, being constantly at work directing nurses and aiding the injured. She has scarcely slept since the disaster.

Mayor Denounces Governor.

London, Jan. 21.—As typical of the sentiment of the people the mayor of Kingston went to Admiral Davis before he sailed and disclaimed all responsibility for the governor's action, and condemned it in the heartiest terms.

Relief Ship Backs Out.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The supply ship Celtic, ordered to Kingston with provisions, has returned to Guantanamo.

Howard, in charge of the British embassy here, said he is without official advice, but if the Sweetenham incident is true, "it is a most regrettable affair."

Presidential Conference.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The president, Taft and Bacon are in conference about the Sweetenham-Davis incident.

Three More Back Away.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The navy department received a dispatch from Evans this morning that the Missouri, Indiana and Yankton have returned to Guantanamo.

25 Refugee Americans.

Boston, Jan. 21.—The United Fruit Co. steamer Admiral Sampson arrived this morning with 25 Americans who escaped death at Kingston, aboard.

American Sailors Were Needed.

Kingston, Jan. 21.—Indignation over Sweetenham's action grows. The city is growing calmer, the over-worked officials, committees and surgeons having restored order, but they would have done so more satisfactorily had the efficient aid of the American seamen been continued.

\$150,000 FOR ALASKAN FAIR

Representative Settlemier of Marion County Introduces Exposition Measure.

BRYAN WILL BE GREETED THURSDAY NIGHT.

Demand for Places on Banking and Insurance Committees Caused President Haines to Divide That Committee Into Two Separate Bodies—All Investigations of State Departments Reported Unfavorably—Alaskan Fair Commission of Five to Serve Without Pay.

Salem, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Representative Settlemier of Marion county, introduced a resolution in the house this afternoon giving the objects of the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle in 1909, asking the advisability of making an exhibit of Oregon's advantages and resources on that occasion and an appropriation of \$150,000 to carry out the objects, the commission to be appointed by the governor, to consist of five members to serve without pay.

All resolutions calling for committees of investigation for the different state institutions and departments and for the employment of clerical assistance, were acted upon unfavorably by the committee on resolutions.

The Rothschild resolution, providing a committee for the reception of Wm. J. Bryan, who will be invited to address the joint assembly at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, was reported back favorably.

In conformity with the action of the senate the house committee on resolutions presented a resolution providing for making two separate committees, of the committee on banking and insurance.

The provision, unlike conditions prevailing in the senate, was made to harmonize with the latter's action and in view of anticipated important legislation on both banking and insurance.

In order to satisfy the demand for places on the banking and insurance committee, President Haines of the senate has found it necessary to divide the committee in two, with five members each. The committee on rules agreed to a change, accordingly. The announcement of the standing committees, was made late today.

GORGE DOES GREAT DAMAGE.

Hoover, Wash., Jan. 21.—A terrific ice gorge sweeping down the Columbia, swept away the Mata Hoover, a local steamer and the ferryboat Eleanor several miles down stream, and lodged them against an island. The ferry is lost at the Umatilla rapids, is 20 feet high from bank to bank, extends many miles and is growing in size every hour.

WILL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP.

May Make Railroad Commission Elective in Washington.

Olympia, Jan. 21.—Not satisfied with forcing the resignation of Railroad Commissioner McMillin, the legislature may be asked to investigate the entire affairs of the office, as well as several other appointees of Governor Mead.

The senate will urge the passage of a law making the commission elective instead of appointive, and amend it to cover electric as well as steam roads.

Game Won by Pendleton.

The basketball game between Pendleton and Walla Walla high school teams in Walla Walla Saturday night, resulted in a victory for the Pendleton team by a score of 19 to 11.

COMMERICAL CLUBS AT WALLA WALLA

Pendleton Commercial association and the Third District Development league will be well represented at the union meeting of the commercial bodies of the inland empire to be held at Walla Walla tomorrow night.

Judge W. R. Ellis of this city, will be spokesman for the Third District Development league and Pendleton Commercial association and will be accompanied by a delegation of citizens from this city, among them being Montie B. Gwinn, president of Pendleton Saving bank; H. C. Willis, secretary of the Third District Development league; Lee Teutsch, Leon Cohen and C. E. Roosevelt of the Third District Agricultural society, and a number of others who will perhaps attend.

