

**CURIOUS THOMSON HAS A QUESTION TO ASK**

WANTS TO KNOW IF GOVERNMENT IS FAVORING THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Allegations that the government's case against the Southern Pacific Railroad company for the recovery of oil lands, valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, has been "so handled by the department of justice as to be most advantageous to the Southern Pacific Railroad company," are contained in a resolution which Representative Charles M. Thomson, progressive of Illinois, announced he would introduce in the house on Monday. The resolution would demand a detailed account from Attorney General McReynolds of the Southern Pacific litigation, requiring him to report specifically: "Whether the government has tried to stop the Southern Pacific company from constructing wells on the disputed territory. "What steps, if any, have been taken to prevent the extraction of oil from the land in question. "What action has been taken to protect the government's rights to the land other than filing suit on December 20, 1912, in the case now pending in the federal courts of California." The lands in controversy embrace about 125,000 acres, upon which it is claimed the government expressly reserved mineral rights. It is alleged that oil worth \$250,000 is being taken monthly now from 150 wells on the property. Officials of the department of justice said tonight that Special Assistant Attorney General Townsend, in charge of the oil land cases, had seen Representative Thomson late tonight and given him all the information sought by the resolution. They said that prosecution of the government's case had been delayed, a decision on important points raised in appealed private suits, that the railroad company was accounting for every gallon of oil taken from the property in the meantime, and that there was nothing unusual about the proceedings.

**COOL ELEVATOR BOY SAVES THE LIVES OF MANY**

RUNS THE LIFT BACK AND FORTH AND RESCUES EMPLOYEES FROM FIRE.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 20.—To the coolness and bravery of a youthful elevator operator, whose name is not known to officials tonight because of the fact that he was working as relief, scores of employes of the Louis F. Dow company, an office-fixture manufacturing concern, owe their lives. Repeatedly the boy shot his car to the upper floors of the six-story structure and brought girls and men to safety from the flames which late today fatally injured two men and caused a loss of \$310,000 to the company and building. In the basement, where the fire started, were James Connelly, aged 49, engineer, and Michael Seltzer, aged 27, a finisher. Both of these, according to physicians tonight, will die as the result of burns. Before lapsing into unconsciousness, Connelly stated that there had been some sort of explosion, which in a moment transformed the engine room into a mass of flames. The fire, which was one of the most spectacular seen here in years, spread quickly. In the heart of the business district, thousands gathered to watch the progress of the flames. Many of the 250 employes, 45 of whom were girls, were carried from the fire escape, which ended at the first story, by firemen. According to officials of the company, all escaped from the building, although it was rumored late tonight that two had been caught in the basement.

**HUSBAND COMES HOME AND FINDS A DEAD MAN**

Portland, Ore., Sept. 20.—A special from Bend, Ore., says:

When Peter Rizzi went home for his dinner today, he found the body of Tomo Zalpara lying on the floor, the head resting on a tin can. Zalpara's left breast had been torn open by a charge from a shotgun and upon questioning, Mrs. Rizzi said she shot Zalpara after he had made several improper proposals to her. Mrs. Rizzi said she took her baby and fled as soon as she fired the gun. The presence of the tin can pillow is puzzling the coroner's jury investigating the tragedy. Rizzi says the man was there when he entered the room and his wife disclaims all knowledge of how it got there.

**MOTHER AND CHILD KILLED BY A TRAIN**

Ontario, Ore., Sept. 20.—Mrs. John Erwin and her little boy were killed and her little girl was probably fatally injured tonight when a freight train ran them down as they were crossing the Snake river bridge, one mile west of Ontario. As the train approached, the mother gathered her children in her arms and leaped over the rail in an effort to miss contact with the locomotive, but was struck and carried under, dragging the little ones with her.

**ROYAL MAID BURIED IN HISTORIC TOWN**

Heidelberg, Germany, Sept. 20.—Only a small number of persons, chiefly the representatives of princely houses, were present at the funeral tonight of Princess Sophia, the only daughter of Prince William of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach. Hans von Bleichroeder, for hopeless love of whom the princess killed herself, did not attend the services. It is understood that he was asked not to attend and he left Heidelberg after a three hours' stay. The father of the princess repeatedly threw himself across the casket.

