

MANY PASSENGERS ROASTED ALIVE

DITCHING OF PASSENGER TRAIN FOLLOWED BY LOSS OF LIFE

Rock Island Train Goes Into the Ditch Near Reinbeck, Iowa

United Press Service.

REINBECK, Ia., March 21.—This town was the scene of the worst railroad accident in the history of the Great Western railroad, when the Rock Island passenger, carrying a full complement of mail, baggage, day and Pullman coaches, jumped the track and piled three cars high in the ditch. The train was a double-header, and was making a detour over the Great Western tracks on account of a wreck on the former road. The engines and every car went into the ditch.

The greatest slaughter was in the smoker and the first chair car. The latest reports state that forty-six passengers were killed and nearly twice that number injured. Three of the coaches piled on top of the engines, resulting in the bursting of the pile into flames and the incineration of many of the pined and injured passengers. The scene was indescribably horrible, the screams of horror of the burning victims being heard hundreds of yards away.

As soon as the word of the accident reached Des Moines relief trains were started for the scene and physicians and nurses from the surrounding towns were hurried to the place in automobiles. The relief trains were loaded with the dead and injured and rushed to Marshalltown, where every effort is being put forth to relieve the sufferings of the victims of the wreck.

FORTY-SEVEN DEAD AS RESULT OF WRECK

Heavy Loss of Life and Property Follows Green Mountain Wreck

United Press Service.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., March 22.—Forty-seven are dead and more than that number injured as a result of the wreck of the Rock Island passenger train, which occurred on the Green Mountain section of the Great Western railroad, near Reinbeck yesterday. Six of those injured will die. The morgues and hospitals of the city are filled. Hundreds of friends and relatives are flocking to the city to identify the victims of the catastrophe. The dead are all residents of the Middle West. Many of them were so badly mangled as to be beyond recognition.

As a result of the wreck, property damage and the claims for damages will amount to over half a million dollars. The railroad officials have not announced the cause of the wreck. The railroad commissioners are at work investigating the matter.

TARIFF CAR BETWEEN U. S. AND CANADA EXPECTED

No Agreement Is Reached Between President Taft and Dominion Government

United Press Service.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 31.—Without saying a word about politics, President Taft sped southward today on his return to Washington. It was expected that he would deliver a speech here in which he would touch on the issues that are rending the Republican party of this State, but he never gave the slightest intimation of what he thought on the subjects.

Tariff experts are predicting a tariff war between the United States and Canada, as a result of the failure of the President and Finance Minister Fielding to reach an agreement at the conference held last night. Both men remained in consultation until late into the night. Canada refused to recede one step from the position it has taken. As a result, President Taft has no alternative under the new tariff law. It was hoped to the last that Canada would be willing to enter into negotiations under the "favored nations" clause of the new tariff bill, but Finance Minister Fielding resolutely refused to do so.

PINCHOT GOES TO SEE ROOSEVELT

United Press Service.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Gifford Pinchot sailed for Hamburg this morning and said that he was going to take vacation and rest. Asked if he expected to see Roosevelt, said:

"Undoubtedly, as when he went away, we agreed if I could get away, we would meet in Europe. He has frequently reminded me of the agreement and I shall probably meet him in Paris."

U. S. GRAND JURY INDICTS NATIONAL PACKING COMPANY

United Press Service.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 21.—Indictments charging the National Packing

Company and subsidiary companies with operating a combination in restraint of trade, were returned by the Federal grand jury in this city today. No indictments were returned against individuals, as has been expected. Simultaneously with the returning of the indictments, the Government filed a bill in chancery in the Federal Court asking for the dissolution of the National Packing Company.

These indictments and the petition for a dissolution of the National Packing Company are the outcome of the agitation about the high cost of food. The operations of the grand jury have been under the control of Judge Landis, who levied against the Standard Oil Company the \$29,000,000 fine. It is quite likely that the trial of the indicted concern will be held before Judge Landis.

MEETING TO SETTLE ON EXPOSITION CITY

California Cities Want to Select Location for 1915 World's Fair

United Press Service.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., March 22.—Representatives of fifty California cities are here today for the purpose of settling the dispute that has arisen between San Diego and San Francisco over the question as to which city will have the honor of holding the World's Fair in 1915. After arbitrating the claims and settling on the city where the fair is to be held, California will then be in shape to present a solid front against New Orleans in the fight that will have to be made to secure Federal aid for the exposition.

The fair is to be held for the purpose of commemorating the opening of the Panama Canal. The movement was first started by San Diego, but her "big sister," San Francisco, claimed that the honor was rightfully hers, thus precipitating a fight that has waxed warm for many months. When New Orleans stepped into the arena and proposed to walk off with the prize, it soon dawned on California that it was time to get together, provided the state was to capture the prize at all. Hence the meeting here today.

STEEL EXPECTS TO SECURE CRATER LAKE ROAD FUNDS

Wires That if \$20,000 Is Expended This Year He Can Win

The Crater Lake Highway Commission has received the following telegram from Will G. Steel, who is in Washington working night and day to secure funds from the Government for the construction of that portion of the Crater Lake highway that passes through the forest reserves:

"WASHINGTON, March 18.—Crater Lake Highway Commission, Medford, Ore.: Am having a hard fight here, but if you can pledge the expenditure this year of \$20,000 outside of the reserve I can win on every point. Time is precious. Wire me as soon as possible."

The highway commission and the enthusiastic residents of Medford have been pushing with vigor their campaign to replace, through popular subscription, the funds lost through the decision of the State Supreme Court, and are meeting with remarkable success. As soon as they received the telegram from Mr. Steel they wired him that the amount indicated, \$20,000, would be expended on construction work this year.

LABORER BURIED IN WELL

United Press Service.

