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EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

Archbishop Kratzer, of Wisconsin, is seriously ill.

Russian encroachments on China bring the crisis nearer.

Screetary Root says army officers must not assign their pay.

The Jewish petition is now in the hands of President Roosevelt.

Secretary Root will resign next fall and Oliver is slated to succeed him.

A monument is to be erected at Provincetown, Mass., where the Mayflower landed in 1620.

According to the latest advices Castro now has the upper hand in the Venezuelan trouble.

The battleship Kearsarge is to make a record trip across the Atalntic to show what can be done.

Nearly 1,000 coalminers at Ardena, Ohio, have gone on a strike because of difficulties with foreigners in the mines there.

It is said that Cleveland will declare himself a candidate for the presidential nomination at a banquet in Chicago in October.

Conductors and brakemen on the Illinois Central have been granted an increase in wages that will add over $200,000 to the annual payroll.

A collision between passenger and freight trains on the Great Westren, near Savannah, Mo., resulted in the death of one person and the injury of 20 others.

Cyclones on the French Island of Tonquin caused 150 deaths.

Colonel R. S. Oliver, of Albany, N. Y., has been appointed to succeed Sanger as assistant secretary of war.

A score or more of Christian Endeavorers were injured by wind wrecking the big convention tent at Denver.

Associate Justice Brewer, of Wisconsin, says every man who participates in lynching or burning of negroes is a murderer.

The Dublin council has voted not to present the king with an address of welcome on the occasion of his visit there shortly.

British firms in the Philippines say the new law allowing no freigners under contract admitted will drive them out of business.

Three men were killed, two seriously injured and three buildings destroyed by an explosion at the Laflin powder works, Laflin, Pa.

The naturalization of 39 Russians and Italians has been set aside by a New York judge as fraudulent. Several hundred more will be declared void.

The St. Louis fair commissioner has returned from the Philippines and says the exposition has the promise of many fine attractions from the islands.

Judge Parker's icy manner on his visit to the South was a death blow to his presidential candidacy and Democrats are now looking for other material.

The Pacific Nrothwest will produce a record crop of prunes.

Chinese intrigue in Corea makes Japan more determined for war.

Kentucky Republicans will nominate Morris B. Belknap for governor.

The next congress will be asked to make an appropriation for a national art gallery.

United States Judge George Gray, of Delaware, is the latest Democratic candidate for president.

The Western federation of miners has issued an appeal for help in fighting for an eight-hour day.

Russia regards the stand of the United States on the Manchurian question with surprise and resentment.

An attempt was made to blow up the home of Judge R. T. Miller, of Iron Mountain, Mich., with dynamite.

One of the leaders in the assassination of the late king of Servia has been promoted to a place in the war department.

Pension Commissioner Ware has ordered Agent Terry to come to Oregon to collect Indian war rolls, so all veterans can get pensions.

H. D. Watson, of Pittsburg, who has, for the past two months, been preparing a brief in the Alaskan boundary case, has finished his work and sailed for London.

Italians are betting on who will be the next Pope.

Mrs. Blaine is past recovery and the end may come at any time.

Manchurian war talk in China is greater than for three years.

Ex-President Caro, of Colombia, is doing all in his power to defeat the Panama canal treaty.

The Jewish population of Crocow, Galicia, is expecting an anti-Jewish persecution similar to those at Kishinef.

Fred Ames, ex-chief of police of Minneapolis, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for six and a half years for grafting.

WOOLEN MILLS DESTROYED.

Fire at Oregon City Throws Three Hundred Out of Work.

Oregon City, July 15.—Fire last night destroyed property of the Oregon City manufacturing company valued at between $75,000 and $100,000. The loss is covered by insurance. Spontaneous combustion in a carbonizer in the pullery building is given as the origin of the fire, which destroyed the wool room, dye room and boiler room of the woolen mills. The company will immediately replace the burned buildings, but the blaze will necessitate suspension of mill operations for at least three months and the throwing out of employment for that period of about 300 people.

