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WORST RAILROAD WRECK IN MANY YEARS KNOWN DEAD AT LEAST 25 AND NUMBER MAY REACH 80

DASHED TO DEATH BY CARELESS ENGINEER

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 16.—Survivors of the wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad near Dotsero are arriving here with the news that as many as 80 may have been killed in the collision.

The reports are so conflicting that no definite estimate can be made, some of them saying that the number of dead will not exceed 25.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 16.—The latest report from the scene of the collision last night between a passenger and freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Dotsero, Colo., is that the number of dead is variously estimated at between 25 and 50.

Twenty bodies have already been removed from the wreckage, and it is thought that at least 30 more are in the debris.

Among the known dead are Gus Olson, Salida, Colo., engineer of

the passenger train; Sigmund Olsen, engineer of the first freight engine; J. T. Jeffrey, engineer of the second freight engine, was so seriously injured that he will die.

The wreckage caught fire and burned fiercely for a few minutes. It was extinguished by snow.

Responsibility for the wreck has not been definitely fixed, although railroad officials are inclined to blame the crew of the passenger train. Others say that if the crew of the freight train had obeyed orders to wait at Dotsero, all the passenger train had passed on its way west, the accident would not have occurred. As it happened, the freight train, pulled by two engines, ran onto a siding some distance from Dotsero to let the passenger pass, but did not quite clear the main track. When the passenger train came thundering along at full speed, it struck the end of the freight and left the track in a heap

of wreckage. The chair car was cut in two and one of the tourist cars was telescoped. Those sleeping in the Pullman cars were not injured.

Additional information received here is to the effect that Gus Olson, the dead engineer, misread the time of his watch. Thinking he had ten minutes to spare, he pulled the freight train past Dotsero, where he should have waited for the passenger train to pass. He started under full speed for another siding down the track, but hardly reached it, when the passenger train rounded a curve and crashed into it.

The bodies of the 20 victims so far taken from the wreckage were placed side by side in a row near the track. The coroner will not permit their removal until after an investigation is made. Many of them are so terribly mutilated that all hope of identifying them has been abandoned.

Among the injured are: T. B. Miller, Denver; Mrs. Nellie W. Morton, Standish, Calif.; A. W. McCauley and child, Winnemucca, Nev.; W. C. Maxey, Los Angeles; F. Chandler, Pullman conductor, and McGowan, Denver.

The remains of the following were identified today:

Edward Gooding, Omaha; Arthur Williams and wife, Des Moines; Mrs. L. Z. Ezell, Willson, S. D.

Among the injured are: T. B. Miller, Denver; Mrs. Nellie W. Morton, Standish, Calif.; A. W. McCauley and child, Winnemucca, Nev.; W. C. Maxey, Los Angeles; F. Chandler, Pullman conductor, and McGowan, Denver.

ROLLER AND MARTIN READY FOR FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16.—The finishing touches have been put on by Dr. Roller and Denver Ed Martin, who meet at the Seattle theater on next Tuesday night in a six-round bout. Both men seem to be in the best of condition and a splendid exhibition is promised. The doctor has posted a forfeit of \$500 to cover that of Fred Russel, who is seeking the match.

Tuesday night, as preliminaries, Chick Hudson and Eddie Hubbard will box. Billy Speck and Pete Moe, both of whom are former pupils of Lonnie Austin, boxing instructor at the Seattle Athletic club, are booked to spar at 130 pounds. Charley Franklin and Billy Maynard will wrestle at 170 pounds, and this should be a match worth seeing.

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O tion is reported in Salem, it be- O
O ing a family named Goff, resid- O
O ing on South Nineteenth O
O street, near Oak, first house O
O south of railroad. There are O
O several small children, and O
O they are without either food O
O or clothing. Neighbors have O
O helped them, but they are in O
O absolute need. "He that giv- O
O eth unto the poor lendeth unto O
O the Lord." If you are satisfied O
O with the security, aid them. O
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MANY CITIES IN DANGER OF FLOOD

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 15.—Severe rain storms, augmented by melting snow in the mountains, is creating havoc in Central California today. Hundreds of bridges have been washed out and roadways destroyed by the water. Porterville, Biggs and many other small towns are inundated and marooned. Two hundred feet of railroad track at Summit, in the Sierra mountains, have been washed away. The weather bureau fore-

casts more rain for today and Sunday. In Sacramento, the electrical service and railroad systems are utterly demoralized. The damage throughout Sacramento valley will total many thousands of dollars. This city is safe if the levees can withstand the terrific strain of the floods. Much water is seeping through the levees, and the waters of the American river are rapidly rising toward the danger line.

SALEM TO HAVE FINE MODERN HOTEL

On the condition that a first-class five-story brick hotel will not cost over \$50,000, Salem will have one of the finest hostleries on the Pacific coast in the near future, according to reliable information given out today.

Mrs. T. H. Hubbard, of this city, is now negotiating with Legg & Pugh, architects, to determine the cost of erecting a new hotel, but

the plans have not as yet been finished, however, as soon as they are completed, and the cost estimated, a definite move will be made toward the erection of the proposed structure. The corner of High and State streets upon land now occupied by the Senate saloon, is the proposed location of the building, which is considered the best and the most suitable location for a hotel in the city.

PURCHASED MINES NEAR MEDFORD

Medford, Or., Jan. 16.—Final papers for the transfer of the Pacific Coal Company's Holdings, east of Medford, to the Sunnyside Coal Company were made yesterday by which P. F. Murphy, of Springfield, Ill., the most extensive bituminous coal operator in the United States, becomes owner. The papers have been held in escrow since last summer. Now that the property has passed into the hands of those who will put it onto the market, it is expected that this section will shortly see great activity in the working of the mine. Contracts have been let to mills adjoining the Sunnyside Coal Company's property for the timbers, and other contracts have been let for material for the opening of the mine on a larger scale than before.

