

ARTILLERYMEN ARE KILLED IN BREACH OF BIG GUN BLOWS OUT

July 21.—Unofficial reports received at the state that Sergeant Hess and ten men were killed in one of the batteries at Fortress Monroe at today. The accident took place in the DeRussey battery caused by the blowing out of a breech block guns.

July 21.—Eight artillerymen are known to be dead and ten are missing as the result of the blowing out of a breech block in battery DeRussey this morning. The sergeant, Hess, gun commander; Corporal J. J. King, gun commander; Privates A. J. Sullivan, Duffey, King, and other artillerymen were attached to the Sixty-first Artillery.

The artillerymen were terribly mangled. The bodies were recovered by a number of prominent army and navy officers and by the wives and children of several of the men.

Information is that eleven are dead and a number of others are seriously wounded. A list of the dead:

- Sergeant O. Adkins, Privates Adey, Chadwick, and others.



COUNT LEO TOLSTOY.

The gravest apprehension is felt all over the world regarding the condition of Count Leo Tolstoy. Coupled with his advanced age recurring attacks of bronchitis have endeavored him to such an extent that he is confined to his bed the greater part of the time. He was born at Yasnaya Polyana, Russia, near where he now resides, in 1828.

EUGENE WHO IS GOING TO REPAIR BRIDGE APPROACH?

President of Several Boards Broken and
Horses Fall Through—
Needs Attention

Officer Bonney, who looks after repairs to sidewalks and attends to other similar matters about the city, reports that the approach to the big bridge across the Willamette at the foot of Ferry street is in a bad condition, and neither the city nor the county will repair it. He says there is a large hole in one of the boards, through which several horses have run their legs and narrowly escaped a bad accident. There are a number of patches, put on some time ago, that are in bad shape, and Officer Bonney says he thinks it will only be a matter of time, unless repairs are made, when an accident will occur and either the county or the city will be made defendant in a damage suit.

There is a question as to who should make the repairs to the approach. It is a county bridge, but the approach which is out of repair is in the city limits, the limits extending along the center of the river. Whoever it is to make such repairs, should make them at once. A good many farmers and teamsters have made complaint of the bad condition of the approach lately.

POLICE SEARCH IN HILL'S RECEPTION EUROPE FOR CRIPPEN AT PORTLAND HUMMER

Murderer Thought to Have Been
Seen in France Saturday—
May Now Be in Spain

Vernon J. Bains, July 21.—Announcement of Talbot, or Crippen, that he was going to Spain, threw the police here off their guard for a time, but they now believe he is still in France. Warrants have been issued for his arrest. Photographs of Crippen shown to persons who the stranger who stopped at the hotel here over Sunday in every instance brought forth the statement that Crippen and the stranger were identical. He registered at the hotel as Henri Talbot.

In Spain Under Assumed Name
Madrid, July 21.—A general alarm has been given to the police to search for Dr. Crippen, who is supposed to have crossed into Spain under the name of Henri Talbot.

Companion May Have Suicided.
Bourges, France, July 21.—The young woman who committed suicide here on July 13 is now thought to have been Ethel Claire Lenoir, companion of Dr. Crippen. There are striking points of resemblance. The woman gave her name as Jeanne Maze.

TOWN OF SANDON DOOMED IF MINERS RESOLVE WIND FRESHENS AND SPREADS FIRE TO BOYCOTT HEARST

Spokane, July 21.—A special to the Chronicle from Nelson, B. C., states that 300 government fire fighters are working frantically to save the town of Sandon from destruction. The flames are within a mile of the place, and should the wind freshen the town is doomed. Timber fires in many directions are forcing hundreds of men into action to prevent their spread. A number of towns are in danger already, it is reported, and already a large number of mills in the mountains have been destroyed, together with immense tracts of valuable timber.

