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## NUMBER DEAD INCREASING

Total Of All Lost Will Not Be Less Than Two Hundred Persons.

### SEVERAL STRANGERS LOST.

Their Baggage Was Found Yesterday And The Men Are Supposed Dead.

Heppner, June 18.—The number of dead recovered at 6 P. M. tonight totaled 153. Along Willow creek, one to eight miles from Heppner, 15 bodies were found today. The missing list is being constantly reduced by discoveries, but was added to today by an important find of baggage belonging to 15 or 20 strangers in Heppner on the day of the flood, and who were doubtlessly drowned. The total dead and missing will not be less than 200. Following were the bodies recovered today: Louise, Amy and Annie Stalter, John J. Harris, Emma Krug, Mrs. Ava Thornton, wife of George Thornton; Mrs. A. M. Gunn, Mrs. Clara Woodward, Winnie Ayers Sullivan, one Chinaman, Clara Hamilton, Mrs. Hatie Flynn, George Gintzley Grady, S. Abrahamick and two unidentified women.

### TO USE CELEBRATION FUNDS.

Athena, Ore., June 18.—The citizens of Athena have diverted funds raised for the Fourth of July celebration to the relief of the Heppner flood sufferers.

### EXCITEMENT ON SHIP BOARD.

Tragedy Narrowly Averted as Result of Card Game.

New York, June 18.—Some of the passengers who have just returned from Europe on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. say a tragedy was narrowly averted two days before the liner reached port. The affair grew out of a card game. The names of the two men involved have not been learned.

It was after midnight when the attention of persons in the smoking room was attracted by three men playing poker. One of the players who had called a large raise, suddenly threw down his hand, jumped up and struck the winner, whom he called a "cheat." In another moment the two men were locked together and struggling back and forth about the room. Tumbling over a chair both fell heavily. The smaller man managed to gain his freedom. As he jumped to his feet he reached for a weapon, but on the instant that he drew out a revolver, the larger man rushed out onto the deck. Running after him the smaller man found himself looking down the barrel of a revolver heavier than his own. He hesitated for only an instant and was whirling his own weapon into position to fire when the man who had been unwilling witnesses of the scrimmage rushed upon him from behind and plied his arms behind his back. The deck stewards sided in quieting the two men and prevented further hostilities. The contestants were escorted to their state rooms and the affair was not heard of again.

### DISOBEYED INJUNCTION.

G. T. Sullivan Obtained Board of Trade Quotations Illegally.

Chicago, June 18.—George T. Sullivan, the broker whose place of business was recently raided by the police, has been ordered by Judge Kohlsaat to show cause by June 24 why he should not be punished for contempt in violating the injunction restraining him from securing board of trade quotations without the authority of the telegraph companies. A number of affidavits have been filed in court charging Sullivan with having appropriated and used continuous quotations of the board of trade on various dates after the injunction was issued.

### VILLAGES DESTROYED.

London, June 18.—The British consular reports on the recent earthquakes in the Vilayet of Van confirm previous notices that twenty-three villages were affected and some were completely destroyed. Seven hundred and eighty-five lives are known to have been lost and it is feared that all the killed in the outlying districts have not yet been enumerated.

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### GOVERNOR PARDONED HER.

Mrs. Emma Wimple Went to Prison a Pretty Girl—Is Now Gray Haired.

New York, June 18.—After 27 years behind the prison bars, Mrs. Emma Wimple is free, through the pardon granted her a few days ago by Governor Odell. When the woman was escorted from the Manhattan hospital for the insane to the railway station at Newburg, she appeared completely dazed at the strange sights.

Mrs. Wimple was sentenced to life imprisonment for poisoning her husband. She entered Sing Sing a pretty girl of 18 and emerged a gray-haired woman of 45. Fifteen months ago she was found to be losing her reason and was taken to the asylum, from which she has just been liberated. Apparently she will soon entirely recover.

Mrs. Wimple will live with the sister of her husband. She poisoned the latter as the outcome of a love affair. The young man who was tried as her accomplice also was sentenced for life, but died in prison many years ago.

### HAS NOSEY GOUT.

New York, June 18.—A man suffering from gout in his nose has been a patient at Bellevue. He is Charles Schaff, a janitor. His nose has become greatly enlarged. The doctors were completely at sea for a diagnosis until they discovered gout in several joints of his limbs. It is the first case of the kind on record at the hospital.

### LAUNCHING MAY BE DELAYED.

Cruiser Galveston Ready for Water, but Court Steps In.

Richmond, Va., June 18.—Judge Grinnon of Richmond, chancery court, today granted an injunction restraining Lieutenants Theiss and Grosdeck, U. S. N., from proceeding further toward the launching of the cruiser Galveston, under construction in the Trigg ship yards here which are in the hands of the receiver. The lieutenants were sent here by the navy department to superintend the launching and it was the intention of the department to send the Galveston to the Norfolk navy yard for completion. All preparations have been made for the launching of the vessel Monday next.

