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"TIMES" EXPLOSION CAUSED BY GAS, SAY UNIONS

DYNAMITE DID NOT DO IT, REPORT UNIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—That the Los Angeles Times was destroyed as the result of the explosion of gas and not by dynamite is the finding of the committee of the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor, which, for four weeks, has been working on the investigation of the catastrophe. The report has just been submitted to the federation.

The report is prefaced with a detailed account of the committee's reception by Mayor Alexander of Los Angeles when it called upon him and informed him that it desired to cooperate with the citizens committee, appointed by the city council to investigate the disaster. The mayor refused to grant the request. The committee then determined on an investigation of its own. After some parley the committee secured permission to pass the police lines and viewed the wreckage from the property adjoining the Times building. At this time even the city employes had been ordered off the property by the Times owner, the report says.

SHOWS UP OTIS' RECORD.

The report then refers to articles printed in subsequent issues of the Times, charging union labor with responsibility for the disaster.

"Inasmuch as there are many persons who are not acquainted with General Harrison Gray Otis and his newspaper," the report continues, "and who therefore naturally would suppose that there existed evidence to support such assertions, it would seem important to shed some light on the matter."

The report then reviews General Otis' fight against unionism in Los Angles, saying among other things that "on the subject of industrial freedom it is no exaggeration to say that General Otis is insane." The report further says the dream of the general's life has been to exterminate unionism in Los Angeles.

"Trumpeting abroad the report that unionists were plotting to do him violence, Otis made of his editorial rooms an arsenal," the report says. It then refers to the bitter fight made by the Timse against the unions during the recent strike

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ANNETTE PROVES SHE DOESN'T PAD; NO MEN WERE ON HAND, THOUGH

ANNETTE KELLERMAN

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—A thousand women in the Orpheum theater watched Miss Annette Kellerman cut a long slit in her black silk tights today. She stood sideawys to the audience of women, so that they might get a better look at what had been declared the "most perfect womanly form in the world."

Miss Kellerman came upon the stage first wearing a dress of black satin. Then she disrobed down to the skin-tight covering of black silk.

"People have said that I am padded," she said. She called to her maid to bring her a pair of scissors. "It's a shame to have to cut this pretty suit, but I guess I'll have to do it."

She raised her right hand and inserted the point of the scissors near the right shoulder. Snip, snip, snip went the shining little scissors, as they cut through the almost transparent silk.

She cut down across her right side and on down to below her right hip. Then she laid the scissors down and took hold of each side of the cut garment and spread it wide open.

The thousand women cheered.

But there wasn't a man there to applaud. Even the ushers were girls.

CHIEF W. J. DOUST

W. J. Doust, first actual chief of police Spokane has had in nearly two years, promises The Press that no one will be chief of police but W. J. Doust.

Chief Doust, in a statement made to the editor of The Press declared that he only accepted the position on the condition that he would be no figurehead, but would be allowed full control of the department. He said that none of the police "inner circles" would be able to influence him. Chief Doust said that he did not intend to accept the job, did not need to accept it, and DID accept it only on the condition outlined in the opening paragraph of this editorial. He believes he has the ability to run the department, and he stated he intended running it according to his own ideas. If he found he couldn't conduct it to the satisfaction of the public, he would resign, and not allow any complications to ensue.

The chief promised a square deal to everybody.

The Press desires to commend Chief Doust upon his attitude. This paper promises a "square deal" to him and every other public official. As long as they do their work in the proper manner, nothing but words of commendation will be printed. But if Chief Doust, or any other public official, should need criticism, in the opinion of the great mass of the people, that criticism will be made, just as it has in the past been the duty of The Press to show up the record of certain public men.

But The Press wishes to emphatically commend Chief Doust for his straightforward attitude at the commencement of his arduous task of reorganizing and bettering the police department, and that he may make a complete success of it is the sincere desire of this newspaper. Good luck to you, chief.

WITH MONEY OWING THEM, MEN ARE "BROKE"

The Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. is a great corporation, and as do other great corporations, it employs large numbers of men.

Also, as with other great corporations, these men mean nothing more to the O. R. & N. than would so many animals of any kind, provided those animals had the ability to be taught to perform the work necessary to the O. R. & N. In fact, the animals would be preferred to the men, in such a case.

This is particularly true of the attude of the O. R. & N. toward the men who are unfortunate enough to be compelled to work on construction work for this big corporation.

Here is just a little sample of the manner in which the O. R. & N. treats its men—that is, its laborers.

