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WRECK

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 6.—Bulletin.—A collision occurred at 1 o'clock this morning on the Rock Island road, between the San Francisco limited and a freight train. Twenty passengers were killed outright and many others injured, five fatally. No one board escaped injury. A relief train has reached here with twenty of the most seriously hurt, and also two corpses. A second relief train is coming with other injured and more corpses.

The accident occurred 25 miles west of this city.

The Limited was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour, being late, and ran by Willard, where it should have stopped, meeting the freight just beyond, around a curve.

The engineers and fireman of both trains jumped and escaped with a few minor hurts.

The locomotives and the first cars of the two trains were telescoped.

The concussion was terrific, stunning most of those in the passenger train who were not killed outright.

Second Bulletin.—Of twenty dead the following have been identified: John Black of Chanute, Kan.; Thomas Small of Topeka; Z. A. Wright of Kansas City; ane Griffin of Claremont, Mo.; W. Martin and William Wells of DeKalb, Ill.; Gail Fuller of Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Kliser and child of Germany.

There are six unidentified children and five unidentified women.

The force of the collision was so great that the smoking car jumped high into the air, landing on the roof of the first chair car and crushing in the latter, in which were most of the women and children killed. The following coach after the chair car also telescoped. The engines were driven completely into each other.

The scene immediately following the collision beggars description. Shrieks and groans rent the midnight air and were mingled with prayers for release. Those of the passengers who were only slightly hurt quickly came to the assistance of such of the more unfortunate ones as they could reach, but the work of taking them out of the debris was slow and difficult. Some could not be reached at all.

Assistance was sent for, but it was some time before the first wrecking train arrived with machinery for lifting the broken frames and beams.

Many of the bodies recovered are badly broken and disfigured.

The freight had several cars of cattle, which were slain or injured and strewn over the wreckage.

HOLD-UP

Three Masked Desperadoes Rob Nine Men—One Woman in the Party Saves Her Purse by a Clever Ruse—Police on the Trail

Three heavily armed bandits held up and robbed a party of nine men and one woman near the Tacoma smelter last night at 10 o'clock Two were masked, but the third hid his features with a hat drawn well over his face. Eight of the party had just come from Tacoma on the street car and the other two happened along just in time to be caught. The hold-up occurred at dark place on Fifty-first street about half-way between the Point Defiance car line and the Tacoma smelter.

The victims were relieved of $100 in cash and jewelry amounting in value to about $150. After taking everything they could find the three men started the party toward the smelter, while they disappeared in the direction of the car line.

Following are the names of the victims and the amounts they lost:

IRA WILLIAMS, $15.
JESSIE WILLIAMS, $23.
CHRIS PETERSON, silver watch, gold chain and 25 cents in cash.
HENRY MACK, $3.
NORMAN RHOADES, $18 and a diamond ring valued at $80.
FRANK ULRICH, $2.
DOMINIC KAMER, $20 and silver watch.

Mrs. Ulrich, wife of Frank Ulrich, was in the party that came from the car. She had a purse containing $10 in her hand. When she saw the robbers she dropped it on the ground, and later went back with a lantern and found it.

Chris Peterson saved $80 in cash by keeping it in his hands when he put them up.

Besides the $15 which the thieves took, Ira Williams had $23 in his pocket. He managed to get hold of this and when his hands went up one of them held the money. While the thieves were busy at the other end of the line he dropped it into the crease on top of his hat.

Charles Bachelor and Arthur Olson happened along just as the party were being lined up, but neither of them had any money. Olson carried a lantern, which one of the robbers kicked out of his hand, and then pushed him into line with the muzzle of his revolver.

The story of the hold-up was told to a Times reporter this morning by Ira Williams:

"There were eight of us on the 9:30 car out of Tacoma," he said. "We left the car at Fifty-first street and started toward home. About half-way to the smelter, near a ravine, and the very darkest spot on the road, three men were leaning against the railing by the side of the road. I was walking behind the rest of the party. As we neared the men I saw them step to the middle of the walk and begin to scuffle with one of our party, the first one to get up to them. I thought it was just going to be a drunken row and hurried to the front to help my friend. Just as I got there one of the three men, with a red handkerchief covering the lower part of his face, put a revolver to my head and said:

"'Hands up or I'll blow your brains out.'

