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HILLSBORO OREGON

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Nine miners were killed by an explosion of gas in a Kentucky coal mine.

A New York grand jury has returned two indictments against ice king Morse.

Bench Hargis, the young man who shot his father, a Kentucky feudist, is held without bail.

Over 5,000 men have been put to work by the National Tube Company, near Cleveland, Ohio.

New York labor leaders want to nominate labor candidates for president and vice president.

Foraker insists that President Roosevelt is using political patronage to help the Taft bloc.

The Columbia Northern railway will be merged with the other Hill lines under one management.

Lisbon papers demand the punishment of one of the king's assassins.

The Illinois Steel Company's mills in South Chicago are resuming work. They will employ about 5,000 men.

A treaty has been signed providing for the arbitration of any difficulty that may arise between the United States and France.

The United States court of appeals has again decided that railroads must use reasonable precaution for the safety of their employees.

Two Nevada laborers, while lost in a snow storm, found a rich ledge of gold-bearing quartz under the snow while making a camp for shelter.

The Portuguese nation will provide funds for the care of the families of the king's slayers who were killed, and wealthy families are contending for the privilege of adopting the orphans.

The battleship fleet has passed Magellan straits and is now in the Pacific ocean.

The Swift Packing Company has completed plans for a \$3,500,000 plant in Portland.

A Yale graduate and athlete has been found to possess a complete outfit of burglar's tools.

Premier Franco, dictator of Portugal has not left his room since arriving in Bordeaux, France.

Roosevelt says the charges that he is using his influence to help Taft along are false and malicious.

Claims of alleged illegitimate heirs of Alfonso XII are creating considerable trouble for the Spanish government.

One child was killed and many persons injured in the crush at the funeral of the dead king and prince of Portugal.

Members of the royal household declare that the Portuguese crown prince rose and fired twice at the assassins before he himself fell dead.

California railroad commission has evidence to convict the Southern Pacific of rebating on about 4,000 separate counts, the fines for which will amount to \$50,000,000.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria and many government officials attended the memorial services for the late King Carlos of Portugal and the Crown Prince.

The battleship fleet has turned to the north.

Germany has reduced the import duty on sugar.

A leader of the Black Hand has been captured in New York.

The senatorial deadlock in the Kentucky legislature continues.

The Pennsylvania railroad has just ordered 55,000 tons of steel rails.

Seattle ministers have started an agitation against Sunday theaters.

Governor Pennypacker has been implicated in the Pennsylvania capitol frauds.

Franco, the deposed premier of Portugal, has arrived in France, fearing murder but defending his policy.

Government troops will be removed from Goldfield March 7, at which time the Nevada police will be ready to take charge.

Warren Oliver, a member of the electoral college which named Lincoln, is dead. He was a pioneer of California and 93 years old.

Associate Public Printer Bram has assumed control of the government printing office. W. S. Rosser will continue the inquiries into the conduct of the office.

Florida Republicans are holding Taft and anti-Taft conventions and having fist fights.

Great Britain has paid the bandit Raisoli \$200,000 for the release of Sir Harry Maclean.

The Western Bar Iron association, of New York, will advance the price of bar iron \$5 per ton.

The house committee on naval affairs opposes four new battleships and the president has prepared to fight.

The Elgin National Watch company has closed its factory for an indefinite period on account of dullness in trade.

A greyliond has returned on foot to its old home at Oakland from Western Montana, a distance of 1,500 miles.

Franco, former premier and dictator of Portugal, has arrived in Madrid. He was driven from home by the army threats of assassination.

By its statement of these Atlantic shrews it explains the fact that the shrews were found in the United States long before the discovery of the Atlantic.

THREE DEAD; 23 INJURED.

Sheridan Local Wrecked by Broken Rail at Forest Grove.

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 12.—Three were killed and 23 were injured, one very seriously, by the derailment of the Sheridan local on a short trestle bridge about three-fourths of a mile west of this city at 5 o'clock last night. The dead were:

Mrs. Edward Bates and 5-month-old daughter, of Forest Grove; A. McDonald, of McMinnville; M. H. Brown, aged 60, of Sheridan, was badly crushed, and may not recover.

The accident resulted from a broken rail, on a 30-foot section at the west end of the trestle bridge being splintered into four pieces by the weight of the heavily loaded coaches. The defective rail apparently did not give way until after the engine, mail and baggage cars had crossed in safety.