MONROVIA, Cal., March 22.—Half a hundred men are laboring with might and main to rescue William Pickering, a well digger, who was caught by a sand slide yesterday in the shaft of a well he was engaged in digging on the Richardson ranch south of this city. Pickering is a foreigner, about 29 years old. He is covered with about fifty feet of earth, timbers and debris. After the slide occurred his fellow laborers heard faint tapplings from the pit and concluded that Pickering was still alive. This morning the tapping stopped and it is feared that he has succumbed, either from injuries or foul air. He is unmarried and resides in Los Angeles.

EGG-EATING CONTEST

At an egg-eating contest given Sunday by W. P. Drum, chief engineer at the railroad construction camp of A. M. Erickson all records, as well as eggs, were smashed. The contest was participated in by Indian Joe, one child and thirteen other persons, and fifteen dozen eggs were eaten. "Joe," the driver of the engineering corps team, was the winner of the prize, having placed beneath his belt the modest number of two dozen and three eggs. It is said he now goes around the camp crowing over his achievement. And Easter only one week away.

Mrs. F. B. Seow, from the A. M. Erickson camp, arrived Sunday on the Curlew en route to Portland to place her daughter in school.

CANNONITES WILL BE IN CONTROL

HARD TASK AHEAD FOR NEW COMMITTEE

Speculation as to What Disposition Will Be Made of Suppressed Measures

United Press Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Looking ten years older and showing the strain under which he has been suffering, Speaker Cannon mounted the rostrum this morning and called the House to order. Nearly every member was present and the speaker had a hard time to stop conversation and get business started.

After shaking off the daze following the explosion of Friday and Saturday, when the House of Representatives saw enacted scenes more revolutionary than any ever before witnessed in the halls of Congress, Congressmen today set about preparing to meet conditions under the new rules. It is generally agreed that the new committee of ten created under the Norris resolution will have a hard row to travel. Many difficult questions of the highest importance will be up to them to solve. It is said that the present committee has twenty-three measures upon which it has taken no action. These measures have been suppressed because the speaker considered them to be "bad policy" or bad politics. Among the measures upon which no action has been taken by the committee was one introduced by Congressman Hamilton Fish from New York, directing the House committee of postoffices and post roads to investigate the feasibility of establishing a parcels post, and report within thirty days.

This measure was introduced February 27, and despite the energetic efforts of Mr. Fish the committee neither reported the bill nor accorded its sponsor a hearing thereon. This is only one of twenty-three similar cases in which the committee has sat tight, under the orders of the speaker, and which were responsible for the outburst and revolt last week.

Considerable speculation is rife over the selection of the six Republican members of the new committee. The Cannonites will control the caucus which will select the members, and it may be expected that none but tried supporters of the speaker will be selected to fill the places created under the new order of things. Whether these will continue to take the same instructions from the speaker as did the old committee is an interesting subject of



SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST—OR HOG EAT HOG

discussion in the lobbies, with the confident prediction being made that the new committee will find on hand a job that will tax its ability to the limit.

The greatest result of the revolution in the House, so far as it concerns the present session, will be the securing of a full and free discussion of President Taft's legislative program. The insurgents state that no matter what the rules may be, the House will have the last say. They further believe that the victory is a step toward the fulfillment of the pledges of the Republican platform. The indications now are that the insurgents will not be represented on the new rules committee. They state that none of them has any desire to occupy a place thereon, their only object in revolting against Speaker Cannon being for the purpose of securing for the House the rights that have been usurped by the speaker.

Mrs. E. M. Quimby, who resides about twelve miles from the city on the road to Merrill, brought her 11-year-old son to the city Friday for medical attention. He is suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis and is in a dangerous condition, with but a slight chance for his recovery.

Everybody is from Missouri, Mr. Peary; you have not proven any more than Dr. Cook.

HAVE MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE

ROBBERS SECURE PURSE CONTAINING FORTY-SIX DOLLARS

Two Men Hold Up Recent Arrival From Sacramento and Get Away With His Purse

The first hold-up of the year occurred Sunday night at the west end of the Link River bridge, the victim being G. W. Griggs, a recent arrival from Sacramento. Mr. Griggs was returning to his home when he was stopped by two men, one armed with a club, the other with a gun. The latter thrust the weapon in his face, ordering him to hold up his hands, which demand was immediately complied with. The man with the club went through the pockets of the victim, securing a purse containing \$46. The robbers overlooked \$4.10 which Mr. Griggs had in his hip pocket.

After the incident Mr. Griggs proceeded to his home, failing to inform the police of the occurrence until this morning, thus giving the robbers ample time to make good their escape. He describes the men as one being tall, wearing overalls and a light overcoat and light colored hat; the other as short, wearing bib overalls, dark overcoat and hat. It was

the stout man who handled the gun. The city and county officers have taken hold of the matter and are hard at work in an endeavor to locate the guilty parties, but have small hopes for success, in view of the time that elapsed between the occurrence of the crime and its report to the officers.

FORMER COUNCILMEN CONFESS TO GRAFTING

United Press Service.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 21.—Five former city councilmen today confessed to Judge Fraser in open court to having been implicated in the grafting that has been going on in the councils of this city for the past several years. They will be indicted this afternoon. The men confessing are Thomas McGrath, J. M. Purnell, N. F. Savidge, Irwin Rothpletz, William Richly and J. H. Sheasley. Each of the confessed grafters got from \$100 to \$500. Following the confessions and the statement of District Attorney Blakely that \$102,000 had been paid by six Pittsburgh banks to bring about their being named as city depositories, an extra grand jury was called, before which all of the evidence secured will be placed.

It is currently believed that the Lodge report on the tariff will be favorable to the tariff.

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