23 SAWMILLS IN THREE MEN BURN VICINITY OF GROVE TO DEATH IN FOREST FIRE

Lumbermen Prepare for Big Linn County Has Conflagration
Revival of Business After
Harvest Is Over
Tragedy to Report

Cottage Grove, Or., July 21.—The sawmills of the Cottage Grove territory, which have a capacity of 240,000,000 feet, have greatly depleted stock piles for this season of the year. Some mills which usually carry 700,000 to 1,000,000 feet in stock find that the active trade of the past six months has decreased the supply from 500,000 to 50,000 feet. Advice comes from the east that there will be a revival in trade conditions with the harvest over. The 23 of the 31 mills are running full time, cutting 520,000 feet per day, in anticipation of the revival.

A special dispatch from Albany, Or., to the Oregonian tells of a fatal forest fire in the mountains east of there, as follows: Three men were burned to death last night in a forest fire along the North Santiam river, opposite Hoover's sawmill, at the terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railway, four miles east of Detroit. The bodies were not recovered until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The dead men are Phillip Richmond, of Salem, Or.; Jay M. Brooks, of Crawfordville, Or.; and Frank Metoyer, of Clearfield, Pa. Acting against the advice of their foreman, the men went to death in an effort to get their tools. Fire had started from the sparks of a donkey engine at Hoover at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The three men, with other workmen, had gone to the camp. An hour later, after a vain effort to save the camp outfit from the flames, these three men started to go to a point 400 yards up a steep hillside to get their tools where they had left them when the fire started. The wind was then blowing eastward, sending the fire that way, so the trip looked safe. The men had about reached their tools when the wind suddenly changed, sweeping the fire with wonderful rapidity directly up the timber-covered hill where the men were. In a few minutes the flames had swept the entire face of the hill, turning the forest into a furnace.

Rescue Party Finds Bodies.
Falling burning trees made it impossible to ascend this hill until afternoon today. A rescue party then went up, hoping against belief that the men had reached the summit and had escaped the fire. All three bodies, but not beyond recognition. Two bodies were found together, one 100 yards further up the hill. The men had evidently tried to run ahead of the fire, but had no chance, in a race up an almost perpendicular hill, with the swift forest fire.

The fire destroyed the entire logging camp outfit, wrecking two donkey engines, and then swept into the river, was endangered, but was saved.

Two mills, each having a capacity of 20,000 feet per day, are under construction, while plans for a third with 100,000 capacity are making. This latter mill will be situated in the forest reserve, where the government recently contracted for the sale of 175,000,000 feet of standing timber to the Fir Lumber company of this city. A railroad three miles in length is being built into the reserve from the terminus of the Oregon & Southeastern, this being the first step necessary to getting machinery on the ground. This timber, under the agreement with the government, must be removed within five years. The purchasers, realizing their inability to handle this vast amount of timber within the specified time at their own mills, have arranged to supply other mills in the upper end of the valley, including those at Eugene, and logs to these will go forward as soon as the railroad shall have been completed, which will be early in August.

Total Output 210,000,000 Feet.
The mills now sawing, together with their daily cuts, are: Brown Lumber company, Cottage Grove, 40,000; Chambers Lumber company, Dorena, 40,000; Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Saginaw, 50,000; Leona Mills Lumber company, Leona, 40,000; Curtin Spur Lumber company, Curtin, 35,000; Row River Lumber company, Star, 30,000; Stewart & De Lannay, Curtin, 30,000; W. C. Shortridge, London, 30,000; J. H. Chambers, Cottage Grove, 25,000; Briggs Lumber company, Walker, 20,000; Star Lumber company, Star, 15,000; Owens & Son, Cottage Grove, 15,000; F. M. Chapman, Divide, 15,000; McKibben Bros, Cottage Grove, 10,000; Crites & Gawley, Donthite, 10,000; William Skidmore, Comstock, 10,000; Bed Rock Lumber company, Bed Rock, 15,000; Anlauf Bros, Anlauf, 20,000; Taylor & Son, Divide, 15,000; Munroe Bros, Cottage Grove, 10,000; John Overholser, Cottage Grove, 10,000.

Besides the lumber industry of this section, there is considerable activity in cedar poles and shingle mills. The Postal Telegraph company has placed an order with John Wicks for 25,000 split telegraph poles. These are being taken out along the line of the Oregon & Southeastern, and shipped south and east for use in the construction of a new line from San Francisco eastward. This means a total of 250 cars of poles. They have commenced going forward at the rate of three cars per week, though this will be increased as rapidly as possible. The contractor has 65 men engaged in the camps in getting out the poles, and expects to finish his contract within three months.