The smoker was the first to leave the track, carrying with it two day coaches. The smoker and the first day coach ran over the ties for a distance of 20 yards and pitched from below, striking on their sides. The second day coach also left the track, and turned only partly over.

Miss Grace Harding, of Gaston, a passenger in the rear coach, was thrown through a window into less than two feet of water beneath the trestle, but escaped uninjured.

PRINTERS SENT TO PRISON.

Members of New York "Big Six" Fined and Sent to Jail.

New York, Feb. 12.—President Patrick McCormick, of the local Typographical Union, known as the "Big Six" and George W. Jackson and Vincent J. Costello, union organizers, yesterday were fined \$250 each and sentenced to 20 days' imprisonment for disobedience of an injunction obtained by the Typothetae of New York in 1906. Thomas Bennett and William S. Anderson were fined \$100 on the same charge. Sentence was imposed by Justice Bishop in the supreme court.

This is the first time any such heavy sentence in the case of a labor organization for violation of injunction has been imposed in these courts. The troubles grew out of the strike of Typographical Union No. 6, commonly called "Big Six," ordered early in 1906 against the Association of Employers known as the Typothetae of the city of New York for a closed shop and an eight-hour day.

WILL BAR JAPS.

British Columbia Legislature Enacts Educational Test Law.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12.—The new immigration law, enacted by the British Columbia legislature recently, on the lines of the Natal act, which applies an educational test to immigrants arriving in British Columbia, who must be able to read and write in English or a language understood in the country, was passed by the legislature today, when Lieutenant-Governor James Dunsmuir assented to the bill.

Immediate provisions were made for the enforcement of the new law, which is obviously aimed at the Japanese, and officials have been instructed to carry out its effect on all immigrants arriving after today.

There are at the quarantine station 248 Japanese, left there by the steamer Kaga Maru, in quarantine, 125 of whom are bound here, and these will come under the provisions of the new law.

RURAL PARCELS POST BILL.

Burnham Proposes Measure to Help Country Merchants.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Burnham, of New Hampshire, today introduced in congress a measure of distinct importance to rural interests throughout the United States. It is a bill to provide a rural delivery parcel post for merchandise and other articles actually mailed on rural delivery routes. The rural free delivery routes now number more than 35,000, and on them in excess of 15,000,000 people receive a daily postal service.

The measure has the indorsement of the president and postmaster-general, Meyer. It provides, in brief, for the establishment of a rural parcel post at special rates of postage for the delivery of foodstuffs, dry goods, drugs, books and other merchandise.

Fund for King's Slayers.

London, Feb. 12.—A special dispatch to the Standard from Lisbon states that the public acquiescence in the assassination of the King and Crown Prince as a justifiable political act, and that no effort will be made to bring to justice the accomplices of the murderers, although they are numerous and in many cases known. On the contrary, says the dispatch, no surprise is expressed that the republican newspapers demand the criminal prosecution of the king's enemy, Figuerira, who sabred one assassin.

Won't Sue for Slander.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The published report that Senator Fulton will bring suit against Francis J. Heney for slander without foundation. Senator Fulton is noncommittal regarding details of the course he will pursue in answering Mr. Heney's charges beyond issuing a statement to the press which he is preparing, but it is known that he has no idea of bringing suit. It is probable that before the primary election he will make some speeches in Oregon in refutation of Mr. Heney's attack.

Naval Uniform a Bar.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 12.—The Rhode Island supreme court today confirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Chief Yeoman Fred Bueente, who sued the proprietors of a Newport dancing pavilion for refusing his admission because he wore the uniform of the United States navy. When the case was tried in the superior court Bueente was awarded 25 cents damages, this being the sum he had paid for his ticket.

Arbitrate With France.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand today signed a treaty providing for the arbitration of any issue that may arise between France and America.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FORBIDS GLAD HAND.

Corrupt Practices Act May Be Found Unconstitutional.

Salem.—That the corrupt-practices bill, to be submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative and referendum, is in direct conflict with that section of the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech is believed by many who have read the measure. The bill makes it a crime in any manner to induce or persuade a voter on election day to vote for or against any candidate or measure. This would bar the use of any kind of argument on election day and there is doubt whether it would be constitutional.

Under this section of the law it is probable that newspapers published on the morning of election day would be prohibited from printing anything calculated to influence voters in determining how to mark their ballots.

