

22 DEAD, 120 HURT, ONE DAY'S WRECKS

DEMAND FOR HIGH SPEED DISASTROUS

ALL ACCIDENTS ON RAILROAD SAID TO BE BEST GUARDED

Three Wrecks Near Chicago, One at Cleveland and One in Texas—Many Are Killed and Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—It was reported at Chicago today that as a result of three train wrecks near that city and at Cleveland and in Texas twenty-two lives were lost and 120 persons, more or less injured. Nearly all the accidents were on lines where they have the best protection of life. It is believed that fast time and heavy cars with a failure to keep up the tracks to the standard required by the high speed limited trains are the cause of increasing railroad accidents.

Five Killed.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Five people were killed and more than a score were injured today when the Lake Shore passenger train No. 1, bound west, collided with a switch engine at the foot of Twenty-sixth street.

The wreck occurred at 10:55 a. m., just five minutes before the train was due to arrive at this station. When the crash came the Lake Shore train was traveling at a high rate of speed. Engines and cars piled up, a shattered mass of debris.

The body of the engineer of the passenger train could not be found. It is believed he is dead beneath the wreckage. The fireman was pulled out of the cab dead, as was the engineer of the switch engine. None of the passengers were killed. Many of them were injured, however, several seriously.

The Dead:

H. L. Adams, passenger engineer.
Al. G. Burns, engineer switch engine.

John A. Swales, switchman.
George Frank, switchman.
Edward Bascher, switchman.

Fatally Injured:
Janos Carrier, passenger.
Both firemen were badly burned.
The three switchmen who were killed were riding on the switch engine at the time of the collision.

Pullmans Off Track.
When the locomotives crashed together, the Pullmans left the track. The first one, filled with sleeping passengers, was badly wrecked. The intense cold added to the sufferings of the injured, and made the work of the rescuers doubly hard.

A few minutes after the collision doctors and nurses were rushed to the scene.

The passenger train consisted of seven Pullmans and one day coach.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN ITEMS

Those having the good of the valley at heart are urged not to forget to send in every record made by local orchards of which they have heard and other items of interest. Prove yourself a booster by aiding in the collection of material for the Homeseekers' edition of the Mail Tribune.

COOK WILL LOSE OUT WITH HIS RECORDS

Decision of Committee Said to Be Unfavorable—Now Believed He Never Reached the North Pole.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—A decision against the claims of Dr. Frederick Cook today that as a result of three train wrecks near that city and at Cleveland and in Texas twenty-two lives were lost and 120 persons, more or less injured. Nearly all the accidents were on lines where they have the best protection of life. It is believed that fast time and heavy cars with a failure to keep up the tracks to the standard required by the high speed limited trains are the cause of increasing railroad accidents.

It is reported authoritatively that the committee found the data so far insufficient to support Dr. Cook's claim. The consideration of the preliminary report of the council lasted four hours and the public was excluded.

A verdict by the committee is not expected before the latter part of next week. It is expected however that the members of the committee will have made their minds up long before that time.

MUCH INTEREST IN BIG ENGLISH MARATHON RACE

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Dorando, the Italian Marathon runner, who finished second to Johnny Hayes, the diminutive American, in the recent Olympic games in London, will meet C. W. Gardner, England's champion Marathoner, in the Royal Albert hall tonight. The men will be sent from their marks at 8:15 o'clock and will race over the official Marathon distance of 26 miles, 386 yards.

It was bound west from New York to Chicago.

Two Fatally Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Two women were fatally injured and six other passengers hurt when a fast passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway bound from St. Paul to Chicago was wrecked near Western Springs, Ill., today. Three Pullman coaches were derailed.

The railroad officials denied that any of the injured would die. They admitted, however, between twenty and thirty had been hurt seriously.

Four of the injured were brought to local hospitals. They were: Mrs. O. A. Lovell, Ymir, B. C., whose right arm was broken and head severely cut; Frank C. Lisby, Spokane, Wash., who suffered minor bruises; George Tate of Cleveland, Ohio, who was bruised and shaken.

