

FACTORY WRECKED BY BOILER

Hundreds of Employes in Build- When Terrific Explosion Occurred

Brookton, Mass., March 20.—Fifty lives are reported lost as the result of a boiler explosion in the Grover Shoe Company's factory this morning. Two badly burned bodies were removed. Three floors collapsed, and the fourth floor, filled with girls, fell to the ground, but most of the girls escaped by the windows.

All doctors in the town were called to the scene or to hospitals. Four hundred employes were in the factory at the time of the explosion. A part of the boiler wrecked a house in the vicinity of the factory. The factory spread from the doomed factory to the Dahlborg block and several residences, seven of which were destroyed. The ambulance service and all available carriages are busy removing the dead.

The Drake tavern and the Dahlborg dock are burned. The Churchill and Alden shoe factories, on the opposite side of Main street, are on fire.

The explosion occurred at 7:50 o'clock. The entire west half of the building was razed to the ground. In the wreckage were from 200 to 300 of the 400 employes. Fire broke out immediately, and in a few minutes the ruins were a mass of flames. The front of the factory, which was left standing by the explosion, caught fire, driving out the rescuers, and an hour later the whole factory was in ruins. Many employes were caught by falling timbers, and the rescuers were obliged to leave them to their fate. Those on the lower floor suffered the most.

The boiler which started the explosion had been idle all winter, and the fireman who started the fire said the boiler seemed to be in perfect condition.

Up to 11:30 this morning 25 bodies had been taken from the ruins. Many were terribly mutilated, and identification was almost impossible. The people in the main part of the plant escaped, although in the terrible panic many were injured. The fire is under control, but the loss will reach \$200,000.

CONSIDER PEACE CONGRESS

Birmingham, England, March 20.—The Post says that it is informed by high diplomatists that two or three of the great powers, including Great Britain, are considering a proposal to convene an international congress to end the Russian-Japanese war and to revise the rules of warfare.

Cody Trial On.
Sheridan, Wyo., March 20.—The Cody divorce case was resumed here today with Judge Scott of Cheyenne on the bench. The reading of depositions will take two days, when the arguments of the counsel will begin.

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, March 20.—Wheat, \$1.14 1/4 @ 1.15 1/2; corn, 49 1/4 @ 49 1/2; oats, 31 1/2.

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EXPRESS TRAIN ROBBED

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 20.—Passenger train No. 35, on the Southern Railway, which left here at 8:10 o'clock for Memphis, was held up at the foot of Lookout Mountain. The express messenger is reported injured. A special train has gone to the scene of the holdup.

One of the robbers was trailed into the mountains and captured. The man arrested was Will Thomas, a former messenger. Mal Pruetta, the messenger who was assaulted in his car, claims that robbery was the motive, but Thomas says that it was a personal encounter.

STOLE STANDARD MONEY

Oakland, March 20.—At 11 o'clock this morning John Daley, messenger of the Standard Oil company at Point Richmond, while returning from the Central Bank, at Oakland, was held up by two masked men and robbed of \$10,000 in gold.

Daley, with F. K. Roehs, was driving in a buggy along a lonely road that ran a short distance from the railroad in a stage. Two masked men jumped out of the brush, leveled revolvers at the occupants of the vehicle, and ordered them out. As soon as the men alighted they were bound and gagged and thrown face downward on the ground. The robbers then entered the buggy and drove away with the treasure. About half an hour afterwards several workmen passing found Daley and Roehs, and released them and took them to a Point Reno car. The police in all the nearby towns were notified, and a number of posses are scouring outa Costa county. The money stolen was to have been used to pay off the employes of the Standard Oil Refinery at Point Richmond.

Dragoons After Blood.
Borisov, March 20.—Three squadrons of dragoons started for Berezina, where armed Jews are reported to have killed the chief of police and a number of assistants.

Cruiser Sails.
Norfolk, March 20.—The cruiser Colorado left for Venezuela at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

ENDOW SALEM SCHOOL

One Hundred Thousand Dollars Guaranteed by Oregon's Prominent Citizens

Articles incorporating the Willamette University Endowment Association were filed with the secretary of state today. The incorporators and directors are Philip Buchner, president; C. P. Bishop, first vice-president; R. J. Ginn, second vice-president; T. S. McDaniel, secretary and treasurer; R. A. Booth, A. M. Smith, J. I. Jones, W. D. Fenton, E. S. Collins, Samuel Connell and H. E. Neal. All of them are identified with extensive financial and commercial interests in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The purpose of the organization is to foster and promote Christian education. The first undertaking of the new company will be to increase the endowment of Willamette University to \$100,000 on or before October, 1905. A considerable portion of the funds needed will be provided by the incorporators. The most of them have made generous subscriptions to the endowment on condition that the friends of Willamette University subscribe the remainder before the date given. The endowment funds will be invested in high-class securities, and the income to maintain the College of Liberal Arts of the University. The campaign for endowment funds will be under the direction of Dr. J. H. Coleman, president of the University, who was recently successful in securing the subscriptions for the payment of the debt of \$35,000.

