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## RESULT OF BLUNDER

### PASSENGER TRAIN CRASHES INTO MOTOR CAR AS RESULT OF HASTE OF CONDUCTOR.

### Three Passengers Dangerously Injured, While Many Others Have Terrifying Experience in a Veritable Death Trap.

Ogden, Utah.—In a head-on collision between a motor car used on the Malad branch of the Oregon Short Line and a passenger train, in the railroad yards in this city, the motor car was wrecked and the thirty or more passengers had a severe shaking up, at least three being dangerously injured.

The passenger train from the north was a few minutes late, and impatient to get a start for the north, the motor car in charge of Motorman Case and Conductor H. W. Logan is said to have disregarded orders to meet the south-bound train in the local yards, and attempted to make the "town track" by way of the Twenty-second street crossing, the result being a head-on collision.

None of the passengers on the south-bound train were injured in the least. Had either train been traveling at a high rate of speed, the loss of life in the motor car would undoubtedly have been appalling. Passengers who were on the car and escaped without injury say that the motor cars would prove veritable death traps in a case of a serious wreck, as there is no way to get out except through a narrow doorway, the round windows being too small to admit a human body.

### Idaho Town Threatened by Fire.

Malad.—Fire originating from a cigarette in a hall on the second floor of the Harding rooming house, a two-story frame structure, Monday night, threatened for a time to wipe out the entire business section of the town, but after two hours of hard work on the part of the volunteer fire department, and hundreds of residents, the flames were kept from spreading, and at 1:15 Tuesday morning were under control. The Harding building was burned to the ground, together with most of the personal effects of the inmates.

### Case of Interest to Idahoans.

Boise, Idaho.—In an opinion handed down Tuesday Judge Frank S. Dietrich of the federal court holds that in a suit brought to enforce a forfeiture of the title to a reservoir site located on public land, on account of an alleged breach by the grantee of a condition subsequently embraced in the original grant, the United States should declare forfeiture and that the same should not be required by an act of congress as contended by the defendant. This sweeping ruling is of vast importance in this state.

### Jumped From Roof of Building.

Salt Lake City.—Pursued by two policemen George Johnston, a laborer, who had acted suspiciously in the central part of the city Tuesday night, tired of the chase and rushing to the roof of the Luna theater in Third South street by means of a fire escape, committed suicide by leaping from the building to the sidewalk, three stories below. His skull was fractured, both upper jaws were broken and both arms and legs badly crushed.

### Between His Satanic Majesty and the Deep Sea.

Washington.—The house committee inquiry into the high cost of food on Tuesday developed the fact that the retail merchant of Washington cannot buy direct from the farmer without bringing down upon his head a boycott by the commission merchants, and he is therefore forced to trade through that medium to charge to the ultimate consumer whatever the increased cost may be. The middleman in this held responsible for keeping up the prices.

### Farm Output Fails to Keep Up With Growth of Population.

Chicago.—The failure of the farm output to keep up with the growth of population was given as the explanation of the high prices of food products by E. P. Pfarrius in an address before the Council of North American Grain Exchanges Tuesday. Mr. Pfarrius said it was impossible to decrease the price of beef when this country showed 8,000,000 fewer breeding cattle in January, 1910, than in January, 1909.

### Prehistoric Relics in Arizona.

El Paso, Tex.—Another prehistoric village has been unearthed in Arizona. Frank C. Erwin, while digging an irrigation ditch fourteen miles from Cochise, unearthed a number of utensils and skeletons and then found a wall twenty feet long and tables bearing remarkable hieroglyphics. Work at the place was stopped and the Smithsonian institution has been notified of the discovery.

## POWDER EXPLOSION VICTIMS

### Two Idaho Men Meet Death While Hauling Thirty Pounds of Giant Powder on a Sleigh.

Montpelier, Ida.—A frightful accident occurred at the Telluride Power company's works at Dingle, about ten miles from this city, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in which Lester Nowland, aged 21, and son of County Coroner J. P. Nowland, and a Mexican named Sandy Lopez, lost their lives.

They were hauling thirty pounds of giant powder to the company's works and had just arrived at their dredge when the powder exploded. The horses attached to the sleigh were killed and the sleigh blown to splinters. The Mexican was torn to bits, while young Nowland was horribly mutilated, but lived a short time. Just how the powder came to explode is not known at this time.