The flames were discovered issuing from the roof of the wool house at 9 o'clock but the building was already doomed, and the adjoining frame structures were soon ablaze. A general fire alarm was responded to by the fire department and citizens, who fought heroically. The main woolen mill building was on fire several times, but under the direction of Fire Chief Ruconich the structure was saved, although the interior was damaged some what by water.

Vigorous and timely action alone saved the property of the Portland flouring mills company. The large warehouse of this company was aflame a number of times, but by brave work the building and adjoining mill were saved. The warehouse of the O. R. & N. Co. narrowly escaped burning.

With a stiff breeze from the northeast, it is considered remarkable that the Portland flouring mills were not burned. The firemen did most effective work.

SIX ROB A CAR.

Daring Hold-Up in Outskirts of Portland —One Man Wounded.

Portland, July 15.—Robbing Fred Day, whom they mortally wounded with a needless shot, taking $300 in money, watches anud jewelry from 40 passengers on a Sellwood car, then robbing a lone pedestrian as they left the scene, six desperate highwaymen last night made their escape and now bid defiance to the police.

On the crossing of the Southern Pacific at East Eleventh and Division streets, but half a mile from the business center of East Portland, the holdup was committed a few minutes before midnight.

Daring and cold blooded, the highwaymen boarded an out bound car at 11:45, shot Fred Day in the back without provocation, and as he fell in their arms apparently lifeless, held him up until they could rifle his pockets, then let him drop in a pool of his own blood and turned their attention to the rest of the passengers.

At least 40 people were on the car, and every passenger was robbed of money and jewelry. Rings were jerked violently from women's fingers, and watches snatched quickly and thrust into the pockets of the highwaymen.

Nor did this content them. Not nervous in the least over their bloody deed, they stopped in their flight long enough to hold up and rob O. N. Bittner on Milwaukie street.

POWER WANING.

Age Gradually Saps the Strength of Pope Leo.

Rome, July 15.—Another remarkable rally in Pope Leo's condition occurred yesterday afternoon, after a morning in the course of which his holiness suffered spells of delirium and at times his strength sank to the lowest ebb, and now he lies in no worse condition than he was on Monday evening, except for the steady diminution of his strength.

Yesterday's rally was characteristically opposed to every medical theory and consisted in getting out of bed, on which two hours previouly the pope himelf had made all preparations for death. Unsatisfied with this show of vitality, he transacted considerable business and had an interview with four cardinals, with whom he talked in an animated way.

According to the physicians the pontiff may die at any moment, even in the midst of one of those extracrdinary intervals.

Stock Train Falls in River.

St. Louis, July 16.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Poplar Bluff, Mo., says: A freight wreck occurred on the Iron Mountain railroad today between Rouden and Gurdon, Ark., south of this city. Two brakemen, a negro tramp and 35 carloads of horses and mules were killed. A boxcar jumped the track just as the train ran on the little Missouri river bridge, with such force as to wreck the bridge and allow the 35 cars of stock and men killed to fall into the stream below, a distance of 40 feet.

Last Attempt to Reclaim Dead.

Hanna, Wyo., July 16.— Preparations are being made to resume the work of opening the coal mine here and rescuing the dead bodies of the victims of the disaster of June 30. A party of miners arrived last night from Rock Springs, and others are en route from Diamondville, Cumberland and Spring Valley. These men have had years of experience in fighting mine fires, and they will make a herculean effort to extinguish the flames and reach the bodies.

Crown Prince Travels Incog.

Victoria, B. C., July 15.—The steamship Empress of India, which arrived today from the Orient, had among her passengers Crown Prince Rupprecht Marie Luitpold Ferdinand of Bavaria and the crown princess, who have been making an enforced tour of the world on account of a scandal attaching to the crown prince which agitated Bavaria.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

CLACKAMAS FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Old Records Give Interesting Figures on Wages and Assessments.

