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GREAT NORTHERN BLOCKED AGAIN

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—The Great Northern is sending five express cars from Grand Forks, N. D., with provisions for towns asking aid. Traffic on branch lines is practically suspended on account of blizzards.

Great Northern officials say the worst storm of the winter has been raging for 26 hours, almost paralyzing business.

The road was just recovering from the blockade of a week ago.

WHY SHONTS QUIT CANAL

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—It is officially announced today that John F. Stevens will be appointed chairman of the canal commission, succeeding Shonts.

On Jan. 18 The Press, through its special service, furnished its readers with an exclusive feature story from Washington, D. C., detailing the trouble between Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, and Chief Engineer John F. Stevens. The speedy resignation of one or the other of these officials was then forecast.

Yesterday's late dispatches announced that the resignation of Shonts had been accepted by President Roosevelt. The trouble arose over Stevens' refusal, as official in charge of all the canal construction work, to take orders from members of Shonts' staff, several of whom Stevens designated as "incompetents." The row was the outcome of Roosevelt's recent ruling dividing the canal work into seven departments, all directly under Shonts.

A stormy interview ensued between the chairman and chief en-

gineer and both left post haste for Washington. Stevens then tendered his resignation, refusing to continue longer in office unless he was allowed a free hand. He had the promise of the president that he would not be hampered by red tape if he would take charge of the canal work.

The upshot was that Stevens went back to the canal—and Shonts has quit. He has been elected president of the New York street-car trust, it is announced.

Meanwhile Stevens still has his war paint on and the many westerners who know him for his railroad work through this region are certain that about one more infringement on his plans will leave the canal without Stevens' ability and energy.

James J. Hill learned this after Stevens had built the G. N. through the Cascades. Afterward Hill tried to get him back at his own price, but Stevens wouldn't listen.

At Kansas City this morning Shonts said he had just completed the work of putting the canal in such position that it can be constructed without further chaos, and could now be of more service to New Yorkers than to the country at large.

THAW'S FAMILY SHOWS WEeping WIFE NO SYMPATHY



The women in the picture are Mrs. Holman, mother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw; Mrs. Thaw, Harry Thaw's mother; Mrs. Harry Thaw and the Countess of Yarmouth, who was Alice Thaw, sister of Harry Thaw.

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—When the Thaw trial was resumed the prisoner and members of his family appeared rather nervous. Josiah, the eldest brother of Thaw, joined the family in court today for the first time. The first examination of talesmen proceeded tediously.

Evelyn Thaw was obviously under a strain during today's session. Dark circles were visible around her eyes and tears were constantly welling up as the state's lawyers referred to the crime in harsh words.

Observers deduced from the attitude of the family that the sympathies of Thaw's relatives are not with the young wife. Evelyn leaned upon May McKenzie, her actress friend, for sympathy and support.

Harry Thaw took an active part in the examination of talesmen. Charles Newcomb was about to be accepted when he said it would get on his nerves to be locked up a month. Thaw told his counsel he did not want Newcomb, who was peremptorily challenged.

ASKED DAVIS FOR AID

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Metcalf today received Admiral Davis' report confirming press dispatches in regard to the ordering of his forces from Kingston. The secretary says Davis had ample authority for landing the seamen. The report contains the following:

"Yielding to the entreaties of the colonial secretary and inspector of police, speaking for the government, I landed 50 men under arms from the Indiana."

Kingston papers are bitterly denouncing Governor Swettenham for his order and the people generally are uniting in a demand for his recall. The British government is investigating.

SPOKANE DECISIONS BY SUPREME COURT

Judgment in Spokane cases from the state supreme court were filed this morning in the superior court. Decisions are affirmed in the judgment given H. P. Dean for \$1,312.80 against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.; H. W. Merritt and John Wells against Russell & Co. for \$33.75; William H. Sorrell against James McGougin for \$30.20.

