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PLEASURE SEEKERS CARRIED OVER NIAGARA FALLS TO DEATH BY DISLODGED ICE BRIDGE

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 5.—While hundreds of sightseers yesterday afternoon lined the shores of the river, inspecting the huge ice bridge which has choked the channel and attracted thousands of visitors during the past three weeks, the wintry phenomenon suddenly gave way, carrying a woman and two men to their death over Niagara falls.

The victims are Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Stanton, of Toronto, Canada, and Burrell Hancock, age 18 years of Cleveland, Ohio. The two men could have saved their own lives but perished because they would not desert the woman, who was unable to keep up the race with death to the shore. Many others barely escaped the same tragic end. Heroic efforts were made by fire-

NEW ROUND-UP DIRECTOR.



PAUL SPERRY, Who Takes Place of J. H. Gwinn on Board.

U. S. IS READY TO CHASTIZE MEXICO

25,000 Troops Ordered to Prepare to Go to Border.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Military preparations by the United States for intervention in the Mexican uprising were completed this afternoon and unless President Madro gives this country satisfactory assurance that Mexico is able to protect all interests, American troops undoubtedly will be sent to the border.

The war department has issued orders to have 25,000 men in the middle west, Arizona and California, prepared for an immediate advance. No attempt is being made to conceal the gravity of the situation. Juarez and southern Mexico are reported restless.

Active preparations, to mass troops along the Mexican border are being made here today by General Wood following President Taft's ultimatum to Mexico, a reply to which is expected today. The ultimatum demands that Mexico secure the immediate release of fifty Americans held by the revolutionists at Ahumado, Mex.

To reinforce the American line at El Paso, orders will be issued to the commander at Fort Whipple to dispatch a regiment of infantry and a squadron of cavalry to El Paso. It is expected that Mexico's answer to President Taft's ultimatum, will be received within forty-eight hours now.

Mutineers Return to Juarez. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 5.—The mutineers who were taken from Juarez by General Orozco for Chihuahua yesterday are returning to Juarez in small squads. They dropped off whenever the train slowed down.

EXTENSION INQUIRY TO END TOMORROW

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., Feb. 5.—Members of the investigating board from the reclamation service are slated to be here tomorrow for the final day of the hearings pertaining to the West Extension. It is to be "Hermiston Day" with the board and the business men of this town will go before the board to show their endorsement of the project.

Unless plans are changed it will be the last hearing by the board as by that time the engineers will have heard from every community having a direct interest in the extension. Today the members of the board, headed by Chief Engineer Davis, are at Stanfield to listen to objections raised by the people of that town to the plans for the West Extension.

Steamer in Distress. Eureka, Calif., Feb. 5.—A wireless message says the lumber laden schooner, Inara, is in distress off False Point, north of Cape Mendocino and that the steamer Katherine is standing by.

Chicago Has \$500,000 Fire. Chicago, Feb. 5.—The Northwestern Malt company, one of the largest breweries in Chicago burned today. The loss is half a million. Six firemen were seriously injured.

WOULD DISPENSE WITH UNITED STATES SENATE.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 5.—Obiteration of the United States senate is a prominent plank in the platform of Ralph Clyde, Portland member of the legislature, who today filed his declaration of intention to become a candidate on the republican ticket for congressman from the third congressional district of Oregon.

DECIDES ON DEATH AS WAGE OF HER SIN

New York, Feb. 5.—Having decided, as she said, that it is true, that "the wages of sin is death," the runaway wife of Millionaire Lippend Sydnam, who created a sensation last month by eloping with and marrying Frederick Nobel, a plumber, yesterday carried out a suicide pact with her penniless husband, their dead bodies being discovered by the beautiful young woman's mother in their apartments. They had inhaled gas. Today, with only members of his immediate family attending the funeral of Nobel was held and his body buried in the family plot in the cemetery. The body of the young woman was sent to Philadelphia this afternoon for burial. Shortly after the discovery of the double suicide, Walter Lippend Sydnam, the deserted husband, was notified and soon arrived on the scene. He was greatly affected by the tragic end of his wayward wife of but a few weeks ago.

He was so excited that on leaving the house of death he recklessly ran his automobile about the city until he finally ran down a mail carrier. He picked up the injured man, rushed him to a hospital and left orders that no expense be spared in saving the fellow's life. It is believed he will recover.

DATE SET FOR TRIAL OF ALLEGED DYNAMITERS

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—The trials of Ira Bender and A. B. Maple, charged with conspiring to dynamite the Hall of Records building, will begin February 13 it was announced today. At the same time a new trial for Bert Connors will begin. The Connors jury disagreed.