"I had one hand in my pocket where the $23 was, and I grabbed hold of that and held it up.

"As soon as we were all lined up with a man at each end of the line holding a gun, the third robber searched each one of us. He commenced at the other end of the line from me and before he got to where I was I had dropped my hand to the top of my head, saying as I did so to the robber who was nearest me, 'My hands are getting pretty tired up there.'

"'Put them up again,' he shouted, 'or you'll be a whole lot more tired than you are now.' I did so, but my hand had been down long enough to drop the money on top of my hat.

"As soon as they were through the robbers headed us toward the smelter. The robbers ran up the street toward the car line."

Within 15 minutes after the robbery the report was telephoned to the police. Chief Fackler and two officers and Sheriff Denholm and a deputy at once went to the smelter and have been on the lookout for the men ever since.

The robbers are described as being small men. One of them, who wore a light suit of clothes, did not look larger than a half-grown boy. The other two wore black suits. The man wearing the light suit appeared to be considerably under the influence of liquor and did nothing but hold a gun at one end of the line. The man who went through the pockets of the victime had the brim of his soft felt hat pulled down over his eyes, but the lower part of his face was plainly visible

The thieves could not have chosen a better spot for the robbery. It is very dark and close to the end of the ravine. There are three ways open by which the robbers could get away.

Yesterday was payday at the smelter and that fact evidently was known to the thieves. Some of the men had drawn considerable money.

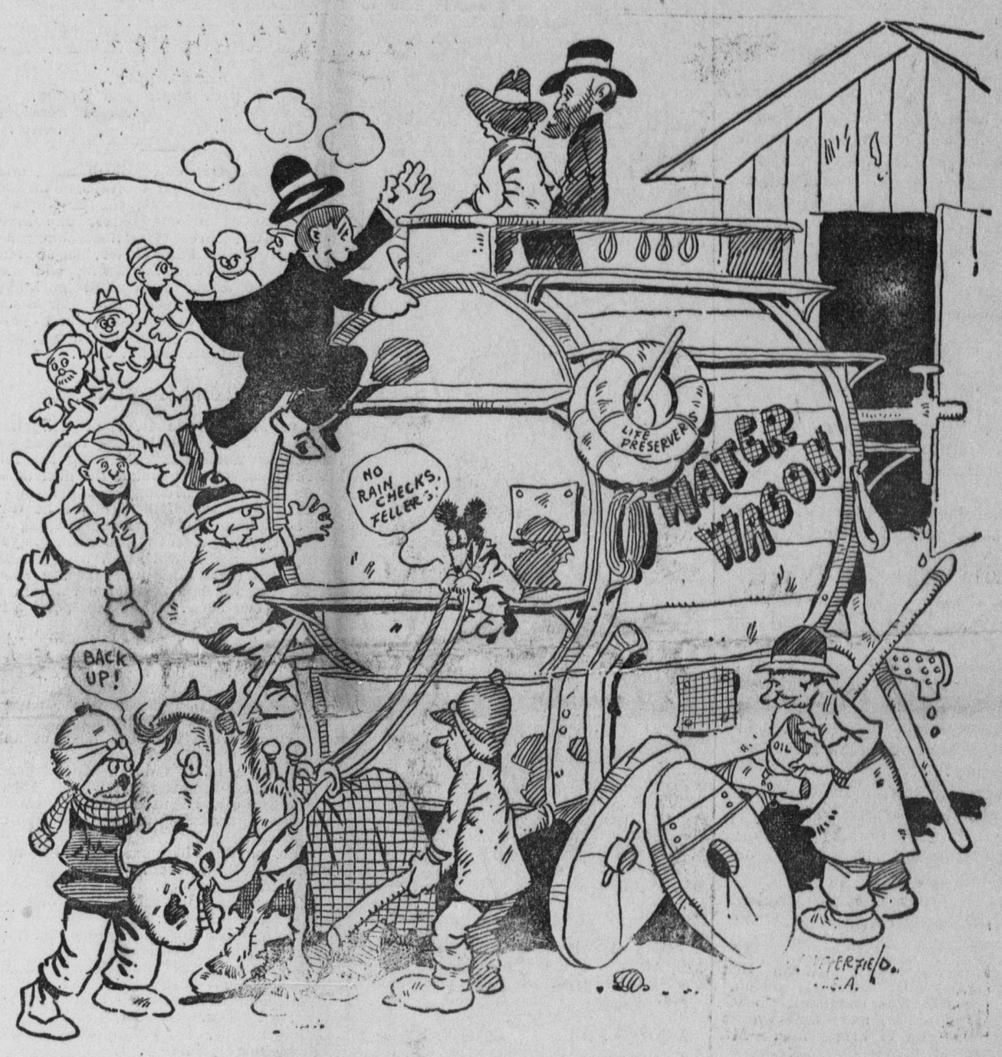
The watches taken from Peterson and Kamer were engraved with the initials of the owners and could easily be identified.

