

# STEAMERS ARE SUNK

## Big Lner Wrecks Canadian Lock In Soo Canal.

### ENGINEER MISTOOK HIS SIGNALS

Two Vessels Went to Bottom and a Third is Badly Damaged—Loss Over Million and a Quarter.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 10.—Because the engineer of the Gilchrist liner Perry G. Walker misunderstood signals from the pilot this afternoon as the vessel was off the Canadian locks of the "Soo" canal, the \$4,000,000 waterway is damaged to the extent of \$1,250,000; the Perry G. Walker and the Crescent City are sunken wrecks, the Canadian Pacific steamer Assiniboia is badly damaged and two waterfalls and a giant whirlpool are raging in what was formerly the great canal.

The Walker, a steel steamer of over 4,000 tons displacement, was approaching the canal locks on Lake Superior, when her captain signalled the engineer for "half speed." The engineer misunderstood the gongs and the big freighter was sent forging ahead at top speed, striking the leaf-gates of the high-level chamber of the canal and crushing them in like paper. Instantly the full force of all the water in Lake Superior surged into the chamber, carrying the Walker with it as if the big freighter were only a feather.

At the same time the Crescent City, of the Steel Trust fleet, was entering the locks from the lower end, while a little distance astern of her was the C. P. R. boat Assiniboia. The rush of water in the upper lock swept down the intervening canal gates and poured through in an uncontrollable torrent. On the crest of the great wave thus made was carried the Walker, and the rush of water picked up the Crescent City like a chip of wood and hurled her against the Assiniboia.

A huge hole was torn in the bow of the latter vessel, while the two former ones were carried through the canal and sank in the open water beyond. Tugs went to the rescue of the Assiniboia and hauled her to the flats on the American side, where she settled into the soft mud.

The loss to the Canadian government probably will reach 250,000 pounds, and the damage to the Assiniboia is estimated at \$100,000.

### READJUST TARIFFS.

Interstate Commerce Commission to Hold New Hearing.

Washington, June 10.—Under an order issued by the Interstate Commerce commission today all class rates fixed by its recent decision in the Spokane case will be put into effect July 1, but the commodity rates touched upon in that case will continue as at present without change until after the commission has taken further testimony and given further consideration to such rates, both to the Coast and from Coast points East. This order was entered after a brief hearing this morning, participated in by representatives from Spokane, Portland and other interested Coast and interior cities.

This is a practical reversal of the famous freight rate case. While the whole matter of graded rates and the effort of the railroads to build up jobbing centers in the Middle West to the detriment of the Pacific Coast is postponed until the fall for a full hearing and discussion, the commission has withdrawn, tentatively at least, from the position it assumed in the decision in the Spokane case when it ordered reductions in class and 32 commodity rates from Chicago to Spokane.

Although the class rates ordered at that time are to go into effect, these rates only affect less than carload lots and scarcely 15 per cent of the traffic moves under them.

### Strike Against Spanking.

Santa Barbara, Cal., June 10.—Because she severely spanked an obstreperous pupil, all of the 14 members of the school taught by Miss Cavita Lane at the Santa Rosa rancho, seven miles from this city, are on strike, and for three months Miss Lane has been daily holding school without scholars. Every day Miss Lane appears at the door of the school room, rings the bell, and then quietly seats herself at the desk on the rostrum. No pupils put in their appearance, and she whistles away the day and at 4 o'clock goes home.

### Cut Out Preservatives.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 10.—The American Medical association, through its house of delegates, went on record as opposed to the use of benzoate of soda or any other preservative in food products. The resolution will be taken to Washington by Dr. A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati, and presented directly to President Taft, who will be asked to support the legislation desired.

### JUDGE DEFENDS HENEY.

Declares Man Shot in Court Room Entitled to Sympathy.

San Francisco, June 9.—A quarrel of unparalleled bitterness, involving Judge William P. Lawlor and virtually all of the attorneys engaged in the trial of Patrick Calhoun, enlivened a day otherwise devoted to presentation of routine testimony. Assistant District Attorney Heney started the dispute by charging that Earl Rogers, an attorney for the defense, had been smiling at certain members of the jury.

There was an angry response from John T. Barrett, of the defense, who declared that the prosecution had unnecessarily prolonged the trial by the introduction of trivial matters.