The names of the incorporators, with their business connections are as follows:

Senator R. A. Booth, of Eugene, president of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co.
Hon. C. P. Bishop, ex-mayor of Salem, and owner of Salem Woolen Mill Stores in Salem and Portland.
Hon. W. D. Fenton, of Portland, at-

orney for S. P. Co.
A. M. Smith, of Portland, president board of trustees, president of Western Clay Manufacturing Co.
Hon. J. I. Jones, a capitalist of Cottage Grove, and interested in the Bohemia mining district.
Samuel Connell, president of the Northwest Door Co., of Portland, and vice-president of the Lewis and Clark fair commission.
Hon. T. S. M. McDaniel, manager of the Western Investment and Loan Co., of Portland.
Phillip Buchner, treasurer of the Eastern & Western Lumber Co., of Portland.
H. E. Neal, cashier of the Capital State Bank, of Boise, Idaho.
R. J. Ginn, of Moro, manager of Moro Implement Manufacturing Co.
E. S. Collins, vice-president of Ostrander R. R. Co., and engaged extensively in the lumber manufacturing industry.

President Coleman has been working for the organization of this association for a year, but his ultimate success far exceeds his first expectations. It would be hard to get together 11 men more energetic, more successful or more representative of the three states. They are all active Methodists, five of them being delegates to the last general convention at Los Angeles, and all of them are determined to make Willamette the equal of any university in the northwest.

Now, that he has this matter off his hands, President Coleman will center his efforts on the construction of a building for the Medical college. He stated, in an interview this morning, that something had to be done, and done at once.

HEARING WILL BE THOROUGH

Chicago, March 20.—Fifteen grand jurors were accepted today to investigate the alleged beef trust by the federal court. Of the 22 men summoned two were excused because they owned stocks in railroads and five for other reasons. The questions asked the veniremen were searching, and indicated a disposition on the part of the government to carefully avoid any possible error. Other veniremen were summoned this afternoon, and the panel will probably be completed tomorrow, when the hearing of the evidence will begin. Assistant Attorney-General Page declared that the investigation will be most rigid, and says that he believes sufficient evidence is already in the possession of the federal authorities to indict the principle members of the alleged trust. The prosecution is made under the Sherman anti-trust law.

STEAMER ENCOUNTERS HEAVY OCEAN WAVES

New York, March 20.—The White Star steamer Cedric arrived today, after the most turbulent voyage in her career. She encountered waves 60 feet high. Among the passengers were Jabez White and Manager Charles Mitchell. White is matched to fight Jimmy Britt at San Francisco.

NEW YORK CHINESE HAVE TONG FUED

New York, March 20.—Chinatown is in a state of terror over a feud between two rival factions, headed by Long Tong and Hip Sing Tong. The police are making every effort to prevent murder. A price of \$3000 has been placed on the head of Tom Lee, mayor of Chinatown. Mock Duck, an enemy of Lee, is also in danger of his life. Slips have been posted in all parts of Chinatown, with a scale of prices for the heads of various leaders of Ong Long's tong. Many Chinese are wearing coats of mail.

RUSSIANS CAN NOT HEAR FROM ARMY

Two Corps are Cut Off From Communication With Headquarters

St. Petersburg, March 20.—General Linevitch reports under date of March 19th as follows: "The commander of the second army reports that he has had no further fighting. We have had no reports from the first or third army. I have inspected the troops which arrived from Russia, and they are in excellent spirits and good health."

London, March 20.—Baron Hayashi today made public the following dispatch from Tokio:
"Our detachment at 4 a. m. on March 19th occupied Kayuan, 20 miles north of Tie Ling. The enemy afterwards attempted a counter attack, but was repulsed. The enemy burned the bridge on the main road south of Kayuan, and also destroyed a part of the railway bridge a number of Russian guns were found buried near Mukden."

DENIED ANOTHER TRIAL

Washington, March 20.—The supreme court denied the application of Peter Miller and Thomas Jefferson, of Colorado, sentenced for connection of frauds, for a writ of habeas corpus.

Contrary to expectations, the court did not decide the motion for an immediate issue of the mandate in the Hariman-Hill decision.

Spring Vacation.
The spring vacation at Willamette University will commence Friday evening, March 31st, and class work will be resumed Monday morning, April 10th.

CZAR SUFFERS FROM RELIGIOUS MANIA

Berlin, March 20.—A report says that the Russian victory, and likewise for the suppression of the revolutionary movement. He sent also a similar telegram to the archbishop of Moscow. He wears a Greek crucifix on his breast continually as a protection against assassination.

POPE SEEKS TO END HOSTILITIES

Liverpool, March 20.—The Post communicated directly with certain states that it has learned on the authority of a prominent member of the Vatican that the pope is seeking to influence European diplomacy in favor of mediation in the Far East. He has communicated directly with certain rulers, including the Kaiser and King Edward, and also has sent a friendly letter to the dignitaries of the Greek church, expressing a hope that peace will be declared.

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