WONDERFUL HEN
LAYS HUGE EGGS,
ONE EVERY DAY
Oregon Fowl Carries Off All
Honors—Is Half-Breed
Buff Orpington

Portland, July 21.—The angler is always coming to the front with a "fish story," and the hunter with a "hunter's yarn," but here is a real, genuine, truthful story. Mrs. Lee of 521 Fifth street has one of the most industrious hens in the world. She is not a freak hen, but just a fine, large, healthy half-breed Buff Orpington, which is laying the largest eggs in the country and caring for chicks at the same time. Mrs. Lee's prize hen has been laying eggs of the enormous size of 8 1/2 inches long and 6 1/2 inches through. Something over a month ago this wonderful hen came off with a brood of chicks. Since that time she has cared for the little ones and has laid 30 eggs in 30 days.

EXTREME HUMIDITY
IS CAUSE OF DEATH
IN CALIFORNIA

Imperial, Cal., July 21.—The extraordinary humidity of the past three days has caused seven deaths in the Imperial valley. These are the first on record from such a cause.

Sensation Is Sprung at Convention of Western Federation of Miners

MINERS WANT TO
"SHOW UP HEARST"

Outcome May Be Interesting,
As Open Move Is Against
the Law

Denver, July 21.—The sensation of the day in the convention of Western Federation of Miners was the placing on the clerk's desk of a resolution asking the Federation to boycott all the papers owned by William H. Hearst. This is a further step in the antagonism toward Hearst that has already been attempted in California as a result of the lockout at the Homestead mine in South Dakota, owned by Hearst's mother. The miners assert that Hearst could use his influence to have the mines unionized. They also assert that he owns stock in them. The effect of the resolution, if it prevails, as it is expected to do, will be interesting because of the fact that in declaring an open boycott the Federation is courting a lawsuit, boycott being against the law. This is intimated to be the desire of the miners who wish to "show up Hearst."

BIGGEST DOLLY VARDEN
OF YEAR CAUGHT BY JAY
McCORMICK IN MCKENZIE

Probably the largest Dolly Varden trout, or of any variety for that matter, that has been caught in the McKenzie river this year is that hooked by Jay McCormick, the local cigar dealer, yesterday. Dr. Day brought the monster down from the McCormick camp above Blue River today and it is on exhibition in the cigar store next to the Guard. The fish is 2 1/2 feet long and weighs 15 pounds. Jay is reported to have had a battle royal before he succeeded in landing the fish. He used a spoon hook.

STRIKERS HOPE
TO FORCE ROADS
BY WAITING

Think That Demands Will Be
Secured When It Is Impos-
sible to Move Freight

Montreal, July 21.—The strike situation is unchanged today. The men are quietly awaiting such a time as the company may find it impossible to move freight, when they expect overtures will be made for them to return to work.

SHOWERS PREDICTED
FOR TONIGHT OR FRIDAY

Oregon—Showers tonight or tomorrow, except fair in southwest portion.

REPLY OF CHINA TO JAPAN SATISFIES

Portsmouth Treaty Will Be Adhered to, as Well as Open Door in Manchuria

Pekin, July 21.—China's reply to the announcement of the recently concluded Russo-Japanese convention, was delivered to the legations of these two countries today, and expresses satisfaction with the terms, especially with the expressed purpose of Russia and Japan to adhere to the terms of the Portsmouth treaty and the mutual pledge of the maintenance of a status quo and the open door principle in Manchuria.

In round numbers there are 1550 street and interurban railway companies in the United States, with 235,000 miles of single track and 57,000 passenger cars, serving 10,000,000 passengers a year.