In rummaging about his office a few days ago County Clerk Sleight unearthed some official records that contain some interesting statistics with reference to Clackamas county in the early '50s. They consist of some statistics compiled by Joseph T. Meek, who was then territorial marshal for Clackamas county in June, 1850. In that year the assessable value of property in this county was $1,020,344, classified as follows: Real estate, $836,650; personal, $183,694. The schedule of wages paid at that time was remarkable. The average monthly wage to farm hands, including board, was $80; the average wages paid day laborers with board was $4, without board $6; average daily wages for carpenters, $12; board per week for laboring men cost $8.

There were published in the county at that time two weekly papers, namely, Oregon Spectator, Territorial; and Western Star, Multnomah. An idea of the value and profit in the lumber business at that early date may be gathered from the statistics which show that Benjamin Simpson from 400 logs, for which he paid $3 each, manufactured 100,000 feet of lumber, which had a salable value of $75 per thousand.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FILLING UP.

Recent County Seat Election Shows Large Increase of Voters.

The returns from the late special election indicates that the voting population of Columbia county has increased several hundred since the general state election held a little over a year ago. While it is true that much of this increased vote is due to the employment of an increased number of hands in sawmills and logging camps, many of them single men, it also is evident that there is a considerable increase in the number of families which have become actual residents.

County School Superintendent Copeland has received complete returns from almost every school district in the county, and now estimates that there are 250 more children of school age than were shown by the census of last year. Reports from every section of the county indicate that newcomers from the East are arriving, and the majority of them expect to become permanent residents.

Heavy Sales of Live Stock.

The sale of sheep, cattle and horses from the Oregon ranges this fall will be the heaviest in years. This is the opinion of C. J. Millis, who has charge of the stock department of the O. R. & N. He has been over a large portion of the ranges and reports that feed will be scarce this fall. Large shipments of cattle were made from this district last spring and Mr. Millis expects that still larger shipments will be made this fall. He says a large amount of stock will have to be sent out of the country in order to even up for the shortage of the feed crop. The shortage of feed in some parts is probably due to a lack of rain.

Wool Prices are Climbing.

Owing to the shortage of wool in Montana and Utah the prices of wool in Eastern Oregon will be higher than had been anticipated. At the large sale held at Ontario a short time ago wool sold at from 13 to 14 cents. Many did not sell and since that time some have sold at 15 cents. The prices are still going up. Some of the leading sheep and wool men say the range is exceptionally short this season, as there has been scarcely any rain since spring. Everything is dried up. There is lots of stock in the district, and it is feared by the owners there will be large losses this year if a wet season does not start soon.

To Build Big Fish Hatchery.

Within a few days Fish Warden Van Dusen will call for bids for the construction at Ontario on the Snake river of one of the largest fish hatcheries in the world. Plans have been drafted in Portland for the building, which will be 217x60. It will be equipped with all the latest conveniences. There will be 320 troughs. At first they will be conducted so as to care for 20,000,000 fish, but in case a large number is required 40,000,000 eggs can be hatched without overcrowding. F. C. Brown will be in charge of the institution.

Will Enlarge Baker City Depot.

In response to the crying needs of Baker City the O. R. & N. Company has decided to enlarge and improve the passenger and freight depot in that city. Material for the improvements is now on the ground and just as soon as the carpenters can be relieved from the Heppner branch the work will be commenced. The improvement will consist in the enlargement of the depot building, so as to permit of the addition of a separate waiting room for ladies.

Great Boon to Ontario.

The contract for building the new steel bridge across the Malheur river, near where it empties into Snake river, about two miles below Ontario, has been let. The price is $4100. This bridge will supply a long-felt need. It gives an opportunity for the people living on Dead Ox Flat of coming to Ontario to do their trading without going about ten miles above Ontario to the Halliday bridge.

Surveying Soil of Baker County.

Charles A. Jensen, of the department of agriculture, bureau of soils, has been sent out to make a survey of the soils of Baker county. He has established his headquarters at Haines, and is now actiely engaged in the work. It is thought this is one of the preliminary steps to government-aided irrigation.

LOG BOOM ON NORTH UMPQUA.

Franchise Granted for Extensive Improvements by County Court.