Royalty Reaches England.

Portsmouth, Feb. 5.—King George and Queen Mary were given a noisy welcome on their arrival here today, from their Durbar trip. They have been away nearly three months. Accompanied by four warships, the yacht Medina steamed through a double line of the home fleet after a thirty-five minute stop here, the party proceeded to London.

LABOR LEADERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO DYNAMITE CHARGE

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—Tivett, Johanssen, Clancy and Munsey, the labor leaders, pleaded not guilty to indictments charging them with conspiracy in the Times dynamiting today after Judge Wellborn had overruled their demurrer. The trial date will be set tomorrow.

PHOTO SHOWS CLEAR MAN.

Rival in Love Admits Perjury to Send Other Fellow to Penitentiary. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—Influenced by a moving picture, John Gates of this city made affidavit that he had sworn falsely against Charles Jack of Traer, Iowa, who was convicted of attempted extortion on Gates' testimony. The men were rivals in love. Jack was sent to prison two years ago and paroled last October, after serving twentyone months.

SETTLERS TO GET RELIEF

Graduated Payments Seem Assured For Umatilla Project After Long Delay.

NEWELL GIVES HOPE

Meeting of Project Waterusers Called to Make Change in Contract So As to Permit of Action—May Affect Payments Now Due for Water.

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., Feb. 5.—The following letter has been received by the secretary of the Umatilla River Water Users' association in regard to the graduation of the water right payments on this project: Washington, D. C. G. H. Uptegrove, Secretary, Umatilla River Water Users' Association, Hermiston, Oregon. Sir:—Your letter of January 20 enclosing copy of petition which has been mailed to the Secretary of the Interior requesting the adoption of a system of graduation of payments for the Umatilla Project has been received.

The matter is now under consideration by this service with the view of submitting to the department at an early date a draft of public notice which shall permit of payments for the water right to be made in graduated annual installments. Yours respectfully, F. H. NEWELL, Director.

The engineers who are now at Hermiston called the directors of the Umatilla River Water Users' together Saturday evening and asked them to call a special meeting of the stockholders on the project in order to make a change in the contract with the Secretary of the Interior, this contract reads that the payments must be made in 10 equal payments, therefore, in order to have a graduated system of payments this contract will have to be changed.

The board of directors will meet Tuesday evening and issue the call for the special meeting at once. The people on the project are jubilant over the fact that the graduation of the water right payments seems now to be an assured fact, just what the system will be is not yet known, but it is supposed that it will effect the 1910 payments which are delinquent this coming March.

ASSAULT CASE IN HANDS OF JURY

Attorneys Johnson and Skrable, who successfully defended Mabel Warner last week, were again pitted against the state today in a contest over the freedom of C. L. Montgomery, a young man charged with assault with a deadly weapon, the defendant being the men alleged to have hit Ong Tong, a Chinaman, with a dish in the Boston restaurant on Friday of Round-up week last fall. The case was given to the jury at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The state rested its case on the testimony of two Chinamen who swore that Montgomery hurled the dish that struck their countryman and upon that of Chief of Police John Kearney who declared the defendant admitted the deed shortly after he was arrested. The defense sets up the claim that the missile was thrown by the night cook of the restaurant instead of by Montgomery, the defendant himself and Gus Manos testifying to that effect.

Ong Tong appeared in court this morning with a large plaster on his head where the dish struck. The blow fractured his skull and he laid in the hospital for a long time trembling between life and death. Even now he is unfit for work and his physician thinks he may yet die from the injury.

WILL PROBABLY DISMISS INDICTMENT AGAINST WILDE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 5.—It is expected that the remaining indictment against Louis Wilde, charging him and W. Cooper Morris with the embezzling of \$12,500 from the defunct Oregon Trust and Savings bank will be dismissed. Judge Kavanaugh is sick today and District Attorney Cameron said he would not take up the matter until he is well. Cameron wants to try Wilde but apparently believes the case won't hold in view of Wilde's acquittal on an instructed verdict of a similar charge.

3 Italian Ships Founder. London, Feb. 5.—Unconfirmed Constantinople dispatches say that three Italian transports have foundered off Suza Tobruk and Taormina. No fatalities were mentioned.

MABEL WARNER IS ACQUITTED

After Three Hours Deliberation, Jury Clears Her of Forgery Charge.

VERDICT IS A SURPRISE

Woman Receives Her Freedom in Matter of Fact Manner—District Attorney Intimates Sex of Defendant Prevented Conviction.