The words "in any manner to induce or persuade" would cover a multitude of acts. Candidates who went to the polls and extended the glad hand to voters would unquestionably come within the terms of the act, for it is common knowledge that a warm handshake is one of the most potent means of getting votes.

OREGON GIVEN PROMINENCE

Joint Passenger Tariff Mentions 200 Points in State.

Oregon receives considerable prominence in the joint tariff issued by the Union Pacific giving the one-way collect rates to the Pacific coast from Union Pacific territory. The tariff has just been issued and makes the rates effective March 1 to April 30, inclusive. The tariff sets forth the rates in detail as they have been announced in the newspapers. The low collector rate is good to any station in Oregon and about 200 points in this state are mentioned individually in the tariff. The rate is \$30 from Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Joseph, Leavenworth or Kansas City to all main and branch line points on O. R. & N. east of Portland, including points north of Umatilla and Pendleton, via Granger, Ogden and Huntington, via Denver, Granger or Ogden and Huntington, or via Denver, Grand Junction, Ogden and Huntington.

The same rate obtains to Portland and all main and branch line points on the Southern Pacific south thereof and including Ashland, as well as all points on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, via Granger or Ogden and Huntington, via Denver, Granger or Ogden and Huntington, via Grand Junction, Ogden and Huntington and via Denver and Billings.

WANT CHEAPER GRAIN SACKS

Growers at Athens Working Through Association.

Athens.—C. A. Barrett, president of the Inland Graingrowers' association, says that the principal object of the organization at present is to reduce the price of sacks. The association declares that the prices the dealers ask for sacks are unreasonable. They say that they made a good, substantial saving last year by means of the association, and that they will be able to make a far greater saving this year. Mr. Barrett estimates that the farmers of this county will be able this year to save \$40,000. The Inland Graingrowers' association is a corporation and buys its own sacks direct thus making a great deal better bargain than the dealer can make.

GRAIN SACKS AT REDUCED FIGURES

Pendleton—Umatilla county farmers will share in the purchase of 1,000,000 wheat sacks made by the Farmers' Co-operative union at Walla Walla.

Over 200 farmers were present at a mass meeting at which contracts for the purchase of 1,000,000 sacks from the J. Z. Smith company and the Kerr-Gifford company of Portland at a uniform price of 7½¢, was made. As the same quantity of sacks sold last year at from 10 to 12¢ each, the farmers have made a great saving in purchases for this year by asking for bids.

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING.

Milton.—At a meeting of the board of Columbia college it was decided that an administration building costing \$25,000 should be erected, and it is understood that this building shall be erected during the present college term next fall. The building is to be equipped in the most modern way, giving every advantage to the students. This is a South Methodist institution, and is proving very successful. There is an enrollment of over 100 students this term, all from different parts of the northwest.

Sales Under Hinkle Ditch.

Pendleton.—Seven sales of arid land aggregating over \$11,000 have just been made from the Hinkle ditch company's tract in the western part of Umatilla county. The tracts will all be settled and reclaimed and a large settlement is anticipated in that part of the county this spring. Those making purchases were J. H. Strohm, W. P. Littlefield, Maurice D. Scrozes, Elizabeth J. Tucker, Martia A. Travis, Lorin G. Henry and B. F. Strohm.

Klamath Cattle News.

Klamath Falls.—The shipping season for Klamath county cattle is about over and the totals show that over \$600,000 worth were driven out during the past season. Since August the number driven to Montague and Yacelt for shipment equals 16,686, and there yet remain in the valley, mostly in the Merrill county, about 3,000 yet to be driven out. This does not include the Fort Klamath cattle, driven out by way of Ashland and Medford. About half of this total was shipped by J. C. Mitchell.

State Wants Sidetrack.

Salem.—The state board has asked the railroad commission to investigate the question of the need of a sidetrack on the Southern Pacific at the site of the proposed home for the feeble minded, just south of this city. The railroad company refused the state's request for a sidetrack. The state board wants the sidetrack established as an aid in transporting material for the new building, which will be started soon.

Eagles Worry Benton County.

Monroe.—A pair of large eagles are playing havoc among the small lambs on the foothills west of town. They are expert in keeping out of rifle range and no one has been able to get a shot at them.

Adds Course in Italian.