Fourteen Injured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Fourteen persons were injured, none fatally, in a wreck of the Southern Railway train at Chamblee, Georgia, today, according to a report received at the road's headquarters here. Two mill coaches, the club car and parlor car were derailed. J. M. Donaldson of Red Bluff, California, was among those slightly hurt. Details are lacking.

LAMY, N. M., Dec. 18.—Several persons are reported to have been killed when an east-bound Santa Fe passenger train was wrecked near Fulton forty miles east of here at noon today. Between ten and twenty are reported to have been injured.

NO BLOOD TO BE SHED IN BLUEFIELDS



MAJOR SMEDLEY BUTLER
U.S. MARINE CORPS

REAR ADMIRAL
W. V. KIMBALL
U.S. NAVY

PHIPPS ASKS FOR EXPLANATION OF UNDER ESTIMATE

Throws Bomb Shell Into the City Election in Ashland—Prohibitionists Seem Sure to Win at Election.

ASHLAND, Dec. 18.—(Special)—E. E. Phipps who had charge of the ditch line when work was first started on the new municipal electric lighting plant, is out with a circular letter asking the council to explain why it is that the estimate of \$68,000 has already been exceeded \$10,000 and the plant still far from completion.

The circular created quite a ripple on the political pond, and may have some effect on the result of next Tuesday's city election. So far, the administration has not deigned to make any reply. They figure that nothing is to be gained by argument with the so-called non-progressive element, and point to the many improvements completed this year as answer enough.

When accused of not being conservative enough, they cite their refusal to grant an independent telephone company a franchise, thus saving the merchants from a double telephone bill, etc., and to their turning down John B. Allen's request for a street railway franchise.

In the meantime, the reactionaries hope to defeat three "administration" candidates for council and "put a stop to reckless spending of city funds," etc.

The friends of the Pasadena Plan for introducing booze into Ashland are saying nothing in reply to the active taunts of the anti-saloon men,

CONFEDERATION IS TALKED OF BY OFFICIALS

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 18.—Bluefields will not be made a battle ground. The United States determined to protect the lives and property of Americans here, has issued a proclamation through Rear Admiral Kimball in command of the American forces now in Nicaragua notifying Provisional Secretary of State Adolf Diaz of Washington's wishes.

General Estrada, commanding the revolutionists, and General Vasquez, Zelaya's military head, will both receive copies of the proclamation today and will both be held for observance of the instructions.

Confederation Near.

From Washington a rumor has reached this city that the consummation of the plans for a Central American federation of states, advocated by Mexico and reported to be favorable to the United States, is near at hand.

Another report that is being freely discussed on the streets today is that Zelaya has instructed the national assembly to cast their presidential votes for Irias, who with Madriz is regarded here as Zelaya's henchman. The change of front of the retiring president, while sudden, has caused no surprise, those in a position to know declaring that with Irias as president Zelaya will continue in power.

and it is generally conceded that the amendment proposed by the liquor element hasn't a ghost of a chance to win. Ashland appears to be unalterably decided in favor of a dry town.

SWEDENBURG IS WINNER IN SUIT FOR BIG DAMAGE

Ashland Physician Easily Wins Suit Filed Against Him for \$17,500 for Alleged Malpractice.

The damage suit of Floyd D. Moore vs. J. H. Herndon and F. G. Swedenburg for alleged damages resulting from the neglect of the defendants who conduct a sanatorium in Ashland for mistreating him while he was under their charge, resulted in Judge Hanna instructing the jury to find for the defendants.

The complaint alleged that through negligence on the part of the defendants in treating him for sciatic rheumatism he was permanently disabled and asked that he be allowed damages in the sum of \$17,500.

The defendants replied to the suit that before coming to them for treatment he was in such a condition that they could do nothing for him and deny he was neglected, or that his disablement resulted from their treatment.

The defense called George F. Wilson and Andrew C. Smith of Portland, J. S. Parsons and E. B. Pickel of Medford to the stand and they testified after examining the complainant that the defendants had not been at fault.

State vs. Dan Marken; not a true bill.

State vs. Henry Banten; selling liquor without license. Indictment returned and bench warrant issued.

Bond fixed at \$250.

State vs. John Doe, selling liquor to a minor; two indictments.