In the case of the Bank of Montreal against R. J. Howard, in which the bank was given judgment for \$3,363, the supreme court knocked off the \$363. The bank had advanced \$3,000 on the note for \$2,363, and the supreme court held the court had erred in granting judgment for the full amount of the note when the bank was out but \$3,000.

MAD CRIME OF JEALOUS LOVER

(Scripps News Association.)

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 24.—James J. Jackson late last night shot and killed Susie Pearson at the Southern Pacific roundhouse. He then put a bullet into his own brain. It is said the bullet which killed the girl was intended for E. M. Packard, of whom Jackson was jealous and who was standing near. The girl's father is an engineer at the roundhouse. She died in his arms.

BILL TO ABOLISH GRAND JURY

(Scripps News Association.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 24.—A bill was introduced today which provides for the abolition of the grand jury and empowers the state's attorney to proceed by information. It requires a preliminary hearing before a justice unless the accused is a fugitive or a corporation that waives hearing.

SETS G. N. HEARING.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—The supreme court today set February 9 for hearing the Great Northern appeal from an order of the district court granting an injunction against the proposed issue of \$60,000,000 in stock.

RADICAL REFORM IN CUBA.

HAVANA, Jan. 24.—Poza, chief of provincial police, was tried today for participating in a cock fight.

\$10,000,000 FOR BATTLE SHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—The house committee on naval affairs today recommended the construction of a first class battleship of not less than 20,000 tons, to cost \$10,000,000. This is in addition to the one authorized last year.

Two new destroyers are favored and \$200,000 recommended for submarines. An addition of 3,000 blue jackets and 900 marines is advised.

SEN. ALGER DROPS DEAD

(Scripps News Association.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Russell A. Alger died this morning at his home in this city, 1401 Sixteenth st., of heart disease, from which he has suffered for some time.

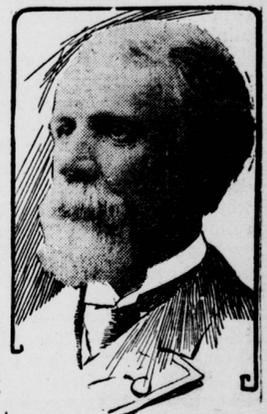
Alger's death was very sudden. He conversed pleasantly with Mrs. Alger in her room at 8:30 and went downstairs. A few minutes later he suffered a recurrence of the old heart trouble and death came quickly.

Up to today Alger attended the senate regularly. Ill health had caused him to decline to enter the race for re-election. William Alden Smith, just elected to succeed him on March 4, said:

"I don't wonder his heart gave out. He was lovable, sympathetic, and generous; his heart was the biggest part of him."

The senate adjourned at noon in respect to the memory of Senator Alger.

Senator Alger represented Michigan in the upper house. He served as secretary of war under President McKinley and has been in public



life since the Civil war. As a lumberman in the early days of the industry in Michigan he amassed an immense fortune.

NEWSPAPER SHUT OUT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 24.—An assembly caucus today decided to exclude Edward J. Livernash and all representatives of the San Francisco Bulletin for the balance of the session.

The senate republicans, in caucus this morning on the Japanese situation, accepted the following compromise resolution:

"Whereas the president of the United States has urged congress to enact laws to provide for the naturalization of Japanese, and, 'Whereas it is the judgment of the people of California that such extension of franchise would be prejudicial to the welfare of the state and United States;

"Be it resolved that we emphatically protest against any such legislation and urge our representatives in congress to vigorously oppose any attempt to pass any measure providing for the naturalization of the Asiatic race."

BRYAN TALKS FOUR HOURS TO WEBFEET

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—Bryan held the wheels of the legislature checked for hours this morning while he addressed the hall of representatives. He was accompanied by Governor Chamberlain and was given an ovation. He spoke on the theories of government, advocating the initiative and referendum and recall, and attacked corporations. Bryan congratulated Oregon on the popular election of senators and thanked democratic members for voting for republican senators who were the choice of the people. He also advocated a railroad commission.