### ANOTHER TWO-YEARS' TENURE.

London, June 18.—From interviews with members of the house of commons belonging to various parties, the Associated Press has learned that the consensus of opinion at Westminster forecasts another two years tenure of office for the present government, although the prophecy is always made with provisions barring accidents.

### JURY MAY DISAGREE.

Case of Jett and White Submitted for Decision.

Jefferson, Ky., June 18.—The case of Jett and White charged with murdering J. B. Marcus, went to the jury today and has been in their hands all the afternoon and tonight. No verdict had been reached before going to bed. There will be no report tomorrow.

### ULTIMATUM TURNED DOWN.

Linemen of Telegraph and Telephone Company May Strike.

San Francisco, June 18.—Linemen of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company delivered an ultimatum to the company this afternoon and met with the reply that there would not be a single change in the schedule of wages paid employees. Whether the strike will be ordered has not been determined.

### BASE BALL SCORES.

PACIFIC COAST.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 8; Portland 2.

At San Francisco—San Francisco 1; Seattle 0.

At Sacramento—Sacramento 7; Oakland 1.

PACIFIC NATIONAL.

At Butte—Butte 8; Tacoma 2.

At Seattle—Seattle 1; Los Angeles 10.

At Spokane—Spokane 5; San Francisco 5.

At Helena—Helena 2; Portland 13.

AMERICAN.

At Cleveland—Cleveland 5; Boston 4.

NATIONAL.

At Boston—Boston 2; Pittsburgh 7.

At New York 0; Chicago 1.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati 11.

## THE PLOT THICKENS

More Indictments To Be Brought Against Parties Connected With Postal Frauds.

### WOULD DEFRAUD UNCLE SAM.

Woman Was Go Between That Led To Arrest Of Machen And Groff Brothers.

Washington, June 18.—The Federal grand jury, which has been investigating postal affairs, probably will bring in five indictments today against persons involved. Assistant District Attorney Taggart, who has the cases in charge for the government, was at his office earlier than usual this morning, and was busily engaged in going over the indictments. He denied himself to all callers. Although every effort has been made to keep the public in ignorance of the action to be taken until the papers were ready for presentation by the grand jury, it is learned on unquestioned authority that the jury has voted to return indictments against August W. Machen, Diller B. Groff, Samuel A. Groff, George E. Lorenz and Mrs. Lorenz, the two latter being residents of Toledo, O. The specific charge, it is understood, will be conspiracy to defraud the government.

The fact that new indictments would be returned against Machen and the Groff brothers has been talked of for some time around the courthouse, but was not expected that it would be taken so soon. The sensational feature of today's probable proceedings is the connection of Mrs. Lorenz' name with the transactions which led to the arrest of Mr. Machen and the Groffs. At the time of the arrest, stories were in circulation that there was a go-between, but the information at hand then was not conclusive enough to establish the identity of this particular party.

Whether or not Mrs. Lorenz acted in this capacity is not known, but it has been suggested that this go-between was a woman.

### SMITH INDIFFERENT.

Philadelphia, June 18.—When ex-Postmaster-General Charles Emory Smith was informed of the Bristol-Tulloch statement regarding the post-office investigation, he said: "There is no occasion for me to reply to Mr. Bristol, and I will not."

### MILLIONS FOR EDUCATION.

Secondary Schools of University of Chicago Are Well Equipped.

Chicago, June 18.—Three million dollars is to be the sum represented in the buildings and land for the secondary schools of the University of Chicago, according to the statement of President Harper at the commencement exercises of the university secondary schools. The schools represented were the Morgan Park academy, the South Side academy and the Chicago Manual Training school. Dr. Harper said that the new buildings of the school of education and the new manual training school, of which the cornerstone has just been laid, would cost over \$600,000.

"Other buildings for the same purposes," he added, "will cost as much more."

The equipment is to cost in the neighborhood of \$800,000. The buildings and grounds of the Morgan Park academy are valued at \$750,000. Thus far \$1,600,000 has been expended for secondary education.

### PLOT NIPPED IN BUD.

Peruvians Had Intended to Proclaim New President.

New York, June 18.—In connection with arrests a few days ago in Peru of numerous politicians, a craze dispatch from Lima says: The government has nipped in the bud a plot to seize the government by means of falsified documents to be incorporated by congress. It was the purpose to annul the election of Candamo and proclaim another president. Dissolution of congress by force and perhaps by fighting in the streets would have followed. The prisoners were released and sent home with a warning to remain there.

### BRAVEST MAN IN KENTUCKY.

Lexington, Ky., June 18.—Captain Eben was escorted to Elks' hall last night and given an ovation. Scores of young women clasped his hands and declared him the bravest man in Kentucky.

