

TWO TOWNS ARE STRICKEN

AVALANCHES WRECK TOWNS OF BURKE AND MACE

Between Thirty and Sixty Killed, and Seventy Injured---Rescue Work Going on---Disaster Came Without Warning.

BULLETIN

A telephone message received by The Press from The Wallace Times at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, stated that the total death list for the two towns would run anywhere from 30 to 60, probably nearer the latter figure. "They're picking them out of the snow every hour," said the editor of The Times. The body of Thompson has just been recovered. He was on a car which was swept from the rails into the creek. Three other bodies are still in the water.

Only a portion of the town of Burke was destroyed, and the east half of the town of Mace. Both avalanches ran a course of half a mile in length. Special relief trains are arriving every hour.

At 1:15 a special telephone message from The Wallace Times to The Press stated that eighteen dead bodies have been recovered from the two towns. Seventy people have been injured. It is thought that four more bodies are still under the snow.

The Spokane chamber of commerce has wired the stricken towns, offering every help possible. No reply has been received as yet, owing to the turmoil and excitement in the towns.

The towns of Burke and Mace, Idaho, are scenes of death and suffering this afternoon, as the result of two landslides, one occurring last night, and the other early this morning.

The death toll at Mace will reach, and may be more, than twenty-five.

At Wallace sixteen bodies have been recovered, and it is thought that many more persons have met death in the avalanche.

For weeks the snow piled up in the hills above and around Burke. Then the chinook wind breathed over hill and valley, and the snow melted and the waters undermined the banks of remaining snow and ate into the earth. Everyone knew there was danger of snow and landslides.

And the slides came. They came without an instant's warning, and in the dead of night and the early morning, when men's vitality was at a low ebb, and when the shock and awfulness of the catastrophe were alone enough to prostrate the women and children and make strong men tremble.

Special telegraph and telephone messages to The Press stated that the avalanche swept down upon Burke at about 5 o'clock this morning, sweeping down the hill near the Catholic church, destroying houses and buildings and shutting the light of day forever from the eyes of the sleeping occupants.

Over thirty buildings were demolished, and tons upon tons of snow were sent hurtling through the town, like a cyclone, and still like a tornado, it destroyed everything in its wicked path.

The men and women of Burke, a town of about 1000 people, responded bravely to the needs of the moment, although, of course, they were thrown into utmost panic at first. The children, aged and sick, were put in places of safety, and every able-bodied man and woman helped in the work of digging out the victims and caring for the injured.

A special train from Wallace brought doctors and a shovel brigade. Thirteen bodies were unearthed almost immediately.

SITUATION AT MACE.

The avalanche here swept down during the night, and it is estimated that nearly 20 are dead, although some think that the list may run up to as high as 40. Here is a partial list of dead:

I. H. Pasco, superintendent of the Pasco mine; Ira H. Pasco, Eddie Pasco, Inez Pasco, Mrs. George Finnell, Mrs. R. A. Leard, Richard Mayle, Mrs. Ed Kettrell and two children, a man named Thompson, section foreman of the O. R. & N., and three Italian laborers.

The disaster was attended by scenes of inconceivable horror. The work of rescue had to be carried on in the pitch dark, only relieved by the masses of snow on the ground. Husbands in some cases vainly sought for wives, and friend shouted for friend through the darkness.

Crowded into a narrow canyon of the Coeur d'Alene mountains just below Burke, is the little mining camp of Mace, isolated from the outside world, except for an ore railroad that winds its way up the mountain grade to Wallace. Burke is at the end of a spur which extends up a canyon, and in days when the old miners' federation held undisputed sway, there were enacted many exciting incidents. It was down this gorge that a stolen train carrying a thousand men and two tons of dynamite was run on the day when the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill was blown up at Wardner.

Mace was a typical western mining camp with a line of straggling cabins perched along the base of the mountain. In recent years, however, mine officials had imported many married men, from the mining districts of Missouri, in an effort to obtain more reliable and sober help. These men built cabins far up on the mountainside and likely their families have been wiped out

THEY GET THE COLOR NOW FOR THE FLAVOR



By feeding a white hen harmless dyes, Cornell professors have induced her to lay red eggs.

TRAMP SAVES A LITTLE GIRL FROM DEATH; GIVEN MILLION-DOLLAR RANCH

(By United Press Leased Wire) GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 28.—For saving the seven year old daughter of Samuel W. Jennings from being killed by a train, Frank Strome, is today owner of half of Jennings' ranch and 15,000 cattle on it. His fortune is estimated at a million dollars. A week ago Strome was a tramp. He snatched the little girl from the rails, where she stood, too frightened to move. He disappeared, but through witnesses Jennings located him later.

TOMORROW TO RESUME FIGHT HERE ELECTION DAY

TOWNSHIPS TO VOTE FOR 400 OFFICIALS.

The 48 townships of Spokane county will elect township officers tomorrow. Over 400 men will be elected for the township officers, running from the three supervisors with a jurisdiction over their district similar to that of the county commissioners over the county, to the township constable. The result of the elections will be filed with the county auditor as soon as the votes are counted, so that the public will know the result of the wet-dry elections which are scheduled for many of the townships. Where no vote is taken on the liquor question, the townships are either dry or will be so after the election, the failure to vote on this question spelling the banishment of "booze" from the townships. The officers to be elected tomorrow are: Three supervisors, road overseers, ranging from one to four, according to the size and needs of the townships, a clerk, treasurer, pound master, justice of the peace and constable.

VALUES JUMP FROM \$2000 TO \$40,000

Judging from the evidence introduced in the easement case of Jennie E. Lane against the city of Spokane, counsel for the municipality are experiencing much difficulty in proving that the city has had possession of the Spokane street property for 10 years and is entitled to an easement. Several years ago the plaintiff offered the land to the city for \$2000, but it is estimated that the land is worth from \$30,000 to \$40,000 at the present time. The plot in litigation consists of a lot 75 by 165 feet on Spokane street, between First and Sprague avenues. The city has been using the land for a dumping ground.