It is said that three men answering the descriptions of the robbers were in Bakion's saloon near the smelter during the afternoon. Before dark they went out and the last seen of them they were going toward the wharf.

The night of the last payday an attempt was made to hold up the boarding house kept by Mrs. Zieglemiar. After most of the boarders had gone to bed two men armed with revolvers and with handkerchiefs over their faces came to the back door. When it was opened by one of the servants they gave the command, "Throw up your hands and keep still." The servant obeyed, but Mrs. Zieglemiar, who was standing near the door with a big pan full of sauerkraut, threw the contents full in the face of one of the men, and followed it with the pan, which struck the other on the shoulder. This stopped the hold-up business.

The police have arrested one man suspected of being one of the robbers and Mrs. Zieglemiar will be given an opportunity to identify him.

THEY ARE ALL CATCHING ON



"HERE'S THE WATER WAGON, GENTS, FOR USE ON ALL INDUSTRIAL STOCKS, COMMON OR PREFERRED! PUT 'EM RIGHT BENEATH THE SPRINKLER! STEP UP LIVELY, NOW!"

AWAITING THE STORM

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 6.—An ominous gloom hangs over this city today. Turmoil is looked for at any hour. A heavy guard has been placed around the king's palace.

A detachment of 35 marines from the United States ship Vicksburg was landed here as a protection to the American legation. Another body of 70 United States marines will arrive today.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 6.—It is semi-officially announced from Vladivostock that, owing to the existence of difficulties between Koreans and Japanese, the Russian Second rifle regiment has been sent to Korea to protect Russian interests there.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Japanese embassy denies that the Russian reply to the Japanese demands has been received at Tokio.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Today 120 British sailors and 10 officers left for Genoa to take the newly acquired Japanese cruisers to Yokohama.

Lloyds are now charging 55 per cent insurance on Oriental-bound shipping.

CONTRACT LET

At a meeting of the Tacoma Manufacturers' association held last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce a contract was let for the printing, in vest pocket size, of a list of Tacoma manufacturers' products. It will include the various classes of work done here and will be issued under the name of the association.

The Commercial Bindery & Printing company has the contract for the work. The book will be out in about two weeks.

Arrangements were also made for a general meeting next Tuesday evening, when Mr. F. Cardin of the Tacoma Grain company will speak on "Transportation."

W. W. Parker of the Pacific Starch company will talk on "How to Reach the Consumer," and F. L. Shull will speak on "New Industries and Methods to Secure Them."

SLAVONIANS MAKE MERRY

Feasts, parades and a general good time are in order for the members of the Slavonian-American society of Tacoma today. Their annual celebration is being held and all members of the society are taking a holiday.

This morning a parade of the society, headed by the Tahoma band, started at Ninth street and St. Helens avenue and passed through the principal streets of the city. This followed a mass in St. Patrick's church. After the parade there was a banquet at Old Town, and tonight the celebration will conclude with a dance in Germania hall.

