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## RATE CASES GO TO U. S SUPREME COURT

## THREE MINERS KILLED AND SIX ENTOMBED BY EXPLOSION

### SKINNER GIVES UP POSITION

### WORKED FOR ESPEE 35 YEARS

W. W. Skinner, after working 35 years consecutively for the Southern Pacific company in Salem, yesterday gave up his position, his resignation having been accepted on October 1.

The news of the retiring of "Dad" Skinner from active work will be received with sorrow by his many friends in the business world. He has held the positions of clerk, freight agent and passenger agent with the railway during the entire 35 years he has been in Salem and is known to practically every business man in the town.

Mr. Skinner has been an employe of the railroad company for 35 years, (Continued on page ten.)

### JUDGES UNABLE TO AGREE

### ON COMMISSION'S POWERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The question as to whether the Interstate Commerce Commission has the power to fix railroad rates and pass on the seasonableness of these rates will be passed upon by the supreme court of the United States for decision. This is the effect of a decision handed down by Judges Morrow, Ross and Gilbert, of the United States circuit court today, when they announced they had been unable to agree on several points in the Southern Pacific Company's amended bill in the Oregon lumber rate case.

The law requires the judges to be unanimous in their decisions, and (Continued on Page 5.)

### TURKEY TO MARCH ON BULGARIA

### BALKAN SITUATION IS SERIOUS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Vienna, Oct. 3.—Turkey will send an army against Bulgaria the moment that country announces that it throws off the suzerainty of the Sultan, according to telegrams received from the Porte today. It was learned here that the Sultan and his advisers have held numerous conferences on the situation, and it was decided this afternoon to move on Bulgaria with an army at once.

Prince Ferdinand Bulgaria is expected to return to Sofia as speedily as possible, and it is believed that if he attempts to check the people in their revolt against Turkey, he will be deposed at once. (Continued on Page 5.)

### TAFT IN PANIC IN KANSAS

### ESCAPES INJURY BY STRENGTH

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Dodge City, Kas., Oct. 3.—Only William H. Taft's great bulk and strength saved him from serious injury in a stampede late last night at Denver. It was when the big crowd was leaving the auditorium, when someone started a stampede. The crowd became excited just as Taft was making his way out, and he was caught in the stampede. The candidate was swept along. A number of people were badly bruised, and several were trampled on to some extent, but Taft held his own, and, in football fashion, protected himself in the rush.

Few people recognized him in the excitement of the minute, and after it was over he stepped into the automobile and was whisked away. When asked about it on the special train this morning, he said that he was not hurt in the least, but rather intimidated it was a pleasant experience.

Taft is putting in the day in his role as pacificator. He has brought the great warring factions in Iowa, and is using his best endeavors to establish general harmony in Kansas.

On the train today are Senator Long and John L. Bristow, who beat Long for the senatorial nomination this year; W. R. Stubbs, the Republican nominee for governor; Cyrus Leland, who was defeated by Stubbs; Governor Hoch, Lieutenant-Governor Fitzgerald, Congressman Murdock, Miller and Madison, National Committeeman D. W. Mulvane, Senator Curtis and J. N. Jolley, chairman of the Republican state committee.

Taft made a short speech at Syracuse at 6 o'clock this morning, where a short stop was made.

He is speaking to the farmers all along the route today.

### BIG WIND STORM IN ARIZONA

### LOSS RUNS INTO THOUSANDS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Williams, Ariz., Oct. 3.—Damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars is reported today as the result of a gale which swept across Arizona at the rate of 100 miles an hour yesterday, and caused a fire resulting in a loss of \$200,000. Crops are ruined, buildings blown down, telephone and telegraph wires crippled and giant trees destroyed.

The fire was started in Babbit Bros' general merchandise store and destroyed six buildings in the heart of the business district.

After the fire had been in progress about an hour, a terrific explosion shattered the ribs of the Babbit store. Bricks and debris were hurled into the air, breaking windows and endangering the lives of the people who were rushing through the streets.

### LITTLE HOPE OF RESCUE

### FOR MEN CUT OFF IN MINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 3.—Three are known to be dead and six others are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion in the Tennessee Company's mine at Blossburg.

The miners are cut off, and relays of men are working desperately in an effort to rescue them.

The prisoners are in the wrecked portion of the mine, and it is impossible to tell the full extent of the damage.

It is feared that all will be dead before they are reached. Ambulances have been sent to the mouth of the mine, and a number of injured have been given attention at the mine dispensary.



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### MISSING MINISTER TURNS UP IN WANT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Portland, Oct. 3.—With a long story of penury and misfortune, Rev. George F. Houghton, who so mysteriously disappeared weeks ago, entered the office of the county board of relief at the court house yesterday morning, and asked that he be sent to the county poor farm. But, after hearing his troubles, it was decided that it would not be necessary, at least for the present, as the Visiting Nurses' Association will look after him temporarily. Later it will be decided what shall be done.

T. S. McDaniels and C. S. McPherson were in conference with the county authorities yesterday afternoon, and decided that the aged man is in imperative need of treatment. He is said to be on the verge of pneumonia, and nervous collapse.