University of Oregon Eugene.—A course in beginning Italian has been announced by the department of modern languages. Dr. Timothy Chioran is at the head of this department.

Cannery Puts Up Beef.

Brownsville.—The Brownsville cannery has been experimenting in the canning of beef and it will probably put up a large amount in the near future.

LIABLE TO FINER OF \$80,000,000

Clear Case Against S. P.—Paid Rebates for Years.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Penalties unprecedented in the history of the prosecution of corporations in California, or a complete revision and vitiation of the laws applicable to railroads, will be the outcome of the investigation to be instituted this week by the State Railroad Commission, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, in the Merchants' Exchange building.

Assistant Attorney-General Raymond Benjamin said today that 4,000 cases of rebating have been perfected against the Southern Pacific Company, practically through its own admissions. The cases will be presented to the Railroad Commission by Attorney-General U. S. Webb, Mr. Benjamin and O. K. Cushing, special counsel for the California Traffic Association. Should convictions be obtained on each of these cases, and the Maximum penalty of \$20,000 be imposed for each violation of the law, the Southern Pacific will face an aggregate fine of \$80,000,000.

In each case the evidence practically is conclusive, from bills of lading to the inland checks issued by the company to the shipper, in reimbursement. When the State Board of Railroad Commissioners requested the Southern Pacific to submit its books to Mr. Benjamin, Peter F. Dunne, counsel for the railroad, replied that the railroad's books would be available at any time. The compliance with which the railroad corporation greets the investigation forebodes that it will not fight the action of the Railroad Commission on merits but rather upon the law involved.

Section 222 of the state legislation which creates the State Board of Railroad Commissioners, with their power to fix rates, provides:

"Any railroad corporation or transportation company which shall fail to conform to such rates as shall be established by such commission * * * shall be fined not exceeding \$20,000 for each offense. * * *"

In 4,000 cases the railroad company failed to conform to the rate fixed by the Commissioners. The practice is of long standing, but the only records available are those subsequent to May, 1906, in some of these rebates the railroad refunded 53 per cent of the original charge to the shipper.

DRAG OUT SKELETONS.

Alleged Illegitimate Heirs of Alfonso Making Trouble.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—The question of allotting a pension of 250,000 pesetas to the Infanta Alfonso, the son of Don Carlos of Bourbon and the Princess of Asturias, who recently married Princess Louise of Orleans in England, has received the approval of the Council of State and now goes before the Cortes. But it has raised many complications, not the least increasing of which are the similar claims advanced by the natural children of Alfonso XII by Elena Sanz, a former well-known Spanish actress, and a natural cousin of the king named Carlos Allen Paris, a second-rate but popular actor in the music halls of the capital.

Perkins claim goes back to his great-grandmother, the famous Infanta Carlotta, who provoked the Carlist war by obliging Ferdinand VII to admit the principle of the Salic law. It was she who slapped the face of Calomarde, the Premier, and drew from him the historic retort:

"White hands are not offensive." Perkins' birth is not recorded in Gotha, but he insists that his real name is Don Francisco Carlos Pio Rose Alfonso Luis Fernando Allen Perkins Gueroysky Bourbon Lutharic of Russia, and consequently a blood relation of most of the reigning sovereigns of Europe.

Survey for New Tunnel.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 11.—Surveyors and engineers in the employ of the Northern Pacific have for months been locating a new tunnel through the Cascades. The fact became known yesterday, when the men, driven from their work by the heavy snows, arrived at Green River Hot Springs on their way to St. Paul.

From Hot Springs the tunnel would be the big Stampede tunnel, which was abandoned as soon as the new bore is completed. The new bore is to be seven miles long and will cost upward of \$10,000,000.

Franco Excites Curiosity.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 11.—Sunday passed with Senor Franco, the ex-premier of Portugal, still in Bordeaux and still in seclusion. His privacy has remained unbroken; since his arrival Friday he has not emerged from the hotel where he is stopping, not even from his room. The former dictator has become a problem which the people are discussing with various wondering, even sympathetic interest, but no one has been enlightened as to the hour of his departure, or his destination, for it is certain that he is not to remain here long.

Mourning by All Creeds.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Memorial services in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Stafford pastor of the St. Patrick's church, were held at Chase's theater, when tributes to the life and character of Dr. Stafford were paid by the men prominent in public life. Vice-President Fairbanks spoke of Dr. Stafford as "The Citizen"; Senator Beveridge of Indiana as "The Organizer"; Hannis Taylor, ex-minister to Spain, as "The Scholar and Philanthropist"; and ex-commissioner of Pensions James Tanner, as "The Patriot."