The meeting in Walla Walla will be for the purpose of promoting the interests of the inland empire, commercially and industrially, and the subjects of freight rates, open rivers and interior development will be the vital topics of the meeting.

A banquet will follow the meeting of the commercial bodies and it is expected that 200 will enjoy the festivities.

The meeting is held at this time for the express purpose of encouraging the Washington legislature to pass a \$300,000 appropriation for the improvement of the Columbia and Snake river, such a measure having been drawn and presented by the Walla Walla Commercial club.

The commercial associations of Athena, Weston, Milton, Walla Walla, Waiilatburg, Dayton, Colfax and Pendleton are expected to participate in the union meeting and good results are anticipated.

WILL ELECT BOURNE.

Legislature Will Vote on Senator at Noon Tuesday, January 22.

Salem, Jan. 21.—At the hour of noon Tuesday, both branches of the legislature will cast their ballot for long and short term United States senators. The United States statutes prescribe the second Tuesday following the organization of the legislative body. The president of the senate, and the speaker of the house will first announce the result of the vote cast at the June election, then each house will cast their ballot separately.

The announcement of the vote at the election is according to the provision of the law passed in 1901, which provides for a counting of the vote, after which the legislative ballot is cast.

If the result shows a majority in both houses, they meet at noon the following day to ratify the election, but if a majority in each house fail to get together, they meet the following day at noon in joint assembly, and cast a joint ballot to decide the election of senators.

THAW CASE WAS CALLED.

Trial Will Begin Wednesday—Jerome Confident of Conviction.

New York, Jan. 21.—Manacled to a prison guard, Harry Thaw was taken to the court building. His arraignment was purely formal. It is reported the plea will be temporary insanity when the trial begins, which will likely be called Wednesday.

Jerome believes the trial will be short. He thinks the case one of the simplest and that brutal murder will easily be proven. Great crowds thronged the court building, trying to get a glimpse of the prisoner.

CARLOAD POWDER WRECKS A TRAIN

TWENTY PERSONS KILLED AND FORTY WERE INJURED.

Some Were Slowly Burned to Death in the Wreckage and the Remainder Frightfully Mutilated—Eleven Cars and an Engine Demolished—Cause of the Explosion Will Probably Never Be Revealed.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 21.—At Sanford, this state, about 18 miles from this place, some 20 persons were killed by the explosion of a carload of powder, 800 kegs having blown up from some cause while standing on a side track. The persons who were killed were passengers on the Big Four accommodation train, which left here at 8:30 Saturday evening and reached Sanford 20 minutes later.

Of those dead it is believed that about 15 were killed outright by the explosion, the remainder being slowly burned to death in the wreckage. From 35 to 40 were injured in every degree, from fatally to slightly. Some of the dead were blown long distances, and nearly all were frightfully mutilated. Some of the dead could not be identified. The identified dead:

Dead and Injured.

Charles Cosnell, Paris, Ill.; John Franklin, brakeman, Ashmore, Ill.; A. D. Hellar, farmer, Elbridge, Ill.; Claude Steele, Sanford, Ind.; Reed Wolfe, wife and two children, Sanford, Ind.; William Thompson, Sanford, Ind.; William Davis, Vermillion, Ill.; J. W. Sutherland, Paris, Ill.; unidentified dead man at morgue.

Three cremated bodies were taken from the wreckage and four frightfully mutilated bodies were found in the woods some distance from the wreck.

Four other bodies have not been identified. It is believed there are more in the wreck. The list of injured includes:

Conductor Frank Thomas, Mattoon, Ill.; Engineer Welch, Mattoon; Fireman Rowland, Mattoon; Harry Buck, Sanford, Ind.; William Davis, Vermillion, Ill.; Lindsey Abington, Sanford, Ind.; J. L. Lawyer, Terre Haute, Ind.; C. D. Wiley, Kansas, Ill.; George Richards, Memphis, Tenn.; Lewis Price, Vermillion, Ill.; U. S. Wishard, Franklin, Ind.; Dr. Hasle, Grand View, Ill.; Oscar Gilbert, Dudley, Ill.; Miss Mary Earhart, Terre Haute, Ind.; L. E. Rose, superintendent of maintenance of way, and his wife; Samuel Felt and wife, Terre Haute; T. C. Ainsworth, Paris, Ill.