**INJUNCTION IS ISSUED AGAINST THE STRIKERS**

Calumet, Mich., Sept. 20.—Circuit Judge O'Brien tonight issued a temporary injunction on the petition of the mine managers, prohibiting strike picketing and the intimidation, molestation or disturbing of men going to or coming from work. The officers of the Western Federation of Miners and its local affiliated unions are mentioned specifically. This action will precipitate a legal fight. The morning disturbances of the last week are responsible for the proceedings.

**PAST ACTIVITY PROCEEDS.**

Washington, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Past activity in Montana politics, when he lived there for many years, is responsible for the failure of W. H. Cochran to become postmaster at Spokane. Mr. Cochran had the endorsement of the democratic state chairman and the national committeeman of Washington, but he was attacked by old political enemies in Montana and because of their protests the postmaster general has declined to recommend his appointment.

**EIGHT-MULE TEAM FOR PARCEL POST**

Death, Nev., Sept. 20.—An eight-mule team was used today to transport parcel post mail which had been accumulating here for the last 10 days to its destination at Jarbridge, Nev. The mail is sent from Boise, Idaho, by a wholesale grocer, and is addressed to a grocery firm at Jarbridge, at the extreme northern edge of the state. It is the most inaccessible town in Nevada and within the second zone from Boise. A Jarbridge merchant is taking advantage of the zone rate and is shipping groceries to his store at considerably less than the regular freight rates. Though it is less than 100 miles from Boise to Jarbridge, the mail is transported via Pocatello, Ogden, Utah and Death, Nev., and thence by stage 78 miles, a total distance of over 700 miles.

**GREAT CHIMNEY FALLS AND ONE MAN IS DEAD**

Chicago, Sept. 20.—A 100-foot brick chimney collapsed and fell through the roof of a foundry today at the Deering plant of the International Harvester company in this city. One man was killed and five injured, while many others had narrow escapes as the hundreds of tons of bricks plunged through the roof. A dozen men were working in the moulding room and one man was repairing the base of the chimney when the crash came. A heavy loss of life was averted by the absence of a great majority of the workers on account of the Saturday half-holiday. Leon Babrowski, a moulder, was buried under the huge mound of bricks formed by the collapsed chimney.

**LAUGHING GAS VICTIM IDENTIFIED BY FRIENDS**

Billings, Sept. 20.—The identity of the woman whose death was caused at Sheridan, Wyo., by an over-dose of laughing gas, was discovered today. Her name was Mrs. Gladys Butschke and it is understood that she was separated from her husband, a Seattle business man, three years ago. The dead woman has a brother and other relatives at North Yakima, Wash. The story of the woman's identity was told by Storde in the county jail at Sheridan today to the authorities in a disconnected manner. Her husband has been notified of her death.

**Helping Health for over half a century**  
**Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey**  
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**Missoula Mercantile Co**

**Fashion's Story of the New Silks and Dress Goods Told in a Display Surpassing All Others in Richness**

In this display the markets have been drawn upon for their choicest offerings; the color artists and designers of the fashion world are represented here by their most beautiful masterpieces, making the event one that not only surpasses in beauty and luxuriance all similar displays ever held here, but one that totally eclipses all others in this city. It is no ordinary event to which we invite you—but rather one which streets, and stands as an accredited representation of what Europe has created and America accepted.

**Silks Honored by the World of Fashion**

The last word has been said about silks, and this store, which has held undisputed leadership for years, repeats it in its glorious offerings. Here are the most sumptuous weaves in vogue this season, each serving as a background to bring out the glories of the other, and all conforming to the one unvarying requirement—soft, exquisite suppleness to permit their falling into the graceful draperies of the moment. Colors verge on the extravagant; no one color or shade, however, accorded more favor than another, but every color of the rainbow being represented in shades varying from extreme light to sombre dark tones. Multi-colored silks are used with happy effects as trimmings and vestings, and also in combination with plain colors. Our purchases this season are more extensive than in former years, making for a greater variety of designs and a more comprehensive color range than ever before. There is not too much of any one novelty or color, making for greater exclusiveness. Of plain-color silks, the variety, both in weaves and colors, is almost unlimited, upwards of a hundred colors being shown. Practically everything in colored silks is duplicated in black. From the modest plain weave to the highest class brocaded novelty.