So far as can be learned no blame attaches to anyone for the explosion, it being one of those accidents that come about in the handling of frozen powder.

### TAFT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE.

### President Willing to Stand Sponsor for Federal Incorporation Bill.

Washington.—The federal incorporation bill, introduced in congress on Monday, is not to be pressed for passage at this session. If the bill should pass, President Taft has stated his willingness to stand as its sponsor and take the responsibility for having recommended it.

Further than this, the president told several callers that he would not make the incorporation bill an administration measure. He declared he felt he had no right to do so, and that it did not rank with the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce law, the postal savings banks and the measures designed for the conservation of natural resources. These latter were promised in the platform upon which the president was elected, and he feels that the party is responsible for their passage at this session of congress.

### OPPOSED LOAN OF TENTS.

### Heyburn Stirs Up a Little Excitement in the Senate.

Washington.—Memories of the Civil war were revived in the senate on Monday, when Senator Heyburn bitterly opposed a loan of tents by the government to be used at the annual encampment of Confederate Veterans at Mobile, Ala., next April. However, every Republican present, except Mr. Heyburn, voted for the bill authorizing the loan.

The senate passed more than a dozen bills for the establishment of fish hatcheries in the various parts of the country.

The president's federal incorporation bill was opposed in the house by Representative Garrett of Tennessee on the ground of unconstitutionality.

### Meat Prices Still Rising.

Pittsburg.—With the opening of the second week of the thirty-days meat boycott in this city, meats continued to rise in price. Monday morning sheep advanced from 25 to 50 cents a hundredweight. Home-dressed pork led in cost by 1 cent a pound wholesale and from 2 to 3 cents retail. Beef advanced from 10 to 15 cents a hundred pounds. United States Attorney John Jordan caused 25,000 eggs, in a cold storage plant to be attached, and will ask to have them destroyed.

### Judge Threatens to Assist in Lynching.

Pueblo, Colo.—In giving Anton Sime the limit sentence on Monday for inhumanely beating his girl wife while she was in a delicate condition, Justice of the Peace William J. Kerr said: "If I ever hear of you doing this again after you get out of jail, I will personally lead a party of men who are men and tie you to a telegraph pole and beat you to death."

### Swedish King Has Appendicitis.

Stockholm.—King Gustav was operated on Monday night for appendicitis. The official reports given out state that the operation was a success. The king had been suffering from continual internal pains since early Sunday evening. It was not until Monday evening that the physicians diagnosed his case as one of appendicitis, requiring an immediate operation.

### Indians Call on President.

Washington.—Senator Curtis of Kansas on Monday introduced to President Taft eight Kaw Indians. In honor of the occasion the braves were adorned in gorgeous native costume. One carried a shining tomahawk. One another fanned himself vigorously with an eagle feather fan. Altogether, the Indians made the gayest picture seen at the white house for some time.

## KEEPING UP THE PRICE



High Prices of Corn and Pork Are Strong Factors in the Increased Cost of Living.

## TO PROMOTE PEACE

### REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA LAYING PLANS FOR FUTURE.

### Steps Will be Taken Toward Bringing About a Peaceful Settlement of the Present Revolution in Nicaragua.

Washington.—After having been postponed at the stipulated time of meeting in January on account of the disturbed state of affairs in Nicaragua, the second Central American conference, a congress of representatives of the countries of Central America to promote peace and better commercial relations has at last convened in San Salvador, the capital of Salvador.

Upon being informed of the assembling of the members of the conference, Secretary Knox on Thursday sent a cablegram to its president congratulating the body on the happy inauguration of the meeting and expressing his confidence in the fruitful and beneficial outcome of the conference. The United States and Mexico are represented by their ministers. Central American diplomats in Washington said they thought the conference would take some step toward exerting its influence in bringing about a peaceful settlement of the present revolution in Nicaragua. Other subjects which will be discussed will be the formation of a uniform monetary system for those Latin-American states and uniform customs and commercial regulations.

### TARIFF WAR AVERTED.

### Amicable Settlement Reached Between United States and Germany.

Washington.—Concessions by both the United States and Germany have averted a threatened tariff war. Negotiations have been concluded between the two countries which settle the question of minimum and maximum rates, with the exception of the cattle and dressed meat issue. This was eliminated from the present negotiations and will be taken up later in separate diplomatic representations.