One of the most important steps made in the development of the lumbering industry in Douglas county was taken when the county court voted to grant a franchise to the Oregon Boom & Timber Company for cleaning out the obstructions in the North Umpqua river and preparing that stream for the floating of logs and timber. This franchise gives the company the right to use that stream in the manner mentioned from the west boundary line of the Cascade forest reserve to the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad at Winchester, five miles north of Roseburg. After the improvements are made the company is given the right to collect a maximum toll of 50 cents per thousand feet for floating logs for other persons in compensation for the outlay in improving the stream. The estimated cost of the improvements is $200,000.

Besides improving the stream, the company expects to erect a sawmill of 100,000 feet daily capacity at Winchester, to be ready for use as soon as logs can be floated, and other parties also expect to erect sawmills and woodworking plants at the same place. New York capitalists are backing the enterprise, their representative, F. J. Blakely, having been here most of the time for the past two years.

PUBLIC LAND STILL OPEN.

Nearly 600,000 Acres Remain in Oregon City District.

The annual report of the United States land office at Oregon City has been completed. Fourteen counties are embraced in the Oregon City district and the report gives the following statistics as to area in acres unappropriated and unreserved:

Surveyed, 455,048; unsurveyed, 141,690; total, 596,738 as against 537,279 surveyed; 161,190 unsurveyed; 898,469 total, as shown in the report a year ago. The 14 counties constituting the Oregon City land district are: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Yamhill and Washington. The total area of the land surface of these counties is 7,468,250 acres. The area in acres appropriated last year was 5,675,115, while the acreage under the same classification this year is 5,629,846.

Map of State Institutions.

Secretary of State Dunbar is having a map made showing the location of the state institutions at Salem. Blue prints of the map will be kept at each of the institutions and the original will be kept in the Secretary's office. Although located "at Salem," the institutions are a long distance apart. Visitors can get but a vague idea of their location by such directions as are usually given, but by referring to the map, which shows all the roads and distances, a stranger would immediately understand the direction to take in going to any one of the institutions.

Union County Cherry Crop.

The cherry crop is just coming on in Union county. There were reports early in the season that this crop would be very short, but, as with the other products of this county, the prospects get brighter as harvest time approaches. The indications now are that the yield will not be far below the average. There will probably be about 15,000 boxes of the fruit handled there this season.

Outlook for County Seat Fight.

County Judge J. B. Doan, whose home is at Rainier, says that St. Helens will have to receive over 1000 votes at the second special election on the first Monday in August to retain the county seat, as it is evident that 2000 votes will be polled as the outcome of the present contest. Judge Doan also expresses the opinion that Marshland and Oak Point precincts, which gave a part of their vote to Clatskanie, at the first special election, will go solid for Rainier

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70@74c; valley, 77c.

Barley—Feed, $20.00 per ton; brewing, $21.

Flour—Best grades, $3.95 @ 4.30; graham. $3.45@3.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, $23 per ton; middlings, $27; shorts, $23; chop, $18.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.10 @ 1.15; gray, $1.05 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, $20@21; clover, nominal; cheat, $15@16 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burpanks, 50@65c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, $3@3.50 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10@11c; young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, $6.00@6.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15½@16c; Young America, 15@15½c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22½c per pound; extras, 22c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 16c@18.

Eggs—17@20c per dozen.

Hops—Choice, 18@20c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12¼@17c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@37½c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3¼@4c, per pound; steers, 5@5¼c; dressed, 8½c.

Veal—7½@8c.

Mutton—Gross, $3.50 per pound; dressed. 6@6½c.

Lambs—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7½c.

Hogs—Gross, 6@6¼c per pound dressed, 7@8c.

PAYNE WANTS TO RETIRE.

Postmaster General Will Not Go Until He Can Quit With Honor.

Washington, July 14.—Postmaster General Payne said today that at the end of the investigation in his department was in sight, and he added he was glad of it. There is every indication that Payne desires to retire from the cabinet, and it will not be surprising if he does so during the coming winter, provided the affairs of the postoffice department are straightened out by that time.