**SATIN CHARMEUSE** continues in high vogue this season, its exquisite luster and splendid draping qualities being unsurpassed. Shown here in copper color, Bulgarian blue, apricot, Copenhagen, navy, brown, gold, wisteria, pink, resida, lavender, cerise, cream and black and white; 40 inches wide; regular \$2.50 values, priced at—yard, \$2.25.

**BULGARIAN PATTERNED SILKS** are in high favor for trimmings, vestings and even entire waists, not to mention their adaptability for many kinds of fancy work; 24 inches wide; in a heavy corded weave, at \$2.25 a yard, and in satin-finished plain weave at—yard, \$1.25.

**CANTON SILK CREPE** is a lovely new material that must be seen to be appreciated; very heavy, lustrous, beautiful; in copper, Bulgarian blue, wisteria, new green and brown; 40 inches wide—yard, \$3.00.

**FANCY WAIST SILKS** in the newest taffeta and soft-weave silks, in new stripes, checks and very pretty flowered patterns; 24 and 27 inches wide—yard, \$1.00 to \$1.75.

**CREPES DE CHINE** are among the most sought after goods today and their exquisite texture needs no commendation at our hands; here in black, white, navy, light blue, yellow, pink and Copenhagen; 40 inches wide—yard, \$1.75.

**PLAID SILKS** are a feature in this season's styles and are used for waists and as trimmings in combination with other goods; splendid qualities at—yard, \$1.25 to \$2.25.

**PLAIN MESSALINES** are shown here in sixty of the newest and most fashionable shades; 27 inches wide; a quality we have never seen priced at less than \$1.25—yard, \$1.00.

**It Looks Like Chiffon Strewn With Flowers**

Actually it is white or colored chiffon cloth, embroidered by hand looms, in tiny flower sprays in the daintiest colors imaginable. Entirely new and intended for evening gowns, blouses and scarfs; in the same class come the beautifully hand-printed Bulgarian and Dresden patterned chiffons, the beauty of which is captivating to say the least; 42 inches wide, yard \$1.50 to \$3.25.

**Velvet for This Velvet Season**

First come the brocaded velvets, with grounds and brocading all in one color, in dainty small figured patterns and in bolder scroll effects, in more than a dozen colors and shades; these are 18 and 36 inches, priced, respectively \$2 and \$2.50 a yard. Then come the new panne and embroidered velvets and silk crepe plushes, lovely beyond description; 22 inches wide, yard \$3.00.

**Black and Colored Dress Goods**

**In a Most Magnificent Autumn Display**

The fabric fashions of the world are on review—exclusive novelties, inexpensive fabrics with which devotees of fashion may repeat the masterpieces of the famous modistes, and materials which have reached the happy medium between the too-conservative and the extreme.

The high tide of assortments has been reached and though the actual variety may not be greater than in former seasons, everything is here to maintain our prestige as Missoula's Foremost Dress Goods Store.

Of conspicuous interest are the novelties which are exclusive to this store—those rare fabrics which appear only at the commencement of a new season, and, once sold, cannot be duplicated.

It is decidedly a season of colors, and ingenuity has devised the oddest color-combinations. The weaves incline strongly towards velvety softness, even the heavier Suitings and Coatings sharing in this tendency. BROUCHE MATERIALS have taken fashion by storm and are used largely in combination with plain weaves, though many handsome costumes are developed entirely of Broches. CORDED WEAVES are almost equally pronounced and merge from the almost invisible cord in Gabardine through varying degrees in wool reps, Ottoman and Bedford cords to whipcords. FABRIC FURS are the last word in novelty for autumn and winter wear and are extensively exploited both in America and abroad. They closely duplicate skins and have all the beauty and richness of furs without their weight and higher price. Chinchilla, moleskin and plush, displaying the highest art in their manufacture and dyeing, are among the Fabric Furs most seen here. COATINGS are here in a diversity which defies description—Chinchilla with a plain or plaid back; Astrakhan, Duverine, Boucle, in black and autumn colors. Mention should also be made of the OLDER FAVORITES, such as Broadcloth, Serges, Tussah and others, which possess a fascination which causes many women to turn to them autumn after autumn. In BLACK DRESS GOODS nothing is left to be desired, nearly every weave seen here in color having its counterpart in black.