Under the agreement made on Thursday, American minimum rates will be exchanged for the entire minimum list of Germany. The result is considered advantageous to both countries.

### Novel Method of Suicide.

San Francisco.—With his head thrust into the envelope of a small balloon into which a stream of illuminating gas was pouring, C. A. Farrar, was found dead on the roof of the house where he lodged. He had been missing for two days, and it is believed that ill health led him to take his own life. Farrar was under contract with an amusement hall to send up a balloon every night from the roof of his lodging house. A searchlight in the hall, located a block or two away, was directed at the gas bag for the edification of the patrons.

### "Big Tim" Wins a Few Shoes.

New York.—In the days when "Big Tim" Sullivan, state senator and Tammany leader, was small and at school, his teacher gave him a pair of shoes. He never forgot the kindness, and for many years he has commemorated it on the 6th of each February by a distribution of stockings and shoes to all the needy of the Bowery. Five thousand pairs of stockings and shoes were given away on Sunday.

## WRECKED ON REEF

### ALASKAN STEAMER A TOTAL LOSS, BUT PASSENGERS REACH SHORE.

### Six Members of Crew Perish in Attempt to Obtain Relief for Passengers Who Are Picked Up by Passing Ship.

Seattle.—A cable dispatch from Seward, Alaska, says: The Alaska Steamship company's steamer Farallon is a total wreck on a reef near Iliamna bay, and six members of her crew are believed to have perished in an attempt to obtain relief for the passengers. The passengers and members of the crew arrived here Sunday aboard the steamship Victoria, by which they were rescued February 3, after spending nearly a month encamped in weather frequently 40 degrees below zero.

The Farallon ran to her doom on January 5, during a blinding snowstorm. The passengers and crew managed to get ashore and went into camp, some supplies and clothing being taken ashore.

On January 7 the second mate and five sailors started in a small boat for Kodiak, where they expected to connect with one of the other vessels of the Alaska Steamship company. Since then these men have not been heard from, and there is practically no hope that they are alive.

### ONE MAN ESCAPED.

### Explosion in Mine Resulted in Death of Eleven.

Indiana, Pa.—Ten Hungarians and one American met death in a gas explosion Saturday in the numerous slopes of the Furnace mine of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal company. The explosion occurred in the heading where twelve men were working. One of these, Andrew Racz, escaped by crawling a quarter of a mile on his stomach to evade the noxious gases.

One hundred and ten men working in the same slope escaped through other headings, although they were held back for ten hours by the black damp, until a rescue party reached them.

### Expected to Scale Mt. McKinley in Balloon.

St. Louis, Mo.—Captain John Berry, account of many flights, is ready to balloon his way to the crest of Mount McKinley in Alaska, in search of the records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook states he placed there. Berry hopes to settle once and for all the question of whether Cook ever scaled the highest mountain on the continent, or "bust" in the attempt. Captain Berry says that the venture will cost him \$50,000. A St. Louisian will accompany him. Figures will be taken as primary evidence of the trip.

### Child Died in Her Arms.

Pueblo, Colo.—Crazed by the discovery that her three-year-old daughter was dead in her arms, Mrs. Elizabeth White, wife of a rancher of Fillmore, Cal., tried to throw herself from the car window on the Denver & Rio Grande California limited train as it was coming into Pueblo. Mrs. White, accompanied by her three children, was returning home from a visit to her mother at Camargo, Ill. She was holding her little daughter in her arms, and, stooping over to kiss the child, discovered she was dead.

### Charged With Brutal Murder.

Cincinnati, O.—That Jesse Van Zandt killed his wife and that he choked and tied her before placing her on the cooking stove in their home here is the belief of the Cincinnati police, who say his act was due to a desire to wed Miss Agnes Berry. They say that they already have sufficient evidence to convict him, even though it is but circumstantial. Van Zandt and his wife are said to have quarreled over the pending divorce proceedings. His wife asserted that he was madly in love with Miss Berry and wished to marry her.

### After Grafting Officials.

Chicago.—Four true bills, charging city hall officials with conspiracy in connection with the \$45,000 "shale rock" scandal, were returned by the county grand jury Saturday. The men indicted were: John Ericson, city engineer; Michael H. McGovern, contractor; Paul Redeske, former deputy commissioner of public works; Ralph A. Bonnell, former assistant city engineer.