CANAL TREATY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—The senate committee on foreign relations this morning for the first time took up the new canal treaty.

Senators Money, of Mississippi and Clark of Montant were both ill and absent.

In view of Morgan's proclivity for lengthy discussion of anything pertaining to Isthmian affairs, it is expected that the committee will be unable to report for a considerable period.

The president today sent in the nominations of Captain O'Neill, to be a rear admiral, and Commanders Delano and Wadham to be captains.

The house committee on elections set February 15 for the hearing of the Reynolds-Butler seat contest from St. Louis.

The house committee on judiciary today decided to send a sub-committee to Florida to investigate the charges against Federal Judge Wayne, whose impeachment was recently demanded.

Senator Carmack's resolution calling for a congressional investigation of the postoffice department created a flurry today, when Lodge moved that it be referred to the committee on postoffices. Carmack wanted a more thorough investigation. Lodge declared that congressional investigations are clumsy and worthless: Clay aggressively charged Perry S. Heath with being largely responsible for the corruption in the department. He said: "Why are subordinates indicted, but principals allowed to escape?" He then shook the Bristow report aloft and said: "If this is truth, Perry Heath in his office originated the postal frauds from beginning to end. If he is slandered we want to know it. If he is guilty, he ought to be punished."

WHEAT TAKES A BIG JUMP

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Wheat went to 88½@88¼ this morning. Great excitement and turmoil characterized the morning session from the moment the board opened. The gain of 2½ cents over yesterday's close was caused by the warlike situation in the Far East and the decline in British consols.

FATAL QUARREL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—In a quarrel over the payment for a bottle of beer Edward Richards, a liveryman of Visalia, this morning shot and killed Joseph Martine, the proprietor a saloon here.

THEY MUST MOVE ON

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 6.—The United Mine Workers' union has withdrawn its support from unmarried strikers, urging them to seek work elsewhere.

GRAND DUKE IS TO COME

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—The Kleine Presse today says that the Grand Duke of Hesse, after he has visited England, will tour America in an effort to forget his domestic griefs. He was divorced from his wife two years ago and given the custody of his daughter, the Princess Elizabeth. The latter died while with him in Poland recently.

The grand duke expects to visit New York and several of the larger Eastern cities, then San Francisco. He will return to the St. Louis exposition, after which he will go to Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston.

Before deciding on the tour the grand duke asked the kaiser's permission. The emperor in reply said that he was delighter when any ruling German prince desired to see and study America and American conditions.

The grand duke will travel incognito entirely without ceremony.

POPE REFERS TO THE FRENCH CLERICAL TROUBLE

ROME, Jan. 6.—An imposing ceremony preceded the beatification of Joan D'Arc at the Vatican today. The pope delivered a speech in which he said he hoped that Frenchmen would be worthy of their glorious ancestry and would put an end to their anti-religious campaign.

PROHIBS WANT THE $12,000

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 6.—Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the Prohibition national committee, is awaiting word from Kansas City regarding the cash guarantee promised by that city when awarded the Prohibition national convention. When the committee met in this city last month and decided upon Kansas City as the meeting place for the national convention next June, the representatives of that city promised a fund of $12,000 for the convention and were given until today to raise the amount. In the event of Kansas City failing to fulfil the obligation a sub-committee of the national committee will meet and select another place for the convention. Buffalo stood second on the vote which decided on Kansas City, and probably would be chosen in the event a change is made, though Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Columbus and Milwaukee would also be considered.

WALTZ MUSIC AT HOLOCUST

CHICAGO. Jan. 6.—George Duzenbury, head usher of the Iroquois theater, who is charged with having the doors of the exits locked, also several oter attaches of the playhouse, were examined by the fire inspector today. The witnesses stated that the orchestra played a waltz through after the fire started and then escaped with ease through the exits underneath the stage.

Two more bodies were identified this morning, leaving only two others unclaimed.

FACULTY MAKES INVESTIGATION

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—The faculty of the University of Washington is today making an investigation of the conduct of the glee club while on a trip to Eastern Washington several weeks ago. It was reported at the time that a deputy sheriff followed the members of the club from Ellensburg to Spokane with a warrant charging them with stealing silverware and trinkets from a hotel. It was only by giving the articles back that the service of the warrant was forestalled.