**WOOL RATINE** is one of the season's best materials for dresses, suits, etc., and among these we select for special mention one in wisteria, wine, new blue and black; 54 inches wide—yard, \$2.50.

and 42 inches wide, in black, navy, red, brown and gray.

Another, on the order of a novelty, with very fine stripes of white or grounds of navy, brown, dark red and black; good winter weight; 54 inches wide—yard, \$3.00.

**NOVELTY PEBBLE CLOTH** is one of our prettiest medium-priced materials; it is of good weight, all-wool and similar to the old style granite cloth that wore so well; in wine, wisteria, Edison and navy blue; 42 inches wide—yard, \$1.25.

**SCOTCH PLAIDS** are a distinctive note for separate skirts this season and our showing in this line is unusually attractive for the beauty of the designs and exceptional quality; 54 inches wide—yard, \$2.50.

**WOOL CREPE CLOTH** is a novelty that will please one looking for a fabric of medium weight, extreme softness yet firmness and one that will not crush or mess; in new blue, black, navy and dark red; 48 inches wide—yard, \$1.50.

**BLACK-AND-WHITE CHECKS** will be worn more extensively this season than ever and we have prepared accordingly; they're here in all weaves, from very fine cassimeres to roughest cloakings, and in all sizes of checks, from tiny pin checks to bold black patterns—yard, \$1.25 to \$2.75.

**MACKINAW CLOTH** in its characteristic patterns and hairy finish is shown in good variety, in grays, blues, browns and greens; 54 inches wide—yard, \$2.50.

**OUR \$56 SERGE** costs us more than ever, but we still maintain the old price; strictly all-wool

**HEAVY CLOAKINGS** are here in the newest boucle and imitation fur weaves, nobby patterns in mottled-color and solid colors, from brightest reds to densest blacks, with all colors in-between; 54 inches wide—yard, \$3.25 to \$6.00.



**A Display of Cotton Dress Goods**

SILK AND COTTON WEAVES will be much in evidence for smart street and evening gowns—Crepe and brocades, in lovely shades. RATTIS is also in great demand, color-variety combining with waves to pay it homage. MERCERIZED POPLINS, too, continue in popularity and may be had here in plain and fancy weaves. With these are scores of staple cotton, the newest products from this country and abroad. Come!

**New Trimmings and Buttons**

In trimmings the tendency is toward richness rather than any great elaboration, a mode doubtless brought about by the decided pronouncement for color. In BRAID APPLIQUES, for instance, the color-note is particularly strong. These appliques are in motifs which may be used separately, heightening their effect when placed in contrast with less vivid background.

RIBBON GIRDLES greatly enhance the beauty of afternoon and evening gowns and are one of the season's novelties. These have the ends fringed and finished with beads or are color-embroidered. In some the gold and silver note is strong, following the vogue set in Paris. Pronounced is also given to JETS, which played so important a part during the recent fashion openings in Paris. These are made up into fringes, tassels, trimmings and narrow edges. JETTONS continue to be extensively used as trimmings and are here in a legion of odd shapes, designs and colors—opal-ent, or glazing, jet, scintillating with many hues, or frankly brilliant in tone. Jet buttons in motifs effect, and others combining Bulgarian and Persian colors with black, are among the newest.

**Latest Models in Corsets**

There's a model here for you that's the most satisfying thing we could say to any woman reader. And we can back the statement with the corset, for the manufacturers seem to have taken into consideration every possible type and condition of womanhood when designing these soft, supple, scientifically made corsets. No woman needs to be hindered in any of her natural motions, nor need she sacrifice the style she covets, for any particular feature required for comfort. She need not even bother her head as to what she should have—the makers have attended to that; our expert corsetiers will find the right model and adjust it.

- Gossard Corsets, front-lacing, \$3.50 to \$15.00
- Bon Ton Corsets, for all figures, \$3.50 to \$9.00
- La Grecque Corsets, justly famous, \$1.75 to \$7.00
- Royal Worcester Corsets, best for the money, \$1.25 to \$3.50

Our line of Brassieres, Shoulder Braces, Hip Reducers and other aids to figure perfection is complete in every particular and we are able to meet the most exacting demands.