The subject of the jurors' smiles was about to be dismissed, when John J. Barrett reopened the issue by saying: "I do not think we should be lectured by the district attorney into a state of seriousness regarding this case. The prosecution has spent weeks in a presentation of matter that is ridiculous, trivial and ludicrous, attempting by the length of time devoted to their presentation to make the jury think them worthy of consideration."

For these remarks Barrett was sternly reprimanded by Judge Lawlor, who told the attorney that if he made another such reference he would send him to jail.

"If the court intends to punish me," Barrett answered, "then what about this man sitting over here, who has repeatedly been permitted to insult the court, the jury and the attorneys?" Heney at once took up the fray and shouted:

"These are the ebullitions of a man who was appointed to office by the crookedest mayor the city ever had, Eugene E. Schmitz."

"Why, you've been mixed up in more crooked work than any man in this courtroom," said Barrett. "Mr. Heney has never insulted the court," thundered Judge Lawlor sternly. "He has certain temperamental qualities which I have observed and made allowance for. He was stricken down in this court while engaged in the performance of his duty, and resumed his activities at an early date. Mr. Heney is laboring under embarrassments which should appeal to the humanity of any individual. That circumstance appeals to the court if it does not appeal to counsel on the other side."

### STIRS SOUTHERN ANGER.

Senator Dolliver Breaks Appointment for Speech at College.

Durham, N. C., June 9.—Because United States Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, cancelled at the last moment an engagement to deliver the annual address at Trinity college commencement tomorrow evening, President Kilgore from the rostrum tonight accused him of unfair treatment.

"This is the first time any man has treated us unfairly," said the president. "Senator Dolliver had ten days to make this announcement and he waits until the last moment to embarrass us." After stating that Mr. Dolliver in the telegraph message he sent gave physical exhaustion and tariff duties as his reasons for declining, Dr. Kilgore stepped from the rostrum and declared, it is alleged, to friends: "I would as soon look to a bootblack for wisdom and character as to a United States senator. I wouldn't trust some to cultivate a peanut patch."

### Favor American Horses.

London, June 9.—At the International horse show this morning, W. H. Moore, of New York, took second prize with Berkeley Bantam in Class II, judging of pony stallions foaled previously to or in 1906, not exceeding 14 hands.

Olympia was packed to its fullest capacity this afternoon for the gala performance of the horse show in honor of the visit of the King and Queen. Ambassador Whitelaw Reid and practically all the other ambassadors and ministers in London were present, accompanied by their wives and daughters. The big event, the jumping competition for the King's cup, in which teams representing Argentine Republic, Canada, Great Britain, France and Italy, took part, was won by the French team.

### New Massacre in Turkey.

Berlin, June 9.—The Tageblatt's Aleppo correspondent states that the Turkish authorities last week executed 12 of the ringleaders, including six Armenians, concerned in the Adana massacre. The energetic course of the government, the correspondent adds, caused the populace in the region between Alexandretta and the mountains to begin a new massacre, in which about 100 persons were slain. The Young Turk committee did everything possible to prevent the disorders, but needs reinforcements, however.

### Two Killed at Re-union.

Memphis, Tenn., June 9.—Intense heat characterized today's sessions of the Confederate reunion, 30 persons being prostrated, two dying. There was a reception to the women of the Confederacy tonight. A flower parade in which many women participated, followed the afternoon session.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### MILTON'S SHOW IS WINNER.

Over 6,000 Attend Strawberry Festival and Horse Show.

Milton—Overreaching by all odds the efforts of any previous occasion, Milton's third annual strawberry festival and horse show last week was pronounced by the 6,000 people who attended to have been the most successful event of its kind ever given in the Walla Walla valley. The streets of Milton were thronged with people from Walla Walla, Pendleton, Dayton, Prescott, Weston, Athena and the surrounding country. Owing to a crippled service on the interurban line between Milton and Freewater hundreds of those who intended to come from the Garden City were unable to do so.

The half crate of strawberries which won first prize was turned over to L. E. Meacham, publicity manager of the Walla Walla Commercial club. These berries were grown by Clarence O'Bert, residing five miles above Milton, and were later served to the Chicago business men on their visit to the Garden City. The horse show and stock parade in the afternoon was the most successful occasion of a similar nature ever held in Milton. From an advertising standpoint the festivities have been of the first water. Many prospective home seekers were present.

### FARMERS TO STORE OWN GRAIN

Will Erect Own Co-operative Warehouses in Umatilla County.

Pendleton—Believing they have not always been given a square deal by the grain warehouse companies operating in this county, a group of farmers have formed a corporation and will erect and operate a string of four warehouses. These will be located at Helix, Vansycle, Stanton and King, all stations on the branch line of the Northern Pacific.