Wreck on Wash.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 11.—The Continental Limited passenger train on the Washburn road, westbound, was derailed today by a broken rail at Delhi, Ont., 150 miles east of Detroit. None of the passengers nor train crew sustained any injuries, other than bruises. Mrs. J. W. Daniels, of Wallace, Idaho, was taken from the train at Delhi, suffering from nervous shock and with this exception all of the passengers continued to their destinations.

Temperance Worker Dead.

New York, Feb. 11.—John W. Oliver, editor and principal owner of the Yonkers Statesman, died at his home in Yonkers today, aged 93 years. Mr. Oliver was an early leader in the temperance movement, and with his brother, Isaac Oliver, founded the State of Temperance.

ADVISE BIG CHANGE

Reorganization of Postoffice Department Recommended.

HIRE CHIEF DIRECTOR OF POSTS

Commission Suggests Long Term for Head of Department at High Salary—Less Red Tape.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Congress today received a preliminary report of the joint commission appointed during the last congress to investigate the business methods of the postoffice department and postoffice service and submit recommendations for legislation to effect changes in their administration. The commission, consisting of Senators Penrose, Carter and Clay, and Representatives Overstreet, Gardner of New Jersey, and Moon, points out many objectionable methods of both departments. Among the recommendations is a plan to place the actual direction of the business of the postoffice department under the service of an officer, with necessary assistants to be appointed by the president, "by and with the advice and consent of the senate," for long terms, so as to insure the continuance of efficient service. Under the plan the postmaster-general, as a member of the cabinet, is charged with general supervisory control and the determination of question of policy.

The commission also recommends that the business of the department be decentralized so as to avoid the congestion at the national capital which impairs the efficiency and increases the cost of the service; that the bookkeeping, auditing and accounting be simplified, unified and centralized to secure greater accuracy, more prompt methods and elimination of duplication of work; and that the practice of requiring needless detailed reports from small post-offices be discontinued. The moderate application of the non-accounting system to small offices will eliminate about 20,000, or nearly one-half of all the postoffice accounts from the present complex report and bookkeeping system, or would at least greatly simplify the same. The commission says:

"It appears too obvious to require argument that the most efficient service can never be expected as long as the direction of the business is, as at present entrusted to a postmaster-general and certain assistants selected without special reference to experience and qualifications and subject to frequent change. Under such a system a large railroad, commercial or industrial business would eventually go into bankruptcy, and the postoffice department has averted that fate only because the United States treasury has been available to meet deficiencies."

PUSH BACK GUARD.

Eager Portuguese Almost Create Panic at Royal Funeral.

Lisbon, Feb. 11.—The bodies of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis Philippe were yesterday laid away beside those of their royal ancestors in the sacred sepulchre in the Pantheon. A great crowd, numbering thousands, struggled outside the cathedral of San Vicente, seeking to enter the view of the bodies before the doors were finally closed for the ceremony. Brushing back the police and the guard of Royal Archers, they poured into the church, sweeping everything before them.

When the doors eventually were closed to the public, the sensation of entombment was begun. All the ministers of state were present. The patriarchs of Lisbon, wearing pontifical vestments, and assisted by other high church officials, blessed the sacrament, the cathedra, and a palace choir chanted the "De Profundis" to the intoning of "De Profundis" the coffin of the Crown Prince was transported between double ranks of archers, preceded by a long procession in a similar manner the body of the King was borne to the tomb.

Boiler Tubas Explode.

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 11.—Boiler tubes on the cruiser St. Louis blew out at noon today while the St. Louis was off San Sulpicio. E. E. Scott, coal passer; F. Thompson, water tender; E. W. Baker, fireman of the first class, and D. Lewis, fireman of the first class, were horribly scalded with steam. The origin of the explosion is not known, but it is supposed to have been caused by cold water running into hot pipes. It is not believed any of the injured will die. A rigid investigation is under way.

Send Troops Against Afridis.

Calcutta, Feb. 11.—The Indian government has decided to send immediately two brigades of troops under Major-General Sir James Willcocks to the Bazar valley, on the northwestern frontier, to punish the Zakkakhela, a powerful tribe of Afridis, who have been raiding villages in that territory and ambushing members of the mounted police. At Rawal Pindi, where the troops of the expedition, there is great activity. It is said the movement will be a surprise to the disorderly natives.

