# **EXPLOSION AT**

More Than Half a Hundred Lives Were Lost.

BRITISH TORPEDO-BOAT DESTROYER SUNK

Rescued-Worst British Navy Disaster Since the Victoria.

London, Sept. 23-The torpedo-boat destroyer Cobra has foundered in the North Sea, the result of an explosion. of her builders, the Armstrongs, of Newcastle, to Portsmouth. It is repersons.

Five boats were launched after the Five boats were launched after the Cobra struck, but some of them were was turned onto the main track. Enswamped in the heavy sea which was gineer Sheldon did not notice the running at that time.

The first intimation of the disaster was the arrival of a fishing boat at Yarmouth with six bodies, which she had picked up in the vicinity of the Dying Statement of Bremer Holcomb Was spot where the Cobra was last seen. According to the fishermen.the Cobra was sighted by the lightship off Dowings Sands yesterday morning enveloped in steam, and she shortly afterwards disappeared. The men on the lightship supposed the Cobra had boat to investigate the disaster.

12 survivors of the crew were landed | you tried to pick me up." there this morning, and confirms the sion occurred after the Cobra struck a rock, and that she sank immedi-

The Cobra was a turbine engined her contractors and was undergoing a boiler test. About one year ago the boiler test. About one year ago the Cobra beat the record of the Viper, adjourned until tomorrow morning. and won the title of the fastest ves sel in the world, making 37.7 knots or 43.5 miles an hour.

Corrected figures show that she had 79 souls on board. For 67 no hope is held out, but torpedo boats and cruisers have gone at full speed to the scene of the disaster, which is the most serious the British navy has suffered since the sinking of the Victoria. Lieutenant Bosworth Smith, the Cobra's commander, stood upon the bridge with his arms folded, as United States route instead of Suez impassive as on parade, and went down with the vessel.

#### WHAT CARTER STOLE.

#### Two Hundred Thousand Dollars Taken Pos. session of at Huntington, W. Va.

Chicago, Sept. 23.-Through the government authorities now have pos-which will hereafter pass across the Western Continent. seession of about \$380,000 of the funds embezzled by Oberlin M. Carter, ex-Captain of the United States Engineer Corps at Savannah, Ga. The announcement was made today by Marion Irwin, Special Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, who is now in Chicago. have been traced to the latter two defendants, and as yet they have failed to account for them.

# Frosts in New York.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 23.-A very severe frost was experienced throughout Central and Northern New York last night. Ice formed on shallow water and great damage was done to all 35 years old, was employed by Hardigarden and truck farm products.

# Will Sell to Tobacco Trust.

Liverpool, Sept. 23.-At a meeting today of the shareholders of Ogdens, Ltd., it was unanimously agreed to sell all the shares to the American Tobacco Company on the terms offered on September 17, namely, £25 for preferred shares, £50 for ordinary shares, and f111 10s for debenture shares, stipulating that 75 per cent of each class must be purchasable.

# Snow on Mount Washington

Mount Washington, N. H., Sept. 23. is made that the American Bankers'

Two inches of snow fell tonight on Association had decided to hold its the mountain. The temperature is 28

# Distributing Coast Artillery.

Washington, Sept. 23 .- The secre-Among the assignments are:

Wash., two; Fort Flagler, Wash., two; Hon-olulu, two; Philippine Islands, four. were but a step in a movement which aims at the control of the tobacco bus-liness in Great Britain.

#### MISPLACED SWITCH

#### Caused the Death of Three Men and Three Women in Massachussetts.

Brockton, Mass., Sept. 21.-A switch not properly set brought a passenger express and a heavy freight train together this afternoon with the resultant death of six pasengers on the express train, and injuries to 25 others, on the main line of the New York. Only a Dozen of the 79 Men Aboard Were New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Avon. The express left Boston at 1:08 P. M., and was running 40 miles an hour at the time of the accident. Of the six persons who were killed, but four have been identified.

The two unidentified bodies are those of women. A freight train of 30 The ship was en route from the yard cars had just made up on a siding, and was proceeding south in the same direction as the express. Engineer Sheldon, of the freight train, figured ported that all hands were lost with that he had four minutes to spare to the ecxeption of about half a dozen get on a side track further down. One of his train crew had set the switch "crossover" in such a manner switch quickly enough to enable him to stop his train.