The corporation was formed with a capital stock of \$20,000. The warehouses will be co-operative, all the incorporators being members of the Helix branch of the Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America. According to present plans, the warehouses will be erected in time to handle the present season's grain crop. If these prove successful, other co-operative warehouses will be erected in the county.

### Oregon Will Have Best Crops.

Hood River—According to G. B. Lanham, purchasing agent for Wagner & Co., a commission firm of Chicago, Oregon fruit crop prospects are a shade better this year than most of the other fruitgrowing states. Mr. Lanham has been making a tour of the fruitgrowing districts in the North and Middle West and states that the Colorado crop was saved this year by the use of heating pots kept going there for a week or ten days during the period when the late spring frost came. In Oregon Mr. Lanham looks for an average crop of apples, with peaches and cherries short. He visited the big strawberry growing section in the South and Southwest before starting on his Western trip, and says the berries this year hit the high mark for prices and looks for one of the best berry seasons in a number of years. The market for box apples as packed and put up in the Northwest and particularly at Hood River, Mr. Lanham says, is expanding more rapidly than it can be supplied and he looks for a greater demand for them this year than ever before.

### Record Price for Wool.

Oregon City—The Oregon City Manufacturing company has purchased a pool of wool at Scio, Linn county, paying 21.81 cents per pound. This is said to be the highest price paid for wool in the Willamette valley this year. The company, which operates one of the largest woolen mills in the West, had a representative on the ground and entered into competition with Eastern and local concerns, as the pool was auctioned off at public sale to the highest bidder. About 4,000 fleeces were purchased, amounting to nearly 30,000 pounds. This sale of wool is far out of the ordinary transaction in this valley and establishes the Oregon City Manufacturing company as one of the leading wool buying factories in the West.

### LaGrande Will Advertise.

LaGrande—Over 50 members of the Merchants' Protective association of this city met at a banquet and discussed the best methods of boosting the country. A. D. Geddes struck the keynote of the meeting when he advocated making the newspapers the medium for publicity and cited examples of the way in which large papers are advertising the whole state.

### Crops Fine at Ione.

Ione—This section has had a dandy rain and farmers think they will get 20 to 25 bushels per acre. More wheat will be shipped from this point this fall than any other town in Morrow county by at least one-third.

### OREGON COAL PRODUCTION.

Increase in 1908—State Has 230 Squares Miles Coal Land.

Washington—The total production of coal in Oregon in 1908, as shown by statistics collected by E. W. Parker, of the United States geological survey, was 86,259 short tons, having a spot value of \$236,021.

Oregon, like California, is one of the few states in which the coal production in 1908 showed an increase over that of the preceding year, which was 70,981 short tons, the 1908 output being therefore a gain of 15,278 short tons, or 21.52 per cent; the value increased from \$166,394 to \$236,021, a gain of \$69,717, or 41.92 per cent. All of the coal produced came from the Coos Bay field in Coos county, and the increased production in 1908 was due to an increased activity at the Beaver Hill mines. All of the Beaver Hill coal was washed, the operations yielding 70 per cent of cleaned coal and 30 per cent of refuse. The refuse, however, contains a sufficient quantity of combustible material to permit its use as fuel in the operation of the mines. The coal from this field is of lignitic character.

### Grants Pass Explains.

Grants Pass—The Commercial club is in receipt of the first installment of 35,000 books exploiting Josephine county. They are printed in magazine form and are generously embellished with well-arranged photos both attractive and instructive. Typographically the books are things of beauty in plan and structure. Each contains 64 pages with an artistic colored covering. On the front in bold relief three powerful commercial producers are shown, the apple, pear and peach, while the back cover shows the coming industry that bids fair to overshadow all others, the flaming Tokay.

### Washingtonians Buy Fruit Land.

Baker City—A recent sale of fruit land made to Walla Walla fruitgrowers establishes the fact that Baker county's fruit lands are among her strongest assets. The purchasers from Walla Walla not only purchased a tract outright, but took options on considerable more land in this county.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20@1.22; valley, \$1.17.

Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$35 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40.50@41 ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$19@22; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box. Strawberries, \$1.75@2.75 per crate; cherries, \$1@1.35 per box; gooseberries, 5c per lb.; loganberries, 75c per crate; peaches, \$1.50@2 per box; apricots, \$1.50@1.75 per box; cantaloupes, \$7.50@8 per crate; plums, \$1.50 per box.