### ROOSEVELT TO METHODISTS

President Addresses to Members of Denomination Throughout Country.

Chicago, June 18.—In a special edition of the Northwestern Christian Advocate issued to commemorate the bi-centennial of the birth of John Wesley, a letter from President Roosevelt to the Methodist people of the United States appears. In it the president says:

"To Americans the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley must have a peculiar interest, for it is in our own country that the great church which he founded has reached its largest development and the wonderful growth of Methodism has taken place during the period of our national life. The Methodist congregations played a peculiar part in the pioneer history of our country and it would be hard to over-estimate what we owe to the early circuit rider, no less than to their successors."

### JACKSON-WALCOTT, DRAW

The Fight Was Peter's in Last Five Rounds and He Won Crowd.

Portland, June 18.—Joe Walcott, Boston, and Young Peter Jackson, Baltimore, both colored, fought a twenty-round draw tonight at the Pastime club. When the referee declared the fight a draw the crowd yelled for Jackson, as it was clearly his fight for the last five rounds. During the first half of the fight Walcott did all the leading and punished Jackson severely. Later Jackson landed hard on the Boston man and for the last four rounds Walcott hugged and clinched repeatedly to save himself.

### LETTER FROM MR. MACHEN.

He Desires to Be Heard Before He Is Finally Dismissed.

Washington, June 18.—Postmaster-General Payne today received a letter from Metcalf asking suspension of the order of dismissal until his complete defense may be heard. The letter in part says:

"It must be due to the heated, excited and congested condition of the affairs in the postoffice department that the postmaster-general has consented to the summarily dismissal of a man who for the best part of his life has devoted his whole thought to the honest discharge of his duties and the best interests of the postal service."

### ROUTES RESUME OPERATION

Washington, June 18.—The postoffice department has resumed the establishment of the rural free delivery routes which were held up on account of a deficit in the appropriations, and a large number of the routes will be put into operation July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

### TO INVESTIGATE FISHERIES.

Seattle, June 18.—The government steamer Albatross with the congressional committee appointed to investigate fish and fisheries of the Alaska seaboard, sailed tonight for Nanaimo, where the work of the commission will begin.

### GENERAL WHEATON DEAD.

Washington, June 18.—Major-General Frank Wheaton, retired, died here today aged 79 years. General Wheaton returned from the Philippines broken in health and never recovered.

## BODIES IN ICE PACKS

A Factor Of Destruction In Heppner Disaster Was Terrific Hail Storm.

### HOUSES CRUSHED LIKE SHELLS

Clothes Torn From Helpless People By Onslaught Of Wind And Knife-Like Sleet.

Portland, June 18.—A special from Heppner to the Telegram says:

A congealed mass of hailstones, as hard as rock, was the mysteriously destructive center of the stupendous force which blotted out two-thirds of Heppner. The wonder of it all has been why the congealed torrent was so deadly. Hail, some of it matted in cakes that could be lifted only with two hands, weighs down hillocks of wreckage and, curiously enough, has preserved the bodies of many destroyed. Banks of the frozen particles were shoveled out by hundreds of workmen during the exhaling of the remains from the soil washed from the mountains, seven miles up Balm canyon.

Hailstones of a thickness of an inch and a quarter were picked up in the preliminary storm Thursday night at Hanby's ranch and in Quade canyon. That storm displayed ominous signs of a general upheaval, but of the 200 and more people whose lives were sacrificed, less than 20 were seriously concerned or alarmed.

The hail had accumulated on the slopes of the southeastern hills during the second storm, and apparently a bank of it dropped from the clouds in the waterpout of Sunday. It was a congealed battering ram, which, driven by angry winds and rain, in its rampage irresistibly carried every earthly thing before it, grinding houses into bits and shredding the clothes from the backs of humans as well as destroying all contents of dwellings.

Bodies of victims have been dug from veritable ice packs of hailstones. Under a burning sun, gangs of men, with shovels, rakes and picks, labored to extricate four of them. It was the work of hours. When the forms were reached, they were absolutely nude, every shred of clothing having been torn from them.

The impact of the storm was magnified a thousand times ere it worked vengeance in the midst of the town. Its descent is marked by inexplicable, deep foundations and holes in the ground near the head of the canyon. Tons of soil were wrenched from the face of the hill, opposite the mouth of Balm canyon. Boulders were whisked up like straws, and the hail pack caused by water made its onslaught on houses, which were crushed like shells.

### SOCIALISTS CONGRATULATED.

Berlin, June 18.—The socialists have received congratulations from all parts of the world, especially America, on their victory at the polls.

### ARE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

New York, June 18.—News just received here that Placido Castro has started in haste to the Territory of Acra has caused much surprise, says a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro. New complications are feared.

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