#### THE FERRIER MURDER CASE.

# Admitted.

Chehalis, Wash., Sept. 19 .- In the Ferrier case Judge Linn has ruled that the dying statement of Bremer Holcomb, made to his brother, was admissible. The statement was:

"It looked like Sam Ferrier would have stopped him. I don't know what sailed away until the evening, when John wanted to kill me for. I never they observed bodies floating in the did anything to him. The first shot water, and signalled to the fishing he fired dazed me; the second I fell, but do not know why, and I did not A dispatch from Middlesboro says know anything after the third until

Two physicians testified as to the wound, the bullet entering the back report that all the others were drowned. The British Admirality has received information that the exploright of the left nipple. Their testi-mony established the fact that decould not have moved from the position where he fell. The tes-timony of other witnesses showed that Ferrier must have followed Holcomb vessel. She had just left the yard of have seen him from where he shot at Miller, and R. H. Holcomb. The state

#### ENGLISH MAILS VIA U. S.

#### Mails From Australia will Hereafter Pass Over the Union Pacific Railroad.

Omaha, Sept. 19.—At Union Pacific headquarters it is announced that as a result of fast time made by the trains carrying the mail over this country en route from Australia to England, such mail will be in future sent via the Canal. The mail was caried from San Francisco to New York over the Union Pacific, Burlington and New York Central, and the time from Sydney to London was cut down seven days. The mail, consisting of seven sacks, left Sydney at 10 A. M. August 13, and was delivered to the London postoffice at 7 A. M. September 14. Importance attaches to the new departure recovery of \$200,000 in cash and se- it consists largely of documents in- Lewiston, Idaho, completed the purin handling the British mail, because curities in Huntington, W. Va., the tended for the British Parliament.

# KLONDIKER ROBBED.

#### Gold Was Recovered by the Merest Accident as the Boat Arrived Home.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 21.-F. W. Gustafson, a Klondiker, who returned on the steamship City of Seattle, from Mr. Irwin has been working for the the north, was robbed of about \$4,000 attorney-general for some time in the in gold on the voyage down, and relitigation instituted by the Govern- covered the treasure just as the vessel ment to recover the funds alleged to reached this city in a peculiar manner. The capital stock is \$500,000 divided have been fraudulently converted It was the merest accident that the from the river and harbor improve- gold was found. The ship had been ments in the Savannah district. He searched and all hopes of locating the will remain Chicago for some time to missing treasure had been abandoned. push the proceedings on the bill recently filed in the United States Circuit Court against Captain Carter, his uncle, Lorenzo D. Carter, and his brother, I. Stanton Carter. Large amounts of securities representing government funds, so it is charged, have been traced to the latter two turned to its owner. There is no clew to the thief.

# Perished in a Fire

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—James Shehan was burned to death early this morning in a fire at the wood and coal yards of John Hardiman, on Brannan street. Three horses also perished in the flames. Shehan, who was man, and was asleep when the fire

Killed by a Boiler Explosion. Peoria, Ill., Sept. 21.-A boiler exosion in the electric light plant at Sheldon, Ill., this evening instantly killed Ernest Powelley, manager of the plant, and fatally injured Leonard Snow, a banker, and an unknown insurance man from Chicago.

# Bankers' Convention.

New York, Sept. 21.-Announcement annual convention at Milwaukee October 15, 16 and 17.

Tobacco Trust Reaching Out. New York, Sept. 21.-Regarding catary of war has directed a distribution ble reports from Liverpool that an ofof the 126 companies of coast artillery. fer has been made by the American Tobacco Company to purchase a con-Fort Rosecrans, Cal., two; Fort trolling interest in the Ogden Cigar-Fort Rosecrans, Cal., two; Fort trolling interest in the Ogden Cigar-Miley, Cal., two.; Presidio of San ette Company, of Liverpool, it was Francisco, five; Fort Baker, Cal., said in Wall street that negotiations a par value of \$100 each. The comthree; Fort Columbia, Wash., one; had been going on for some time, Fort Stevens, Or., two; Fort Casey, These negotiations, it was declared,

#### COAST STATES ARE UP AND DOING

REPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASCADE MOUNTAIN REGION FROM CANADA TO MEXICO.