### Marines That Cannot Swim.

Washington.—Attention is directed in an official report by Rear Admiral Schroeder, in command of the Atlantic fleet, now engaged in practice maneuvers in Guantanamo bay, Cuba, to the remarkable fact that more than 2,500 men in the fleet cannot swim. In a brief report of the fleet's operations in the last week, the commander says instructions were held for the men who are at home on the water.

## THE UTAH BUDGET

Ogden City has spent over \$8,000 on its parks and public grounds during the past year.

The new Denver & Rio Grande depot in Salt Lake City will be completed by April 1, it is said.

After two years of agitation and discussion, the town of Murray now owns its waterworks system.

A herd of deer, about thirty in number, have been ranging the northern slope of Ogden canyon for several weeks unharmed.

Eureka is to have a hospital for the care of sick and injured miners as soon as sufficient funds can be obtained for its erection.

After doing business in Ogden for less than a month, the Five Cents Amusement company has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

There is one gristmill and one sawmill in Piute county. Two saloons are licensed by the county. There are seven unincorporated towns.

Announcement is made that the Snow academy at Ephraim will during the coming summer erect a gymnasium building at a cost of \$10,000.

The town marshal caught four boys playing cards with a 10-cent ante on a truck at Lehi Junction and the local judge gave the lads a fine of \$10 each.

William Platt and M. Young of Stockton were badly burned by a premature explosion of powder while getting out gravel for the Tooele smelter.

A Japanese contractor is in Ogden making a canvass among land owners for a lease of land on which to plant a colony of Japs to go into the beet raising industry this year.

Examinations were held Saturday in Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo and Logan of applicants for places as census enumerators. In Salt Lake four hundred applicants took the examination.

Salt Lake capitalists have formed a company which will take over the property of the electric light plant and flour mill at Salina, and extend the operations of these concerns immediately.

Henry O. Heath of Salt Lake declares Utah is the greatest state in the Union in which to raise onions. Mr. Heath claims to have raised 1,050 bushels of Spanish Globe onions on 102 square rods of ground.

A Salt Lake paper declares that the Southern Pacific is figuring on abandoning the Lucin cut-off, because of damage done to the trestle by storms, and building around the south end of the lake, through Salt Lake City.

Counsel for Nick Vocas, convicted at Ogden of murder in the second degree for the killing of John Contos, have filed a motion for a new trial, holding that Judge Howell erred when he refused to grant Vocas a change of venue.

Rasmus Henningson, one of the oldest persons of Manti, is dead of paralysis. He was past 87 years of age, having been born October 29, 1822, in Denmark. He was by trade a harness maker and since coming to Manti in 1875 supported himself and family by his trade.

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. D. McCresney of Ogden had a narrow escape from death by poisoning when they got hold of a bottle of belladonna liniment and drank several ounces of the poisonous fluid while the older members of the family were absent from the room.

The sugar factory at Lehi will finish the season's run about February 15. The run has been a most successful one, the mill consuming upwards of 1,000 tons of beets a day. The policy of siloing 25 per cent of the crop adopted last fall has not proved a success.

The engineer in charge of the Strawberry valley project, reports that the work is progressing very favorably and that 425 feet of the tunnel was driven during the month of January. The snow is eight feet deep at the west portal of the tunnel, but this does not interfere with the work.

With a view to taking steps to prevent enormous damage, likely to be occasioned by what, it is figured, will be the greatest floods in the history of Ogden, the city has begun building levees on the south bank of the Ogden river, following urgent petitions from business houses in that section.

To establish an easier grade through Weber canyon and to double-track the line out of Ogden to the east, the Union Pacific Railroad company has filed an application in the land office asking for a permit to change its right of way through Weber and Morgan counties for a distance of several miles.

Only three of the larger cities of the United States led Salt Lake City in the increase in building operations for the month just ended over January of 1909. These were Memphis, with a gain of 436 per cent; Los Angeles, 173 per cent, and Baltimore, 163 per cent. Salt Lake City's increase was 139 per cent.

Piute county is one of the smallest counties in Utah. Easterly and westerly Piute is about thirty-two miles long by twenty-five miles wide, and contains approximately 800 square miles. Its population is estimated at about 2,300.