NARROW ESCAPE

The launch Messenger, from Seattle, narrowly escaped being sent to the bottom last night by the steamer Elwood.

The launch was off the Ocean dock as the Elwood swung around on her way to Seattle and flashed a white light. The Elwood gave two whistles to pass to starboard. In reply the launch cut square across the steamer's bow and the Elwood struck her a glancing blow. The owner of the Messenger could not be found today and it is not known what damage she suffered.

It is understood that a prominent steamboat man is going to enter a complaint at the custom house against the Messenger for running without proper lights.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The report of Chief Poyns of the fire department for December shows that the department responded to 15 alarms during the month. The loss from fire on buildings was $706.05 and the loss on contents $5,000. The insurance carried was $36,000 on buildings and $112,800 on contents. The amount of insurance adjusted and paid was $5,706.05. The total expense of maintaining the department last month was $4,958.98.

FOUR GENERATIONS WILL BE TOGETHER

To attend the annual home gathering to celebrate the birthday of his mother, who is 97 years of age, William C. Wightman, who is himself 75 years old, will leave Tacoma today. The family home is in Plymouth county, Mo., but Mr. Wightman has lived at Spanaway for a number of years.

The "baby" of the family, who is nearly 50 years of age, was born after the mother had passed the half-century mark. At the birthday gathering four generations will be represented.

DOWN GOES THE VALUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—United States Steel common stock was quoted at $10.50 per share this morning. The general opinion of brokers was that dividends on the common stock, of which $500,000,000 worth of shares are held by 40,000 persons, will never be resumed. The public paid $40 to $50 per share. This half billion dollars' of stock is now worth about $50,000,000.

The brokers this morning offered to wager even money that the next preferred stock dividend will be cut.

SHOULD HAVE A GUARDIAN

In the matter of the guardianship of Gustav A. Skugrud a petition asking that Carl A. Skugrud be appointed has been filed with the county clerk.

Gustav A. Skugrud was adjudged insane last month and was committed to the asylum at Steilacoom. His personal property amounts to about $220, household furniture valued at $15 and a homestead right in section 24, on which he had given notice of final proof. He resided at Parkland.

DRIVER INJURED

In a collisioin between a Union Meat company's wagon and a Steilacoom car on Eleventh street between M and N streets this afternoon Driver Bezzant of the wagon was slightly injured. The car struck the wagon as it was crossing the track and smashed it up considerably. Bezzant was taken to the Fannie C. Paddock hospital.

NEW DEAL IN OLYMPIA TRAFFIC

A new traffic arrangement will go into effect tomorrow which will greatly facilitate travel between Tacoma and Olympia, and Olympia and Seattle.

The Interurban has entered into a deal with the McDonald steamship line whereby through tickets can be had by electric train and boat between Seattle and Olympia, via Tacoma. Tickets will be sold for one dollar for one-way through trip, boats connecting here with the electric cars, and cars connecting with the boats.

The Multnomah will leave Olympia at 7 a. m., arriving in Tacoma at 10 a. m., and connecting with the Interurban 10:30 a. m. train for Seattle, putting passengers there at noon. The Captial City of the McDonald line will leave Olympia at 3:30 p. m., arriving here at 6 p. m., connecting with the 6:30 Interurban for Seattle, and putting passengers in that city at 8 p. m.

In the opposite direction passengers will leave Seattle at 8:35 a. m., arriving in Tacoma in time to take the 10 a. m. boat for Olympia. Later in the day passengers can come from Seattle on the Interurban, taking a 3:30 boat for Olympia.

Boats are to be operated on schedule time in order to make this arrangement a success.

HOP, SKIP AND JUMP

SALT LAKE, Jan. 6.—Perry S. Heath returned here Tuesday a week ago, drove hurriedly to Senator Kearns' house and hopped out of sight. Two secret service men are watching. It is rumored they will arrest Former Postmaster Kearns.