Rev. Mr. Houghton, who is 86 years old, told Mr. Carr, clerk of the board of relief, a pitiful story of having gone to San Francisco and of having been robbed three times within the last eight months. He said that at the time he was first missed he intended to go to Salem to look after interests there, but missed the train. He then took the boat for San Francisco. There, he said, his pockets were picked of \$300 in gold, besides papers, and he applied to the chief of police for aid. He was returned to Portland, he said, by the authorities.

Rev. Mr. Houghton says he had 440 acres of land in the state of New York at one time. This he gave to his son, with the understanding that the youth was to care for him. But, contrary to Mr. Houghton's expectations, the young man exhausted the fortune and left his father with nothing.

That there is some foundation for Mr. Houghton's assertions that he is one of the heirs to a large estate is the belief of those who know the facts. But it is thought that he has permitted his mind to dwell upon his monetary affairs so long that it has been weakened.

It is believed that the Methodist church, at Twenty-sixth and Sawyer streets, to which Mr. Houghton subscribed \$500, will not realize on the subscription. There are other subscriptions which he will not be able to pay.

### ACCIDENTS IN FASTEST OF AUTO RACES

New York, Oct. 3.—A special policeman is dying and three drivers are badly hurt as the result of the first 12 hours of the 24-hour automobile race at Brighton Beach.

Having broken all records, six of the twelve starters were running at 8 o'clock this morning, when Strange, driving a Renault car, was a mile ahead of Lencant, who was in second place in a Simplex car. Strange had covered 613 miles.

Cobe, who was driver of a Lozier car, was caught in a smashup, and his legs were badly crushed. His condition is said to be serious.

Block, who was in a Renault car, also was in a smash up, and was severely burned about the head and face. Zast sustained a bad cut on the head, and was internally injured.

Robertson, in a Thomas car, was third at the twelfth hour, and Mitchell, in a Lozier, was fourth. Oldfield, who is driving a Stearns, is far behind the leaders, but it is expected that he will attempt to catch up today, and probably will do some sensational sprinting.

T. Deffckett, special officer, was struck by one of the racers while he was driving a crowd of boys away from the track. The boys had ventured out on the speedway, and were in danger of instant death. Deffckett misjudged the speed of a car, and started across the track at the wrong time.

The car was going at a terrific rate of speed when it struck Deffckett, and it is not thought that he can possibly recover. He was taken to a hospital.

### U. OF O. SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., Oct. 1.—Senior class officers were elected tonight as follows: President, Jesse Bond, Florence; vice president, Bessie Gologly, Oregon City; secretary, Olivia Risley, Roseburg; treasurer, Harold Merryman, Portland; sergeant at arms, Cornelius Beebe, Eugene. Mr. Bond has always been closely allied with student politics. He belonged to the college debating team and last winter won the medal for Interstate orator.

### ROOSEVELT SATISFIED WITH HITCHCOCK

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3.—Republican politicians are discussing today a statement given out at the White House last night in which it is said President Roosevelt endorses the Hitchcock management of the Taft campaign, and calls on all Republicans to give the campaign manager their earnest support.

The Hitchcock situation was discussed at a cabinet meeting yesterday, and it is stated that the President waxed warm when informed of the rumors that he had been behind the movement to discredit Hitchcock. He is said to have expressed himself strongly on the subject, and had declared that he would give any Republicans who came to the White House with criticism of Hitchcock a piece of his mind on the subject.

### CZAR'S COUSIN SAYS HE WILL FLY THE CHANNEL

Paris, Oct. 3.—Avowing his intention of flying across the English channel, Prince Bolotoff, second cousin of the Czar, today gave an order for the manufacture of an aeroplane modeled after plans of his own invention.

After placing his order the prince and his mother, the Princess Wisemski, started for England, where Bolotoff will continue his experiments near Dover. Bolotoff, who is 20 years old, declares he has never done anything in his life but experiment with aeroplanes, and that he does not desire any other occupation. His mother is keenly interested in his experiments, and today declared that she intended to make the flight with him across the channel. Bolotoff is reticent about his machine.

### SAILOPS COMPLAIN OF UNFAIR TREATMENT

(B-H Lee Clatsop, S. S. Corrie, president of the United Press, on board the U. S. S. Georgia.)  
Manila, P. I., Oct. 3.—The sailors of the fleet objected bitterly today when the officers were given shore leave, but all the men forced to stay on the ships.

The men say they can withstand the shore leave as well or better than the officers, and they say that they will be exposed by being on the ships with the officers when they return.

### GETS THIRTY YEARS FOR KIDNAPING GIRL

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 2.—Thirty years in San Quentin was the punishment meted out to Tony Lovell by Judge H. Z. Austin today for his complicity in the sensational kidnaping of Edna Dominga from her home near Colusa, on June 29.

Grover C. Rogers, Lovell's partner, who was captured with the girl, received 18 years in Polom. Rogers is a stepson of Lovell.

Lovell and Rogers took Edna Dominga from her home about midnight on June 29, and demanded \$5000 for her return. Rogers was returned the next day, the countess Lovell was caught three or four days after, but maintained that he was innocent. The crime was one of the most daring in the history of Fresno county.