SAN FRANCISCO PARTY HERE ON AUTO TRIP

Report Pleasant Trip Up Coast—
Cottage Grove Man
Misdirects Them

M. A. De Laveage, a San Francisco capitalist, with his wife and son, E. J. De Laveage, stopped in Eugene last night while on their way in their automobile from the Bay City to Seattle. They left last Saturday, and while they have not tried for fast time, they have made a quick trip. They were held up a day because of the troubles, so that their running time between here and San Francisco is but three days. The car is driven by an expert chauffeur. He says the road between here and Frisco is not nearly as bad as is told about by other tourists who have made the trip, and there are other roads in the state that are used for automobiles that are much worse. The principal trouble with the road is large rocks that stick up so high that they endanger the bottom of a car, and to avoid this it is necessary to run the wheel over the top of them. The grades are not at all steep, he says. They, as all other tourists report, had trouble keeping the right road in Oregon because of a woeful lack of sign boards. At Cottage Grove yesterday they got on the wrong road and went six miles or more toward Bonanza before they found out their mistake. And this was after they had been wrongly informed by someone whom they asked in Cottage Grove. They were pleased with their short stop in Eugene, and left for Portland late this morning, where they will stop tonight.

SALEM LIKES P. E. & E. CAR SENT FROM EUGENE

Other Street Railway Line in
Operation There Has Old
and Rickety Cars

Salem, Or., July 21.—For the first time in the history of the Capital City, street car transportation is now being carried on with metropolitan equipment, and the Portland, Eugene and Eastern line, which is responsible for this improvement in street car traffic in Salem, is realizing a good business, though its line is short as yet. The new double-truck street car sent here from Eugene is creating no small amount of favorable comment. One prominent citizen of Salem said yesterday: "The traveling public of Salem is given a happy relief from the bumpy, rickety old single-truck cars which have been the only means of transportation for the past fifteen years. Enough interest should be manifested by the public in general to induce the Welch people to fairly blanket Salem with its lines. Inconstant requests for better service have been absolutely ignored by all former owners of electric lines here, and the consequence is Salem has been dubbed 'the city with the cigar-box cars.'"

Frank W. Waters, local manager of the Welch Lines in Salem, says the line will be completed to the state fair grounds by Sept. 1, this year, and that an adequate service will be in found out their mistake. And this was after they had been wrongly informed by someone whom they asked in Cottage Grove. They were pleased with their short stop in Eugene, and left for Portland late this morning, where they will stop tonight.

The good roads movement has hit the entire county, says the Klamath Falls Chronicle.

HILL'S RECEPTION AT PORTLAND HUMMER

Great Railroad Builder Comes
to Oregon in September to
Attend Festival

Portland, July 21.—James J. Hill will be given a great welcome when he comes to Portland to participate in the Harvest Festival early next September. The announcement just made that he will accept the invitation to Portland rather than seek at St. Paul at that time before the convention congress has made a great hit locally and there is a corresponding degree of enthusiasm in helping formulate a program of welcome that will express to some extent at least the pleasure this city will feel in entertaining him.

A notable banquet for Mr. Hill is already announced. Grateful Oregonians are determined to show the sage of St. Paul that they appreciate his work so far in the development of this state, his great railroads he has built here and is now pushing further into new territory and his manifest spirit of helpfulness to Oregon.

The Portland Commercial club will take up the banquet feature immediately and complete the plans already mapped out. It is proposed to limit the attendance at this banquet to Mr. Hill himself and the livestock breeders who exhibit at the Harvest Festival, thus bringing him into close touch with this great, growing industry of the Pacific Northwest. Julius Meier, chairman of the Livestock association committee, and C. C. Chapman, manager of the promotion committee of the Commercial club, are getting busy on the banquet and other features of entertainment that are not yet made public.

It is hoped to make the demonstration for Mr. Hill the warmest greeting he has ever received from territory tributary to his lines. It is known that he has a warm spot in his heart for Portland and it is planned to make these relations still closer on his coming visit.

PRESIDENT TAFT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF IDEAL WEATHER

Nation's Head Plays Golf,
Lunches and Holds
Reception

Bar Harbor, July 21.—Ideal weather called the president early today to the links of the Kobo Valley Club. The Taft party were guests at a luncheon of the Nicholas Andersons, of Washington. After lunch the president held a reception for the summer colony.

J. Thomas, over 90 years of age and the oldest man in Aamly, has gone to Newport to spend a week or so on the coast. He made the trip alone and expects to have the time of his life at the beach sky-larking around with other young men of his class, says the Standard.