Mr. Payne is in very bad health, and his condition today is regarded as far more serious than it was four months ago. The strain attendant upon the investigation has told on him, and he needs rest. His retirement will carry no political significance. It may be said that if the postmaster general had not been resting under criticisms more or less severe, he would have relinquished his cabinet office some time ago. He is merely determined to remain until he can retire with honor. The postmaster general suffers a great deal from acute indigestion, quite frequently being unable to leave his hotel. On more than one occasion he has suffered severe attacks, and in his present physical condition is unable to shoulder the immense responsibility of his important office as he would like.

Nevertheless he has determined not to shirk his duty under such circumstances as those now prevailing in his department. He has acted conservatively, but with great energy whenever evidences of wrongdoing appeared, and he has no intention now of relaxing his efforts to thoroughly reform tne methods of transacting postal businesss. His course has met with the full approval of President Roosevelt.

SMUGGLERS IN SILK.

Captain Harris, United States Engineer, Caught by Customs Officers.

San Francisco, July 14.—Another sensational seizure of contraband goods was made today by the custom officers of this port. This time it is an officer of the United States engineer corps who has been caught in the meshes of the law. Captain William H. Harts, who has been on duty in the Philippines in the engineer service of the army for several years, returned to the continent yesterday on the transport Thomas. He was accompanied by his wife. When he came off the vessel he was asked if he had any dutiable articles in his baggage, and ne replied that he had none. He was the last of the travelers to be examined, and the officers had to send for him several times before he answered the summons. His manner, when he did come, and his evident reluctance to make a declaration, caused suspicion, and today an especially critical examination of his baggage was made. It was found that he had about a dozen trunks and that in these, wrapped in skirts and other articles of apparel, were large numbers of bolts of silk, quantities of embroidery, drawn work and costly Japanese ware. A valuation of $500 was placed on the smuggled articles. Under the law the goods will be confiscated and Captain Harts will be liable to a fine of three times their value. It will probably cost him several thousand dollars to get outo f the scrape.

HE DEFIES DEATH.

Recovery of Pope Leo Is Now Considered as Possible.

Rome, July 13.—At 9:15 o'clock this morning the doctors issued the following bulletin regarding the condition of the pope:

"Up to midnight the pontiff remained tranquil, but afterwards he experienced agitated intervals. A physical examination of the thorax shows no change since day before yesterday. The action of the kidneys continues slight, and the general condition of his holiness is somewhat depressed. His pulse is 82, respiration 32 and temperature 36. Mazzoni. Lapponi."

Rome, July 13.—The condition of the pope was stationary during the night. He slept at intervals, but not entirely tranquil.

Troops Quit Scene of Riot.

Evansville, Ind., July 11.—After talking with Governor Durbin over the telephone this afternoon, Brigadier General McKee tonight ordered all troops removed from Evansville. The city will be left in charge of the police department, which is armed with rifles. There were seven funerals today. All were conducted quietly. The ministers in one or two cases prayed for the city and county administrations and said this was not a time for criticism, but for sympathy for the friends of the dead.

Cook is Recovering.

New York, July 14.—Rear Admiral Francis A. Cook, who commanded the cruiser Brooklyn during the battle of Santiago, is slowly recovering from a long illness in the naval hospital, Brooklyn. He was attacked by the grip early last September, and the disease seriously affected his heart and kidneys. Prior to this attack, Admiral Cook has been on the sick list but once in all his 40 years of service, and that happened when he sprained an ankle.

Wireless Telegraphy Not a Success.

Honolulu, July 14.—The system of wireless telegraphy, which has been in service for some time between several islands of the Hawaiian group, has not given satisfactory results. The system has lately been placed in the hands of a trust company, with a view to its financial and operating improvement. To give further encouragement the government will give the new owners a subsidy of $1,000 a month, beginning August 1.

THE POPE IS WORSE

END SEEMS NEARER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE.

Suffers a Second Relapse—Mind is Fast Becoming Confused—Stimulants Keep Life Up—Too Weak to Speak Longer —Pontiff Shows His Weakness by Docility to Doctors.