Mrs. Mabel Young Warner is not guilty of uttering a forged bill as charged in the indictment against her. Such was the verdict of the twelve men who heard the testimony of the trial last week and it was reached after little more than three hours of deliberation. The case was assigned to their hands shortly before 9 o'clock Saturday evening and ten minutes before the midnight hour, they returned with a verdict acquitting the defendant.

Although considerable surprise was felt that Mrs. Warner should be acquitted, the general opinion being that the jury would disagree, the greatest surprise was expressed that a verdict could be reached in so short a time. When shortly before 12 o'clock, Judge Bradshaw was notified that the jury was ready to report, the little crowd which had stayed up in anticipation of a verdict was divided in its forecast of the announcement and even Mrs. Warner, confident as she expressed herself of an acquittal, seemed just a little fearful lest the verdict would not justify her confidence.

She received the reading of the verdict declaring her not guilty calmly but there was a look of triumph in her eyes as she shook hands with every one present except Dr. Watts, not even overlooking Judge James A. Fee, who has been her foe in the courts for many years. She declared the verdict fulfilled all of her predictions.

First Ballot 8 to 4. According to reports, the first ballot cast by the jury after it had retired showed eight for acquittal and four for conviction. The next division, it is said, indicated eleven for acquittal and one for conviction at which status it stood until the one dissenter was won over to the conclusion of his fellow jurors.

The opposing attorneys, in commenting on the case, all speak highly of the manner in which Judge Bradshaw of The Dalles conducted the trial. Both sides declared the instructions to the jury very fair. Messrs Johnson and Skrable, who represented the defendant, are modest in their victory but declare they were satisfied as to the outcome after the second day. District Attorney Van Vactor declares he labored hard to secure a conviction and intimates that the fact of the defendant being a woman might have had considerable to do with his failure to win.

The Closing Pleas. In the defense's closing plea to the jury, Johnson declared emphatically that there were only two issues in the case, namely, "Was the fourth will a forgery and did the defendant know it to be a forgery when she executed it?" All other evidence, he said, bearing on other "wills" and actions in connection with them had no bearing upon the issues except to show the intent and state of mind of Mrs. Warner, and the judge in his instructions, bore out the attorney's contention.

District Attorney Van Vactor in closing his case, admitted that the defendant had lived with J. W. Young and that her uncle might at one time have intended that the property should go to her at his death, but he maintained, there had been a break in the relations between the two when twelve years before the old man's death, the defendant left home and went on the vaudeville stage.

Trial Expensive One. The long trial was one of the most expensive in the history of the local court, it being estimated to have cost the county \$2000.

FIVE SEATTLE MEN INDICTED FOR BANKWRECKING

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.—Warrants were served today on five prominent Seattle men, following the return of sealed indictments by the Federal grand jury, in Fairbanks, Alaska, which has been investigating the failure of the Washington-Alaska bank there, which the indicted men sold in 1909, before it busted. They are W. H. Parsons, Vice President Dexter of the Horton bank; John Schrams, a banker; F. E. Barbour and E. L. Webster.

If a revolver trust should be formed that would raise the price of revolvers to \$100 each, society might be benefited.

WOMAN DOCTOR IS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER FOR STARVING SPINSTER FOR HER WEALTH

Port Orchard, Wash., Feb. 5.—After being out twenty hours, the jury last night returned a verdict of manslaughter against Linda Burfield Hazzard, the woman doctor, fast specialist and sanitarium owner, for the death of Miss Claire Williamson, a wealthy English spinster, whom it is alleged Dr. Hazzard starved to death after she had persuaded the English woman to will her property to Dr. Hazzard.

An appeal is to be taken to a higher court and pending arrangements for this, the woman is in the hands of Sheriff Howe and her attorneys are arranging for her release on bail in the amount of \$20,000. Several ballots were taken before a unanimous verdict was reached. The first ballot resulted in five for first degree murder, four for second degree murder and three for manslaughter. At no time did any juror vote for acquittal. Manslaughter is punishable, under the Washington state laws, by a penitentiary sentence of from one to twenty years in the penitentiary; a jail sentence of one year; a fine of one thousand dollars, or both the latter.

BROKEN STATESMAN.



SENATOR R. M. LA FOLLETTE, Whose Illness May Force Withdrawal as Presidential Candidate.

MANCHUS ARE OUT; ANARCHY IS FEARED

Peking, Feb. 5.—The last stage of the peace negotiations is practically completed here today, with the announcement that the republicans have agreed to permit President Sun and Premier Yuan to govern China jointly until the people could elect a president.