MAYBELLE DON'T KNOW.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Reports of the impending marriage of Wm. E. Corey, head of the steel trust, to Miss Maybelle Gilman were given something of a setback today by the young woman. Miss Gilman said: "My plans for the future are in such an indefinite state it is impossible for me to make any positive statement about them. I am still studying with Jean De rezske and expect to continue for some time."

MAKE FIGHT ON CEMENT UNION BY DIRECT VOTE

Burns & Ball, contractors and builders, have been compelled to pay a fine of \$60 to the Building Laborers' union because they employed members of the Cement Workers' union to build a foundation. The settlement was forced

by the Bricklayers' union refusing to furnish men until a settlement had been effected. Burns & Ball were under contract to complete the building in a certain time or pay a heavy forfeit.

The cement workers will take the entire trouble up to their international and it is possible that the American Federation of Labor will eventually make a settlement of the differences.

Members of other unions are outspoken in disavowing the action of the bricklayers and hod carriers in this particular instance and say that the matter should have been held in abeyance until the questions of jurisdiction between the interested unions had been finally settled. They say that actions of this nature are unjustified and tend to bring discredit upon the union movement everywhere. The bricklayers are not affiliated with the Structural alliance or the American Federation of Labor.

IS ENTIRELY DESTROYED

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, Jan. 24.—Swettenham reports that Kingston must practically be rebuilt. Five hundred and thirty bodies were buried and others too badly decomposed to be identified were burned. Probably 200 remain in the debris. A majority of the residents are living in outhouses, but 3,000 are homeless.

TO BUY TACOMA ROAD.

TACOMA, Jan. 24.—That the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has acquired the Tacoma Eastern road is a well founded report today as a result of President Earling's inspection trip over the latter line.

Mr. Earling's announcements that his company will mine all of the coal for its engines on the Tacoma Eastern tends to verify the report.

HEARING IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane resumed the inquiry here this morning. He took up charges against the Harriman lines.

BIG FIRE IN TEXAS.

CARNEY, Tex., Jan. 24.—The main business block in this city was burned today. Loss \$200,000.

GET EIGHT HOUR DAY

A Philadelphia paper is authority for the statement that the United Typothetae of America has entered into an agreement with the executive committee of the International Printing Pressmen's union for the granting of an eight hour day after May 1 throughout the country. The Typothetae secures the continuance of the present open shop agreement in return for the shorter day and same wages. It is likely that considerable opposition will develop to the "open shop" clause. Local pressmen say that they close the shops by insisting that foremen join the union and in compelling foremen to employ union men. The "open shop" agreement has been in force for several years now, but the pressmen have one of the most perfect organizations in the country today and the conceding of the shorter work day without a fight is recognition of this fact on the part of the employers.

Another factor in bringing about a settlement was the fight made on employing printers at the hands of the Typographical union. Millions have been spent by both sides in this contest and the end is not yet in sight. It is probable that the Typothetae realizes that it has an abundance of trouble without taking on any more at the present time.

SUIT ON BANK DRAFT

The Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. this morning filed a cross-complaint against M. E. Golden, who has brought suit for \$450 on a draft which was originally drawn on the First National bank of Chicago for L. G. Manners but which came into Golden's possession through assignment. After getting the draft Manners notified the local bank that it was lost. The bank notified the Chicago concern not to pay it. Later Manners assigned the draft to one Saunders, who turned it

over to Golden. The Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. admits its liability but says the purpose of the cross-complaint is to present its facts with a view to escaping any double payment, as it has no notification from Manners other than that the draft had been lost.

STATE TO SEIZE PIPE LINES

(Scripps News Association.)

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 24.—A bill was introduced today authorizing the state to seize and appropriate to public use any pipe line in the state upon application of 10 independent producers, and forcing the owners of the line to transport oil at a rate fixed by the state. Standard Oil and subsidiaries own all the pipe lines in the state.

DIVORCE SCANDAL UNEARTHED

(Scripps News Association.)