Rome, Jluy 14, 2:16 A. M.—"While there is life there is hope," was all the consolation that Dr. Lapponi would give tonight in admitting that Pope Leo's condition was very grave. The pontiff has suffered another relapse, and he lies this morning in a more critical condition than at any time since the middle of last week. The semicomatose condition into which he fell at midnight, and the confused state of his heretofore lucid mind on his awakening at an early hour this morning, accompanied by still greater depression than during yesterday, are regarded as symptoms of the gravest nature and as pointing to an imminent dissolution.

Even in the early evening medical opinion was less pessimistic, and Dr. Mazzoni thought the end was not within sight. He expressed the belief that unless the disease took an unexpected turn there was no reason to apprehend death for two or three days. This statement, however, did not relieve the anxiety of those who know what powerful stimulants are being constantly administered. Some attribute the pontiff's extreme weakness tonight to the excessive mental and physical efforts undertaken yesterday in receiving visitors, hearing mass, etc.

Never before has the patient's weakness progressed as it did yesterday. For the first time since his illness, the pontiff asked to have the shutters almost closed, as the light hurt his eyes, and at the same time, contrary to his custom, he begged to be left as quiet as possible.

Another noteworthy symptom of his weakening condition was the docility with which he took his medicine and nourishment. Previously, indeed, during his whole life, Pope Leo has been against the prescriptions of doctors or anything that had the aspect of being forced upon him. His feeling of fatigue and indifference was interpreted as a sign that his vitality was fast diminishing. Late last evening nine cardinals, including Satolli and Martenelli, were admitted to the sick room, but the pope could not even speak to them, merely giving them his hand to kiss.

NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP FOSTERED.

Britain Believes It Scored a Triumph on the Visit of Loubet.

New York, July 15.—King Edward's visits to Portugal, Italy and France; President Loubet's reception in London and the toasts and sentiments exchanged with the officers of the American squadron force upon German politicians certain facts sometimes studiously ignored, says a Berlin dispatch to the Times by way of London. The leading part played by King Edward in developing British foreign relations is becoming generally recognized. Moreover the popularity of the British government's foreign policy is beginning to be appreciated.

Attempts to make out that the whole British nation, including the parliamentary opposition, does not stand behind the government with its friendship for America, France and Italy and its alliances with Portugal and Japan, become daily more feeble and intermittent. The friendship of these nations which on both sides of the Atlantic stand for progress in liberty's paths is recognized to be a sort of Gulf stream, encircling and warming the world and bearing everywhere, by the happiest coincidences, the surest guarantee of freedom in the invincible and unapproachable naval power of the co-operating empires and states.

Fails to Find Kidd's Gold.

New York, July 15.—Another search for Captain Kidd's treasure has come to naught, and all there is to show for it is a big hole in the cellar of a storehouse connected with a big coffee mill in Brooklyn. The manager of the plant has stopped the treasure search, in spite of the fact that Henry Endum is positive that the "spirits" which caused the search were playing no idle joke when they transmitted to him the information that Captain Kidd had deposited $50 000,000 worth of loot in the ground there.

Few Favor the Treaty.

New York, July 15.—A rough canvass of the Colombian senate seems to show that only one-fourth of the members are favorable to the Hay-Herran canal treaty without amendments, says a Herald's dispatch from Bogota. The Colombian government has not officially assumed responsibility for the treaty. Dr. Rico, the minister of foreign affairs has sent a message to congress on the treaty following the same lines as that sent to the United States senate.

Czar Says to Go.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—According to the newspaper Novikrat, published at Port Arthur, Russia has informed China that she is compelled to exclude foreigners from Manchuria, and postpone the opening of Manchurian ports, owing to the presence of Englishmen and Americans, who, in disguise, are engaged in espionage. Russia, according to the paper, promises to open the ports six years hence, when the country has been tranquilized and settled.

DEATH ENDS EXCURSION.

Fast Train Crashes Into Trainload of Negroes With Fatal Results.