Miss Cora Buckley, Terre Haute; Miss Florence Jones, Terre Haute; Keith Bryan, Salem, O.; Miss Anna Cummings, Terre Haute; Miss Bessie Southcott, Shelbyville, Ill.

The freight train carrying the carload of powder had just cleared the main line to allow the accommodation to pass, when the powder exploded as the passenger train was passing. The only theory yet advanced as to the cause of the explosion is that it was caused by concussion as the passenger train flew by. On the other hand, that theory is scoffed at by a majority, who claim that the cause in all probability will never be known.

The engine, two coaches and baggage car of the passenger train were completely demolished, and also eight cars of the freight train.

CIRCUIT COURT IS IN SESSION

Grand Jury Comprising Seven Members Called Immediately and Is Now at Work.

WILL PROBABLY FIND PLENTY OF MATERIAL

One Defendant Under the Anti-Gambling Statute Pleaded Guilty and Was Fined \$50—Gambling Case the Only Criminal Case Called the First Day—Jury of 11 Is Hearing a North End Case Involving a Small Account and a Formidable Array of Able Legal and Forensic Talent.

The Grand Jury.

George Roberts, foreman. Alex Milne. Robert Hoelt. A. J. Wagner. J. N. York. W. H. McCormack. G. W. Ingie.

The January term of circuit court is now on and early this forenoon the above named gentlemen were chosen to constitute a grand jury. Soon after court convened District Attorney Phelps requested of Judge Bean that a grand jury be called and the request was allowed. The jury is now at work and from the multitude of cases to be brought before it will very likely keep busy during the entire jury session.

Tatom Was Fined.

The only criminal case set for trial today was that of Ernest Tatom, accused of gambling. When the case was called this forenoon Judge James A. Fee appeared for the defendant, and said his client desired to plead guilty. Judge Bean then imposed a fine of \$50, which was paid.

The case of M. S. Robinson vs. John Wood, was then taken up for trial upon its merits. The case is from the north end of the county and involves a small note. The plaintiff is represented by Messrs. Peterson & Peterson, while the defendant is represented by C. T. Godwin and R. J. Slater.

The following jury was chosen for the case: B. Hopper, S. A. Barnes, Frank Frazier, William Kilgore, Amos Richardson, John Cummings, J. T. Leuallen, John Bell, E. L. Wright, Fred W. Hascall and W. R. Taylor.

I. O. O. F. Installation.

On Saturday evening the regular installation of officers for Eureka lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., was held, J. H. L. Wray, D. G., acting as installing officer. The following are the new officials: J. W. Maloney, N. G.; T. P. Gilliland, V. G.; John Halley, secretary; E. J. Gilliam, treasurer; I. W. Durrell, warden; T. M. Henderson, conductor; T. J. Tweedy, R. S. N. G.; W. F. Taylor, L. S. N. G.; Lot Livermore, R. S. V. G.; W. J. Bell, L. S. V. G.

Took the Shiner's Degree.

During the convale of the Shriners in Portland last week, a number of Pendleton and eastern Oregon people took the degree of the hot sands, among them being the following: Councilman E. J. Murphy of this city; O. D. Teel of Echo; Fay Le Grow of Athena; Perry Gould, formerly of this city, and Will R. King of Ontario, who is well known here.

Suit for Divorce.

Divorce proceedings have been started by Ralph Crowe against Carrie Crowe and desertion is given as the reason why the decree should be granted. They were married at Walla Walla May 15, 1905, and the plaintiff declares the defendant deserted him on September 15, 1905, while they were living at Hermiston.

Western Union to Pilot Rock.

W. S. Eckleshaw, an official for the Western Union Telegraph company, has been in the city today for the purpose of going over the branch line that is being constructed to Pilot Rock. While here he will make plans and estimates for the construction of the Western Union line to that town.

Great Northern Train Caves In.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—The west end of the Great Northern tunnel through the Cascade mountains caved in Saturday night and caught a passenger train. Several are reported injured. Communication is cut off to the west, and a relief train was sent from Spokane. The tunnel is two miles long. The cave-in is the result of heavy frosts and snows, followed by warm rains. The road will be blocked for a week. Trains will be routed over the Northern Pacific.