QUICK WORK OF CASE.

Officers Bush and Macdonald made quick work of a larceny case reported to the police last night. Fred Scaler, proprietor of the Scaler candy factory, reported that his overcoat and a stick pin had been stolen. A few hours later the stolen articles were recovered by the officers and incidentally Frank Williams, aged 19, was arrested on a charge of larceny.

I. W. W. MEN ARRESTED TODAY FOR CIRCULATING THEIR PAPER.

ARRESTS MADE TODAY

"GREET THE DEVIL WHEN HE COMES," CHIEF'S REMARK—FREE SPEECH MEN CONFIDENT.

That the fight to regain the use of the streets for speaking purposes will reopen tomorrow, is the announcement made in the issue of the Industrial Worker of February 26. For circulating copies of the paper, two members of the I. W. W. organization were arrested this morning by Patrolman Fuller.

Charles Devlin, the second of the duet to be apprehended, announced at the police station that there are over 1,000 I. W. W. men in Spokane today, and that the number is growing rapidly with each incoming train.

A committee of three called on Mayor Pratt at the city hall this morning. Although none would talk about their errand, it was understood from a reliable source that their mission was made, for the purpose of trying to persuade the mayor to instruct the police to not molest the street speakers when the fight is renewed.

THE CHIEF'S REMARK

Chief Sullivan refused to make any statement of what will be done in case the fight opens up afresh tomorrow. "Greet the devil when he comes," was all the chief would say. He was asked if the same tactics would be pursued by the police that characterized their side of the recent trouble and he replied, "I presume so."

The officers of the I. W. W. were raided recently in both Coeur d'Alene and Hillyard and the proprietors of the places arrested in both cases. This was done according to Captain of Detectives Burns, for the purpose of warding off as much trouble as possible by weakening the forces of the "conspirators."

ARRESTS GETTING FREQUENT

J. F. McCarty was the first of the pair arrested for circulating the official paper of the industrial workers, this morning. He was brought to the station by Patrolman Fuller at 10:40. Half an hour later Charles Devlin, another of the same brigade was "pinched" on the same charge. Both men were booked with vagrancy and both refused to elucidate on the reputed plans of the organization in the future. Members of the organization (Continued on Page Two.)

MUD SCOWS WOULD BE IN DEMAND

Residents of the lower sections of Union Park today feel considerably like the youngster who is just scrambling up the muddy river bank after breaking through the ice on a chilly spring day. The flood here is subsiding, leaving sidewalks undermined and mud-covered, street corners swirling, bubbling eddies in the midst of muddy streams of water, just too broad to leap without making a spatter, and the dampness of the (Continued on Page 2.)

WIRES DOWN; DISPATCHES FEW TODAY

Press wires were down east and west this morning, and until late this afternoon no regular dispatches could be received. Floods had occurred in every direction, and trains are tied up in the Cascades and to the east of here on the Great Northern, although the Northern Pacific is sending most of its trains through on delayed schedules.

BURGLARS LIKED CIGARS.

Burglars entered the cigar store at 819 Main avenue last night and stole 25 cigars and 25 cents in change. Entrance was gained by breaking a window in the rear of the store. The broken window was discovered by Patrolman Edwards, after the burglary had taken place. The officer notified the owner of the store and investigation proved the amount of plunder to be small.

PUGH EXPECTS RENEWAL OF FIGHT

"I fully expect the I. W. W.'s to renew their street speaking fight within a few days," declared Prosecuting Attorney Fred C. Pugh this morning. "They will probably postpone the opening of hostilities for a few days, pending the result of the Heslewood habeas corpus proceedings, but I anticipate a renewal of the fight as soon as the decision of the Coeur d'Alene court is announced."

The extradition papers for Fred W. Heslewood, I. W. W. treasurer, failed to arrive at the prosecutor's office this morning, the washouts between this city and Boise, Idaho, delaying the mails. However, Prosecutor Pugh and Deputy Prosecutor Kizer will go to Coeur d'Alene tomorrow to appear at the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Heslewood, following which the authorities expect to bring the I. W. W. leader to this city to stand trial for criminal conspiracy.

INDIAN RUNS AMUCK, KILLS SIX MEN

(By United Press Leased Wire) GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 28.—Sheriff and deputies are today pursuing Tom Hanson, Apache Indian who ran amuck in an Indian camp at Tonto basin and slashed a dozen redmen and stamped the stock. Six Indians probably will die. He became possessed of a murderous mania while seated with his family of relatives at their evening meal. Drawing a knife, Hanson ran from tepee to tepee, assaulting every buck who appeared.

"LOVE AND MATRIMONY" COLUMN RESULTS IN A HAPPY MARRIAGE

Editor Spokane Press—An "old maid" friend of mine wrote an article to which you published in your love and matrimony column some weeks ago. She is now married, keeping house in a dear little three room apartment and is surely happy and contented. She was my room mate, my particular friend and the only real confidential adviser I have met in this northwest country. I feel lonely and desolate indeed without her company. Her success in finding a mate induces me to try to do likewise; she offered me the addresses of several gentlemen who had answered her appeal, but if I can't have first choice, I will remain as I am indefinitely. I am a widow, age 38, born and educated in Louisville, Ky. Lived in Montreal (where my husband died) until coming to Spokane last May. My duties do not bring me in contact with men, and for that reason I take this method of trying to find a congenial gentleman friend. Matrimony may follow if we are mutually pleased and further acquaintance proves our tastes and habits similar. Mrs. F. Clinton, P. O. Box 699, city.