#### Flax a Profitable Crop.

The flax crop of Idaho this season of any advance in the Chicago mar-ket. On this basis, some of the early arrivals were sold as high as \$1.53 per bushel, the growers realizing over \$122 per acre for his crop. In addition to the 35,000 acres contracted for there was about 15,000 acres produced by other growers.

#### Washington Leads in Wheat.

The current issue of the Orange Judd Farmer gives some interesting statistics showing harvest condition of the United States winter and spring wheat by states and the average rate of yield per acre, as shown by such threshing results as have been received. From this table it is sen that the average of the entire United States winter is 92.3 per cent, in which Wash-ington is 100, while the spring crop with a total average of 83.4, gives the state of Washington an average of The winter yield has a total average of 16.1, in which Washington is 25.0, and out of a spring yield of 15.0 Washington is rated at 29.0, the wheat condition of this state being not only ahead of any other state in the union, but far ahead of the general average

#### A Rich Copper Discovery.

An extensive copper mine, or rather mountain, has been discovered by Mc-Vey & Co., on the west side of Sis-kiyou mountains, California, about 8 miles from Garretson's medical springs, 22 miles from Oak Bar, 5 miles south of the Oregon line of Josephine County, and 24 miles from Jacksonville, Oregon. The ledge ranges from 300 to 350 feet in width, and is claimed to be more extensive than the famous Iron Moun-tain mine at Keswick, in Shasta County, with the likelihood of making Siskiyou take the lead of Shasta in the annual mineral output when thoroughperty.

#### Big Timber Sale.

A. B. Hammond, of Portland, consummated the purchase of the largest unbroken tract of timber land still remaining in first hands in this state the first of the month. Fifty thousand acres were involved in the deal and the land is all situated in one body on the Tualatin and Trask Rivers. The land was purchased from the Southern Pacific and while the consideration was withheld, the price is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

# Town Lots at \$14,000 Each.

chase of 61 feet frontage on Main and Fifth streets from J. Eichenberger, the consideration being \$13,500—Mr. Kjos also paying a street grade assessment tax, making the total consideration \$14,000. A handsome three story brick store building will be erected on the corner next spring to cost \$65,000.

# New Railroad in Eastern Oregon.

Articles of incorporation have been granted to L. K. Moore, J. B. Hos-ford and J. O. Elrod, to construct a line of railroad from Arlington on the Columbia River, due south, to Coninto shares of \$100 each. The rightof-way is being obtained as fast as surveyed. The line will be forty miles

# New Smelter at Darrington.

The deal for the site for the smelt-Darrington, Wash., has been and it is now only a question of getting the buildings up and the plant installed, when work will be begun extracting precious minerals from the rich ores of that region. The cost of the smelter will be \$75,000. and the daily capacity will amount to 250 tons. Denver capital is behind the proposition.

# A Rich Cargo.

Of the 3300 tons of genral cargo on board the Tosa Maru, recently in from China, the silk was the most precious. That was valued at \$385,000. The costliest cargo of silk ever brought over ran up to half a million. For the first time a shipment of concetrates was brought over from Leigh, S. J., Hunt's mines in Corea. This ore was consigned to the smelter at Tacoma and was valued at \$25,000.

# Indication of Prosperity.

The report of the condition of the national banks of Washington recent-ly published, tells its part of the story of the present unexampled prosperity. Their total resources rose from \$27, 698,277 to \$31,280,168 in a little more

# To Irrigate a Garden Spot.

Articles of incorporation of the Asotin Land and Irrigation Company have been filed with the county auditor at Asotin, Wash. The object of the corporation is to irrigate lands, generate power, buy and sell land and maintain pany is at present constructing a canal in The Forks or Lake district

World's Largest Fruit Drier. A prune dryer that is expected to will bring larger returns to the grow-er than they would receive for 1,250,-000 bushels of wheat. The industry to probably 100 persons, and is said which is of such recent date as to al-most come under the head of new world, is to be put in operation next business has proved so successful this week at the orchard of the Corvallis season that in many cases it has paid and Benton County Prune Company, the growers a greater net profit than six miles north of Corvallis. About the cost of the land on which it was \$6,000 in cash and three months of grown. In Nez Perce County over time have been devoted to the build-35,000 acres of flax was contracted ing of the drier, and barring a few for at about \$1 per bushel guaranteed, with the further proviso that the growwork. It has been warmed once or er was to have the additional benefit twice already, and has behaved satisfacorily on each occasion. Its construction and its operation are said to be matters of keen interest to prune-growers all over the state.