Potatoes—Jobbing price, \$2@2.75 per hundred; new California, 4 1/2c per lb.; sweet potatoes, 4 1/2c per lb.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; horseradish, 12 1/2c per lb.; artichokes, 50@60c doz.; asparagus, 6@7c per lb.; beans, 6@9c; cabbage, 2c per lb.; cauliflower, \$3 per crate; corn, 50c per doz.; cucumbers, 50c@1.25 per doz.; lettuce, hot-house, \$1.05 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per doz.; onions, 12 1/2@15c per doz.; parsley, 35c per doz.; peas, 8@8c per lb.; radishes, 15c per doz.; rhubarb, 3@3 1/2c per lb.; spinach, 5c per lb.; squash, 75c@1.25 per box; tomatoes, \$2@2.50 per crate.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 26 1/2c; fancy outside creamery, 25@26 1/2c per lb.; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@25c per doz.

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 18@20c; roosters, 8@9c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 18@20c; squabs, \$2@2.25 per doz.

Pork, Fancy, 10c per lb.

Veal—Extras, 8@8 1/2c per lb.; ordinary, 7c; heavy, 6c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; common to good, \$4@4.50; cows, top, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.75@4; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$8@8.15; fair to good, \$7.50@7.75; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.25; fair to good, \$4.

Hops—1909 contracts, 13@14c per lb.; 1908 crop, 9@10c; 1907 crop, 45c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2@2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 17@22 1/2c per lb.; valley, fine, 26c; medium, 23c; coarse, 21@22c; mohair, choice, 24@25c per lb.

### DR. HALE DEAD.

Chaplain of Senate Passes Away After Brief Illness.

Boston, June 11.—The morning light was breaking as the venerable Edward Everett Hale, D. D., chaplain of the United States senate, Unitarian divine, author, journalist and lover of peace, breathed his last yesterday in his home in Roxbury.

At his bedside were his wife, his daughter, Miss Ellen D. Hale, and his son, Philip L. Hale, the artist. Two other sons, Arthur Hale, of Washington, and Professor Edward Everett Hale, Jr., of Union college, returned home last evening. It is expected that partial arrangements for the funeral on Monday in the South Congregational church, of which Dr. Hale was the pastor emeritus, will be announced tomorrow.

On his return from Washington a few weeks ago it was reported that Dr. Hale was not in good health, but he soon regained his activities and until Tuesday attended meetings and received friends. It seems as though the whole country joined in mourning the loss of Dr. Hale. Messages expressing sorrow and esteem poured into the Hale household, one of the first being from President and Mrs. Taft.

As an author Dr. Hale's fame rests on his short stories, such as "The Man Without a Country." As an instigator of social uplift, the work of the two great organizations, the Lend-a-Hand club and the King's Daughters, will always add to his renown. As a minister and pastor his half century in the pulpit of the South Congregational church and his preaching in many other churches were prolific of wise spiritual inspiration. As a historian his writings have become authorities.

### WOULD NOT AID SMUGGLER.

Dining Car Cooks Refused Money—Chinaman Died in Ice Box.

Chicago, June 11.—August Mueller and Gustave Weir, dining car cooks, employed on the Golden State Limited of the Rock Island railroad, told on the witness stand before Judge Landis how they had refused offers of money to aid in smuggling Chinamen into the United States. The men were witnesses for the prosecution in the trial of Bob Leung, a well-to-do Chinese merchant of El Paso.

Until one Chinese was smothered to death it was the regular practice, according to testimony, to place the smuggled Chinese in an icebox of the dining car after they had been put aboard the Golden Gate Limited. "The icebox," testified Albert Champion, a negro cook on one of the cars in question, "was about four by four by two and one-half feet in dimensions. On one occasion one of the brakemen told me we would have to find some other way of carrying these Chinese. They won't ride in the box since that one was smothered."

### HARRIMAN KEEPS POSTED.

Synopsis of Press Comment Sent in Twice Each Month.

Chicago, June 11.—Edward H. Harriman, who is absolute master of over 54,000 miles of rail and water transportation, has decided to keep in constant touch with public opinion regarding himself, his railroads and railroads generally, provided it is possible to do so through things which are printed about them.