This followed the empress dowager's edict instructing Yuan to assist the southern republicans in the formation of the republic. It is now believed that hostilities will cease immediately. Many Manchu princes left Peking today, but their destination was not announced. It is believed the edict was materially hastened by Washington dispatches which stated that Germany and the United States were seriously considering means to end the internal Chinese strife.

The fact that the dowager commissioned Yuan to aid in the organization of the republic has led to the belief that she received advance information that Yuan will be chosen president by the people.

Fear Anarchy.

Shanghai, Feb. 5.—Now that the throne is practically deserted, there is great fear that anarchy throughout the empire will follow. In the large cities the banks are employing a large number of Europeans to guard their vaults and the foreign patrols are doubled.

HOUSE REFUSES TO SUSPEND RULES TO DISCOURAGE T. R.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Congressman Slayden of Texas, today moved that the house suspend its rules and pass his resolution, that the "sense of the house is against a third term for any president." The resolution is aimed at Colonel Roosevelt. It is evident the regulars wouldn't fight the resolution when Minority Leader Mann favored his right to control the opposition debate. Congressman Norris, an insurgent then took charge of the opposition. On a vote the motion lost 89 to 59.

ONE KILLED AND TWO HURT IN OVERLAND WRECK

Sacramento, Feb. 5.—West bound Overland Limited, number one was derailed at Applegate today. Engineer Charles Brown is missing and Fireman Clark is badly injured. The engine turned turtle. One brakeman was hurt. No passengers were reported injured.

PHILIPPINE DELEGATES INSTRUCTED AGAINST TAFT

Manila, Feb. 5.—The republican insular convention, to elect delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago, met today. The fight is over the proposed endorsement of President Taft for renomination. Many outside provinces have sent delegates instructed to vote against Taft. Manila is solidly for the president.

It's a long time lately between "crises" in the 30 cent republic up south.

LA FOLLETTE IS ILL AND MAY WITHDRAW

Will Leave For Rest in Europe—Friends Are Alarmed

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—(Bulletin)—With his health utterly broken and his friends urgently it is possible this afternoon that Senator La Follette will withdraw as a candidate for the republican nomination.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Broken down by his campaign for the republican presidential nomination, Senator La Follette announced this morning that he had cancelled all dates and will leave immediately for a two months' rest in southern Europe and then return and resume his western tour.

Friends Urge Withdrawal.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(Bulletin)—At a conference of friends of Senator La Follette this afternoon, it was decided that the state of his health is so alarming that his friends must step in and take practical charge of him and an announcement was drafted by them of his withdrawal as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

Senators Clapp and Bristow and Walter Houser, La Follette's campaign manager, drafted the announcement. Among the others taking part in the conference and deciding on this action, was Senator Bourne of Oregon.

The announcement had not been submitted to Senator La Follette late this afternoon and will not be formally given out until he approves of it. It is possible he may veto it.

May Mean Teddy's Candidacy.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 5.—Discussing the possible retirement of Senator La Follette, John Fackler, chairman of the Ohio Progressive league, today gave out a statement, saying that if La Follette's illness would cause his retirement, the progressives could then turn to Colonel Roosevelt, who he says wouldn't refuse the call.

PROGRAM TO HONOR CHARLES DICKENS

In honor of the centenary of Charles Dickens a short program is to be given at the public library at 3 o'clock Wednesday evening, that day being the centenary of the birth of the great English novelist.

The centenary program which is being arranged for the occasion will be given by students of the high school. It will consist in a biographical sketch, a review and a reading from "Christmas Carols."

Along with the program will be exhibited pictures of Dickens, specially bound volumes of his works and other articles of interest. Some excellent things along this line are in the possession of local people and will be displayed at the library Wednesday evening. Miss Letta Fisk, librarian, is seeking further exhibits of this sort and says that people who have anything that will be of interest are requested to tender them to the library for the occasion.

MRS. MOORE MAY APPEAR AT TRIAL OF TIMOTHY

Redford, Calif., Feb. 5.—Announcement that Mrs. Lillian Moore, widow of Millionaire Moore, would appear at Chauffeur Timothy's preliminary hearing tomorrow on a charge of Moore's murder, was made today. She is suffering from nervous prostration. The authorities believe her presence is necessary to clear up several contradictory statements regarding her whereabouts the night Timothy and Moore fought a duel. Moore told the police she was riding with Timothy. Timothy declared she arrived on the scene later.