HITCHCOCK KEEPS HIS MOUTH CLOSED

A dispatch from Washington of January 15th says: Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee was today shown a telegram from Portland, Or., saying: "Ormsby McHarg, a federal official is in Portland. The Oregonian says he represents the influence of the national organization and the national administration in the interest of the election of a Republican senator by the legislature." Hitchcock read the statement and said, after some thought: "I think I ought to say nothing about this."

Urged to make a statement and told that his silence might be construed in Oregon as in a measure giving assent to the assertion that McHarg represented him, he gave the matter further consideration, and then said: "I still believe I should say nothing."

At the department of justice it is stated that McHarg now has no connection with the department, hence could not be in Portland on any legal business for the department. Unofficially it is said that he was there his whereabouts had not been known at the department.

A message from Augusta, Ga., in regard to an inquiry regarding the McHarg affair is expected at any moment.

MEAD WANTS LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Olympia, Wash., Jan. 16.—Governor Mead has issued an order calling for a general observance of the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, proclaiming that Friday, February 12, 1909, the centennial of the birthday of Lincoln, ought to be appropriately observed throughout the state. He suggests that the people generally gather in their usual places of assemblage and do honor to the memory of him whose life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This is a Man."

Alteration Sale

COST CUTS NO FIGURE

During our Alteration Sale. The proposition now is to dispose of the goods as quickly as possible, as we must have the shelves clear before we begin to tear out the walls. The following goods take up lots of room. They are in the way and must be disposed of. Cost cuts no figure.

Woolen Dress Goods
Blankets and Comforts
Women's Coats and Suits
Furs of All Kinds
Women's and Men's Woolen Underwear
Muslins, Domestic Gingham,
Sheets, Pillow Cases,
Towels, Men's Clothing,
Ladies' Shoes

There is no use trying elsewhere to get prices like we are giving

CHICAGO STORE
PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

IT LOOKS GOOD TO COOS BAY

A dispatch to the Portland Journal yesterday says: Walter Lyon, secretary of the Marshfield, Or., chamber of commerce, is here to urge an appropriation for Coos bay. He has presented to the rivers and harbors committee, among other matters, a statement by William H. Holabird to E. H. Harriman, whom Harriman sent to look over the ground and report on the traffic possibilities of a branch road from Drain to Coos bay. Holabird was highly optimistic, saying: "The harbor is one of the best on the coast. When the channel is deepened by lengthening the jetty it will have 30 feet of water at every high tide."

Holabird's report was given to Lyon by Harriman on the latter's urgent request. Holabird really paints a highly colored picture of the wonderful resources along the line from Drain to Coos bay, mentioning the cedar and fir as the "best on earth."

He says coal underlies 1500 square miles, "one acre of which is equal to 18,750 cords of wood."

"The country is too rich in natural resources to be kept down," Holabird says.

The fact that Harriman gave out to Holabird the report, is accepted by many here as meaning that he purposes building, and that Harriman now believes the road would pay interest on \$5,000,000, which, he said to the Marshfield people, would warrant him in constructing it."

NAVY GETS A BIG APPROPRIATION

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—The house committee on naval affairs today reported a bill appropriating \$135,662,886 for the navy. The bill also provides for setting aside the order withdrawing the marines from sea duty aboard war vessels.

Bar Silver Steady.
New York, Jan. 16.—Bar silver today is quoted at 52 1/2 cents.

LAND JUMPERS MAY WIN FIGHT IN WALES

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 16.—Robert Williams, leader of the squatters, who have seized the estates of the Marquis of Bute, declared today that he is determined to remain there in spite of attempts made to oust him. Williams has taken fresh hope since he discovered what he claims are flaws in the title to the lands. He will use this evidence as the basis of a fight in the event that the marquis attempts to drive the squatters, numbering 500, from the premises. The marquis has not decided on the course he will pursue. It is generally thought, however, that he will permit the hungry men to remain and till the soil.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER IN HELENA, MONTANA

Helena, Mont., Jan. 16.—The Helena police are today working on a mysterious murder case, which has proved most baffling. Early this morning John Hancock, a well-known mining man, and former president of the miners' union, was found lying unconscious in the front yard of the St. John's Catholic hospital.

Last night he received a note purporting to be from the secretary of the miners' union, stating that he was in the hospital and desired very much to see Hancock. Hancock responded, and his body was found lying in a snow drift at 5 o'clock this morning, within a few feet of the hospital doors. He was still living and taken into the hospital, but lived only a few hours. It is supposed by the police that the author of the note was not at the hospital, and is in entire ignorance of the affair. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Four Trainmen.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 16.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Northwestern railroad, ten miles west of here last night, four trainmen were killed and two were seriously injured. The trains were running at a high rate of speed at the time.

BODIES OF CHENEY AND WIFE FOUND

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Jan. 16.—The bureau of navigation today received a cablegram from Admiral Sperry announcing that the bodies of American Consul Cheney and his wife were found in the ruins of the American legation in Messina on the afternoon of January 15. The bodies were recovered by the crew of the Illinois of the United States navy, which was specially delegated to find the remains. The remains will be taken to Naples today and prepared for shipment to this country.

Will Get Small Amount.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Representative Hawley secured passage through the house yesterday of the senate bill to pay D. J. Holmes, of Salem, \$500 as reimbursement for improvements on land which was taken from him in correcting the boundary of the Warm Springs Indian reservation. This bill needs only the signature of the President to make it a law.

Will Try Ghouls.

Messina, Jan. 16.—A court martial is to be convened Monday to try the looters. There are 32 ghouls under arrest to be tried.