DENVER, Jan. 24.—It is learned today from facts previously suppressed by the courts that Milton Smith, democratic state chairman and legal representative of big corporations, has secretly divorced his wife. He gave up two children and secretly married Mamie Hargrave, of Kansas City, also a divorced woman with two children.

WANTS INSURANCE LAWS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—The president, in a message to congress today, recommends insurance laws for the District of Columbia. He thinks the department of insurance in the district should be made a bureau in the department of commerce and labor.

TO LET WOMEN VOTE

(Scripps News Association.) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 24.—A bill introduced in the house today gives women the right to vote for county officers, members of a number of boards and presidential electors.

KILLED BY ALLEGED SON

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, Jan. 24.—William Whiteley, head of one of the greatest stores in London, was shot dead by his assistant today.

The assassin's wound is not fatal and he was hurried to the hospital with much mystery. Whiteley was closeted with the man an hour before he came to the door saying: "I can't argue any longer; go or I will call the police."

The man drew a revolver and fired. A second bullet slightly wounded a customer.

Whiteley was the Marshall Field of England.

Late this afternoon the police say the assassin gave the name of Cecil Whiteley and told them: "I shot my father."

Whiteley's two sons visited him but said they never heard of him and didn't know him.

W. W. P. STARTS TROUBLE WITH UNION CARMEN

The Washington Water Power Co. has decided to wage a war of extermination on the Streetcar Men's union. The local monopoly agreed to not interfere with the organizing of the union last fall when threatened with a strike during fair week, but as in other labor promises the company has made it took the first opportunity to repudiate its agreement.

The men have put up with all sorts of freak orders from the officers of the company, but the straw that is driving them to open rebellion was the discharging of some of the men for no other reason than that they were union men and were active in inducing others to join the organization.

When Vice President Roberts, of the local union, returned to work recently after a siege of sickness he was told by Superintendent Billings that his services had been dispensed with. Roberts asked the reason for his discharge and was told point blank that he was discharged because he was a union man. The action of the newly imported superintendent angered the men more than anything that has happened in months and there is reason to believe that trouble will result.

It is even predicted that a tie-up for a time at least, is probable. The men say they may be defeated, but that their jobs are not worth having under present conditions.

MUST PAY THE SCALE

The board of commissioners have notified all contractors on city work that the wages and hours fixed for common labor so employed will have to be lived up to if they want further contracts. The board had been notified that some contractors were not paying the scale to their men and an investigation showed this to be the case in a number of instances. The board immediately notified all contractors that the ordinance fixing the hours and wages applied to all city contracts and would be enforced.

GETS YEAR IN JAIL

George Moore, the eccentric colored man who last fall cut a wide swath in downtown by his extravagance in writing bad checks in return for automobile hire, pleaded guilty to the offense this morning before Judge Polinder and was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail. There is a question as to whether or not Moore is right in the head. The Rose Automobile Co. was the complainant.

KILLED AT N. P. SHOPS

Thomas Williams, age 40, of E104 Pacific av., was instantly killed at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Northern Pacific railroad shops by being struck on the temple with a heavy plank. Another employe, H. Gray, was grooving the plank

BUNCOED OUT OF \$70,000

(Scripps News Association.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—On complaint of a horse owner that he had been swindled out of \$70,000, by "wretappers," the police today instituted a search for members of the gang believed to be responsible for the swindle. A downtown broker was innocently used, according to the police, to work the scheme. He was brought into the race game and allowed to win \$1,000. He told the horse owner that he was allowed to win \$5,000. Then the wretappers got him to put up \$70,000 on a big bet. They have not been heard from since.

CANNON MAKES COIN

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 24.—Speaker Cannon today sold his Nebraska farm of 320 acres for \$24,000, a profit of \$7,000 in three years.

ANCIENT CITY BURNS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24.—The central portion of the ancient city of Polots was destroyed by fire today.

A marriage license was issued this morning to J. N. Tibbett and Iva Tilton, both of Spokane.