Kansas City, Mo., July 15.—Missouri Pacific fast mail No. 7, which left St. Louis at 3 o'clock this morning for Kansas City, crashed into an excursion south bound from Kansas City, that had become stalled at "Dead Man's Curve" between Little Knob and Lee Summit, at 10:25 this morning. Three persons were killed, two of them tramps, and 50 were injured. With the excpetion of one or two of the crew on the fast mail, all the injured were on the excursion train. Most of them were Kansas City negroes. Eighteen were seriously hurt. The injuries of the others consisted of cuts and bruises. None of the passengers on the fast mail were hurt.

The engines, the mail and bagagge cars on the fast mail went down an embankment, but the rest of that train remained upright, as did the excursion train. Only the engine, one baggage car and a mail car on the fast mail left the track.

Responsibility for the wreck seems to rest with the engineer of the fast mail, who failed to stop promptly when flagged. The engine on the excursion train, which consisted of 12 coaches heavily loaded, broke down. A flagman was sent ahead to stop the fast mail then about due. The engineer of the fast mail failed to see the foremost flagman and only slackened up when warned by the second man, who was within a short distance of the excursion train. The fast mail was running at a high rate of speed and it was unable to come to a full stop. When the fast mail struck, it was making 15 miles an hour. The engine, the baggage car and the foremost mail car left the track and rolled down the embankment. The empact badly damaged the engine and baggage car of the excursion train, but the cars remained upright.

IDAHO LANDS ARE WITHDRAWN.

Geological Survey Will Pass on Their Worth for Irrigation.

Washington, July 15.—The secretary of the interior today authorized the temporary withdrawal from all entry of three tracts of about 3,000 acres each, lying in the Blackfoot land district, Idaho, with a view to examination to determine their desirability as reserve sites. The first is known as the Henry lake reserve site. It lies in the northeast extremity of Fremont county and embraces the whole of Lake Henry. The second proposed reservoir lies 20 miles to the south, and is known as Island lake reservoir site, while the third, Flat Rock reservoir site, lies between the two named.

The geological survey, upon whose recommendation the withdrawal is made, is examining to determine the feasibility of the reclamation scheme in Fremont county, Idaho, the proposition being to store water in a series of natural reservoirs. These examinations will continue through the summer.

RIDE FOR LIFE ON CAR.

Fifteen People Escape From Fire Jump Into a Subway Excavation.

New York, July 15.—Fifteen persons have been hurt by falling into the subway excavation at Lexon aveune and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, after jumping from a burning trolley car, on which they had a thrilling ride for several blocks, while the motorman was making desperate attempts to reach a fire engine house. The car was filled with about 80 passengers, mostly women and children. When they discovered the fire many tried to jump, but the motorman put on the full power. He had not gone two blocks before the car was enveloped in flames.

The conductor saw that there was danger of burning the whole carload of passengers and rang the bell. The car came to a stop right over the excavations for the subway. The passengers piled off on top of one another. The planking over the hole collapsed and about 25 persons were carried down. Those on the bottom were severely bruised, but only one was in a serious condition.

To Inspect the Kearsarge.

Portsmouth, Eng., July 15.—The Prince of Wales arrived this evening for the inspection of Read-Admiral Cotton's flagship Kearsarge. Ambassador Choate and Secretary White traveled in the same train from London. Admiral Charles F. Hotham received them at the station and the whole party drove to the Admiralty house as the Admiral's guests. H. O. Arnold-Foster, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, and other departmental officials have also arrived from London for tomorrow's inspections.

War in the Balkans.

Paris, July 15.—According to a dispatch from Constantinople published here, engagements have taken place between Turkish and Bulgarian troops on the frontier, which the Turks accuse the Bulgarians of crossing. On the other hand the Bulgarians assert that the Turks tried to occupy the neutral zone. The dispatch adds that a ministerial council was hurriedly summoned at the Yildiz Kiosk last night and more troops have been called.

For Cuban Loan.

Havana, July 15.—President Palma sent a message to congress recommending the appointment of a member of each house to act with an appointee of the executive commissioners to proceed to the United States and negotiate the $35,000,000 loan. The senate held an extended session this evening but did not reach the matter of the ratification of the United States naval station treaty.