MEDFORD MAY GET \$125,000 HOSPITAL

GOVERNMENT IS VICTOR FIRST ROUND

Five Out of Six Employees of Sugar Trust Are Found Guilty by Jury—Sentence January 18.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The sentencing of the five sugar trust employees convicted last night of criminal conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the weighing of sugar importation, was deferred by Judge Martin today until January 18. In the meantime the defendants will move for new trials.

Under the indictments the men stand convicted on two counts, the maximum punishment for each of which is imprisonment for two years and a fine of \$5,000.

The four checkers, John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessey were released upon \$2500 bonds each.

The bail of Oliver Spitzer, dock superintendent was increased to \$10,000.

James F. Bendernagel, former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant who was tried with the five convicted men, but on whose case the jury could not agree, appeared in court today and heard the judge's order.

The jury found guilty five of the six employees of the Williamsburg Refining Company. In the case of James F. Bendernagel, a former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant, the jury, out ten hours, disagreed.

Mercy is recommended for all those found guilty.

Under the indictment Oliver Spitzer, a dock superintendent; John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessey, checkers, may be punished for the commission of two overt acts, the maximum penalty for each of which is two years' imprisonment and \$500 fine.

To failure to convict Cashier Bendernagel was regarded by the government a distinct disappointment. The effort of the prosecution has been to trace the customs frauds already admitted to a higher source and Bendernagel, though not an executive officer of the company, was an employee who came in contact with those who shaped the company's affairs in their largest aspects.

OLMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Believed to be the first "Santa Claus" victim of the year, Earl Docerty, a scholar in the sixth grade of the Washington school here, is today suffering from severe burns sustained when his costume caught fire late yesterday.

Earl was impersonating Kris Kringle when his inflammable coat brushed against a candle hanging from a Christmas tree and in a moment the boy was enveloped in flames. The blaze was quickly smothered by the boy's father, but not until he was severely burned.

Bond fixed at \$250.

State vs. John Doe, selling liquor to minors; three indictments. Bench warrants issued.

State vs. John Doe, Richard Roe and John Doe; gambling. Bench warrant issued.

SISTERS OF HOLY NAME PLANNING INSTITUTION FOR CITY

Mother Provincial Will Arrive Today to Look Over Field and Discuss Matter of Erecting New Hospital.

The mother provincial of the Catholic Sister in Oregon, and who is in charge of all hospitals in the northwest under the management of the Sisters of the Holy Names in Oregon, will arrive in Medford this morning for the purpose of meeting local business men and discussing with them the plan for the erection of a \$125,000 hospital in this city.

For some time the Sisters of the Holy Names have been considering the matter of erecting a hospital in this city, but this is the first definite step that has as yet been taken. It is believed that the proposition which will be offered by the Sisters will be accepted.

The mother provincial will be accompanied by Sister Mary Fausta.

INDICTED WOMEN ARE REMANDED TO TOMBS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Robert Martin, the mother of Mrs. Oeey Snead, the young woman found dead in a bath tub in an East Orange, N. J., house, and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt, who are accused of being responsible for the death of the woman, were remanded today to the Tombs for 48 hours until the New Jersey authorities complete the extradition papers that will take them out of the jurisdiction of the New York courts.

The prisoners declare they are ready to go to New Jersey and face trial, being confident of acquittal.

PREACHER PRAYS WITH BURGLARS; CONVERTS THEM

RICHMOND, Cal., Dec. 17.—Muscular christianity as advocated by the Rev. A. Verhoeven, an evangelist of the Billy Sunday type, resulted in a unique prayer meeting in the preacher's apartments when two bold robbers after being summarily relieved of their plunder, were compelled to kneel on the floor while Verhoeven asked divine pardon for their misdeeds.

Last evening the evangelist was awakened by two men prowling in his bed room. Springing from his bed he grappled with the intruders. Several swings and counters that reached their mark had the desired effect and soon the intruders were obeying the preacher's command to disgorge their swag.

STORES OPEN EVERY NIGHT TILL XMAS

The stores in Medford will be open every night next week until Xmas day, so that all will have a chance to do their Christmas shopping in the evening as well as during the day. They will be closed all day on Christmas.