Franco Travels Again.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 11.—Senor Franco, the ex-premier of Portugal, with his wife and son, left this city by train at 7:43 this morning for Marseille. The departure was sudden, the hotel authorities being notified of the step at the last moment. Senor Franco appeared rested from his stay here. He is less depressed and he walked over to the train at a quick step. He was accompanied by French detectives. There were no people at the railroad station.

Snow in South Carolina.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 11.—Spartanburg is buried under seven inches of snow. It is the heaviest fall in many years. It occurred last night and today. The weather is now the coldest of the winter—23 degrees above zero.

SWIFT PACKING CO. COMING

Ready to Begin Work on \$3,500,000 Plant at Once.

Portland, Feb. 10.—In the first and only authorized statement which has been given out either here or anywhere else regarding his company's plans in the Pacific Northwest Louis F. Swift, president of Swift & Co., last night declared that the mammoth Portland plant, which will represent an outlay of \$3,500,000 and which will be erected on the Peninsula, will be completed and ready for operation in all departments in one year. Portland is also to be made the center of the packing industry of the Pacific Northwest, and the Troutdale plant, near Portland, eventually is to be abandoned, at least so far as the packing side of the business is concerned. To what use, if any, the Swift people are to put their present extensive and valuable property at that point was not vouchsafed.

The Swift people are ready and prepared to go ahead with construction work just as soon as the connections on the Peninsula will be established, and when they will be ready to do the work. When these connections with necessary terminal facilities have been decided upon, work on the packing plant will be rushed to completion.

In the official interview, H. C. Gardner, head of the construction department of Swift & Company, who will have direct charge of erecting the plant, acted as spokesman for President Swift, and entered into as full a discussion of the plans of the Swifts as the head of the big concern deemed wise to give out for publication at this time.

Mr. Gardner, in explaining why the public could not be taken fully into the confidence of his concern at this time, said that certain plans, such as whether the company should secure power from some of the companies already in the field here, or erect its own plant on the Peninsula, are yet to be settled, and that there are a number of other considerations which, if disclosed now, might interfere with their consummation.

It was also clearly brought out that if Portland ever intends to wrest the bulk of the Alaska trade from the Sound cities, the merchants and shippers here will have to establish a direct steamer line from here to the North. This was brought out in answer to the direct question as to whether Swift & Company intended to enter that field, now monopolized by various Seattle and Tacoma packers.

"Swift & Company," declared Mr. Gardner, "are in the packing business and packing business alone. They are not in the transportation business, nor in the cattle-raising business."

NIGHT RIDERS ON RAID.

Imprison Citizens and Burn Tobacco and Warehouses.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 10.—Last night at 12 o'clock a band of about 150 mounted night riders, masked, heavily armed and wearing the insignia of a secret clan, invaded Fredonia, Crittenden county, captured James Scarborough, operator of the Cumberland Telephone Company, and cut all telephone connections. They then forced Dave Potter, a clerk in a drug store, to open his store, in which they corralled several citizens and held them prisoners.

Leaving a large guard in the town, the others galloped to the village of View, five miles away, and blew up Alfred H. Cardin's tobacco factory, containing 35,000 pounds of tobacco belonging to him and his croppers. The loss aggregates \$10,000, with \$5,000 insurance.

After firing volleys into the air the night riders returned through Fredonia and released their prisoners. Eighty per cent of Crittenden county farmers have tobacco pooled in the Society of Equity. Mr. Cardin is not a member. He is a prominent citizen, aged 73, and was formerly a candidate for governor on a Populist ticket. The Planters Association has no organization in this county.

Frustrate Republican Plot.

Marselles, Ky., Feb. 10.—The frustration on Friday last of Oporto of an elaborate plot to proclaim a republic is announced in a telegram which was received today from one of the highest officials in Oporto by his brother, who has just arrived here from Lisbon. According to the telegram a large number of conspirators have been arrested, including the leaders. It was also stated that numerous bodies of militant republicans had been seen about the suburbs of Oporto. The police captured a large store of revolvers and cartridges.

Blow Up Bank.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 10.—Four men early this morning opened the vault of the Bank of Sulphur Springs, Ark., and