Twice each month each general manager telegraphs Mr. Kruttschnitt a brief synopsis of public sentiment as reflected by the press. His report also shows, the number of publications which were examined, the percentage favorable, the percentage unfavorable and the percentage which is neutral. He quotes also from criticisms, complaints, expressions of opinion and from special articles as well as giving the trend of opinion as voiced in political and commercial centers.

Mr. Harriman regards the reports as valuable aids in detecting causes of friction between his railroads and the public and in applying corrective measures.

### Seven Dead in Foundry.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 11.—Seven men were killed and 14 seriously injured in an explosion tonight of a blast furnace at the Wheeling Steel & Iron Co. Fifty workmen were gathered about the furnace, making ready to drill, when, without warning, there was a terrific roar and great masses of molten iron spurted from the furnace, sweeping down upon the workmen. Twenty or more were caught in the rush. All of the men were foreigners. The cause of the accident has not been definitely decided.

### College Girls on Tour.

San Francisco, June 11.—Two hundred girl students of Radnor college, Nashville, Tenn., arrived this morning on a sight-seeing tour, which is a part of the school curriculum, and departed tonight for Seattle to visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

# BIG JAP CONSPIRACY

## Oriental Plot to Gain Control of Hawaiian Islands.

### SUGAR STRIKE OPENING MOVE

Offices of Higher Wage Association and Newspaper Raided and Reports Confiscated.

Honolulu, June 12.—Evidence of what the authorities claim is a concerted movement on the part of Japanese in the Hawaiian group to control the sugar industry and thus dominate the internal affairs of the islands through their number and power, was disclosed today when the office of the "Jiji," a Japanese newspaper of Honolulu, and the offices of the Japanese Higher Wage association were entered by the officers armed with search warrants, and letters, reports and other documents were seized.

Following the confiscation of the papers, the application for a writ of habeas corpus, entered in behalf of Makino, Negro and Soga, the three alleged leaders of the sugar plantation strikers who were taken into custody yesterday, was rejected by the court.

It is said by the authorities that the papers found indicate that a conspiracy of a widespread nature has been formed among the Japanese of the islands to wrest control of affairs from the white residents, and conduct the internal government in their own interests.

The determination to control is reiterated again and again in these documents. An appeal to all Japanese, in the name of their native country, to aid in this movement, is said to be conveyed in the letters.

The authorities are preparing complete translations of all the papers seized and it is said that they will be used as evidence in support of many charges of conspiracy, which it is declared will result from the disclosures.

A second petition has been filed by the attorneys for the prisoners, but has not been acted upon by the court.

The strike of the Japanese plantation hands has been in progress for over a month, and is the most extensive walk-out ever known on the islands. Between 5,000 and 8,000 Japanese are involved. The strikers demand an increase from 69 cents to \$1 a day for field laborers, and a proportionate advance for mill hands and other plantation employes.

### TORNADO IN TEXAS.

Train Blown From Track and Eleven People Killed.

Dallas, Texas, June 12.—Special dispatches from Texas points show that 11 persons are dead and several injured as a result of the storm in Central Texas today, including one man who was killed when a wind storm blew a Kansas City, Mexico & Orient passenger train from the Brazos river bridge north of Sweetwater last night.

Haskell and Luaders were places also damaged by the storm, which was accompanied by a fall of hail, destroying crops and orchards. Six are dead at Haskell.

In the wreck of the train J. E. Stanford, a traveling salesman of Crowell, Texas, was killed and 11 persons were badly hurt.

The whole train except the engine and tender were blown from the track. Conductor Alexander and brakeman Van Sandt were among the most seriously injured.

At Luaders A. Goldrup and three children were killed during the progress of the storm and 13 houses were demolished, many people being injured. Scores of cattle were also killed. A heavy rain and hail accompanied the storm at this point.

At Merkel, Texas, three houses were blown down. Hamlin, a small town on the Central Western Texas railroad, was destroyed and three persons seriously injured.

### Australian Coal Cheaper.

San Francisco, June 12.—Australian coal was reduced in price by wholesalers here today from \$9 to \$7.50 a ton, as the result of a bitter feud which has broken out between the Western Coal company and the Pacific Coal company. The latter concern has slashed prices and it is understood retailers will reduce from \$12 to \$10. The price cutting wholesalers explain that they wish to stimulate the summer trade and that they are also helped in reducing prices by the fact that it now costs less to import coal than heretofore.

### Wyoming Sues Western Union.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 12.—Attorney General Mullens commenced suit today against the Western Union Telegraph company to compel the company to file articles of incorporation with the state of Wyoming or suspend operations within the state.