The new plant will receive 2300 bushels of green prunes at one time. It consists of 10 tunnels, or, more properly speaking, five twin tunnels. Each of the ten tunnels is 80 feet long. 44 inches wide and 44 inches from floor to ceiling.

The fruit is carried through the tunnels by a miniature railroad, the car wheels of which are four inches in height and have flanges that run along a miniature track. Each car platform is 30x42 inches and is four inches above the floor. Each car accommodates ten trays of fruit, and each tunnel holds thirty-two cars at a time—a total of 320 cars in all—or 3200 trays of about three-fourths of a bushels of fruit each.

The plant is housed by a main building 110 feet long and 40 feet wide. An L at one end is 20x30, and accommodates the engine and boilers. 22x32 room at the other end shelters the dipping apparatus, where, by ingenious contrivance, prunes are dipped four or five times and spread on trays ready for the drier without intervention by the hand of man. So far as known, the dipper is the only one in use in the country. It was used the first time at this orchard last year, with great success. The prunes are dumped into a vat, and in a short time a screen tilts from the bottom and throws the fruit into another vat. The process is repeated until all the vats are passed, when the fruit is spread automatically on a tray, ready for the tunnel.

#### New Route to Gray's Harbor.

There is now at work on the Hoquiam extension of the Gray's Harbor branch of the Northern Pacific Rail-road a force of about 600 men and a ly developed. The discoverers have road a force of about 600 men and a been offered \$150,000 for their protention to have the work on the 30-mile extension finished before the wet weather sets in, at least so far as the grading is concerned.

Track laying has already been begun and the contract calls for the compleion of the line into the Quiniault Indian reservation within a year. Three surveying parties are at work north of the reservation and there is no doubt but that a right of way will be secured to the Straits by the time the track laying on the present line

# Anthracite Coal Is Found.

A party of prospectors has located O. A. Kjos, a local merchant of Cascades about 50 miles west of North Yakima, Wash.

George Weikel has brought out a load of the coal and submitted it to a test in the furnaces of that city. The coal is said to be the best of anthra-cite and burns freely without smoke or flame and leaves no cinders. Five veins of coal have been located. They range from three feet to thirteen feet in thickness. The coal covers large deposits of iron ore which has been traced for eight miles.

Specimens weighing 100 pounds show the grade of coal discovered.

# To Build Salt Lake Line.

Senator W. A. Clark of Montana will call for bids this week for the construction of the first thirty miles of his San Pedro, Los Angles and Salt Lake Railroad. This new piece of road will extend from Los Angles to Pomona

The total length of the road from Los Angles to Salt Lake is to be miles. The cost of constructing this mileage will be paid for by a bond issue of \$20,000,000 at 4 per cent and the sale of a considerable portion of the company's \$25,000,000 of stock.

The Santa Fe is having built 450 oil tank cars for the California and Texas petroleum oil trade.

General Manager Kruttschmitt, of the Southern Pacific Company, who has just returned from an extended inspection trip over the line from San Francisco to New Orleans, has announced that all of the company's locomotives will be equipped for the burning of oil instead of coal as ex-peditiously as possible. To that end storage tanks with a capacity of 30, 000 barrels each will be erected at Oakland, Fresno, Mendocino and other points south and east on the line.

# Pacific Log Rafting

The mammoth log raft sent out from the Columbia River recently arrived last week at San Francisco intact.
There are 520,000 lineal feet of piling in the raft, some of the sticks running to 120 feet in length, and as great as 22 inches thick at the but. than twelve months, and the marks during the all deposits in these banks during the same period have increased by \$3,\$30,000 to construct. It is estimated to contain 7,200,000 feet of lumber.

# This Cow Will Do.

A cow which is believed to hold all records for increasing a herd has just added to her fame by giving birth to

triplets. Three times she has produced twins and on that account her owner, A. Podesto, says he would not part with her as all but one of the calves were perfectly formed and lived. His ranch is located near Stockton, Cal. This last act of the cow has attracted much attention, and many people call at the place to see the trio of calves.

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