Amsi Dranko, an Austrian, and 29 fellow countrymen, were employed by the O. R. & N. on a little bit of repair and construction work on the Oregon division of the O. R. & N. These men were known as extra gang No. 40, and they worked for 18 days. They had to work hard—all the laborers on railway work have to—but they did not mind this.

But they did mind when, after 18 days' work they were discharged, the extra work being finished, and were sent to Spokane to get their money, for they found upon arrival here that there was no money for them. All they received was a set of identification checks which will enable them to collect their money—if it ever comes.

For a week now they have been waiting for their money, and they are "broke." Not one of the crowd has a penny left. Some of them walked the streets all night last night, most of them have not eaten for a day or awo, some for even longer.

Yet these men have about $30 each coming to them from the O. R. & N. With any private concern they would have been paid off as soon as they quit work. But not so with the O. R. & N.

What matters it if these men have to wait, broke, hungry and desperate, while the money they ought to have is held up by the railway? If they starve to death the O. R. & N. will be ahead the money it owes them.

That's the way the big railway corporations treat laborers. And this is by no means an isolated case.

PINKERTONS TALK WITH UNIONS

Try to Ascertain Spokane Sentiment on Los Angeles Times Explosion.

That the owners of the Los Angeles Times and the national merchants' and manufacturers' association are still determined to fasten the crime of blowing up the Times building upon the unions, is demonstrated today by the discovery of the fact that for almost two weeks back Pinkerton detectives and agents of the M. & M. have been shadowing officers and members of the local typographical union, and have frequented the lodging houses where members of various unions reside.

There are ni Spokane a number of printers and other union men who recently came here from Los Angeles, and it is to these men that he Pinkertons are paying the most of their attention.

The Pinkertons, in discussing the tragedy, speak of it in a most radical way, and insist that he "dirty union busters got just what was coming to them," but it is seldom that they can get a local unionist to side in with them.

Could they manage to secure from any of the men who recently came up fro mthe south an expression of the same opinion as the detectives so frequently voice, it might be heralded to the world that Spokane's union men declare the Times explosion to have been an act of vengeance on the part of unionism.

In a certain downtown lodging house the other evening a stranger, who had registered only that day, and who claimed to come from Los Angeles, sat in the parlor with a number of working men and expressed sentiments which verged on anarchy in discussing the Times tragedy. He declared that the explosion was the work of union men, and that it had been ordered by a secret conference of Los Angeles union heads. He also added that before the unions got through they would get the whole "D—— scab bunch."

ANYONE SEEN LITTLE BOY?

Mrs. Ralph McCaughtry, whose husband lately committed suicide, is almost frantic over the disappearance of her 3-year-old boy who started to kindergarten this morning and after taking a Cable addition car was not heard from further. He failed to appear at the kindergarten and the traction conductors could give no information as regards his disappearance.

WASHINGTON.—The Ohio campaign speaking dates for Secretary Knoxo and Secretary MacVeagh: Secretary Knox will speak in Columbia November 2 and at the final rally in Cincinnati November 5, Secretary MacVeagh will speak in Toledo November 2 and in Cleveland November 5.

LONGEST CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT WITH PASSENGER

(By United Press Leased Wire)

BRUSSELS, Oct. 28.—The longest cross country flight in an aeroplane with one passenger was accomplished today by M. Mathieu, a Frenchman, who flew from Paris to Brussels, a distance of 195 miles. Mathieu left Paris at 12:30 and arrived at Brussels at 4 o'clock. He expects to return to the French capital tonight.

MOTHER DISLOCATES JAW WHILE CALLING TO HER SMALL SON

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Oct. 28.—A megaphone probably will be employed by Mrs. Mary Terry hereafter when calling her small son, because she dislocated her jaw yesterday in giving voice to a long drawn out shout to summon him.

The lad answered only to find his mother standing in the doorway unable to close her mouth. She could not talk. The child became alarmed and notified a neighbor, who in turn called a physician to treat a sudden attack of lockjaw.

In a few minutes the woman's jaw was put in place, but it was several hours before she recovered from her fright.

WARM HEARTED PEOPLE RESPOND QUICKLY TO JOHANNIS APPEAL

Among the contributors to the load of supplies sent out this morning were the Palouse Grocery on Washington street, P. Hallett, Division street fruit dealer, and Messrs. Lymb, Donovan, Bellinger, Shields and Richard.

After delivering the goods, a representative of the relief committee called at The Press office to say that it was one of the most deserving cases he had ever come across.

Mrs. Johannis is to receive aid today—you remember the story of Mrs. Johannis and her six little ones who live out on Wellesley avenue in a tent without a stove, without food and without sufficient clothing to keep them warm—the story taht appeared in The Press yesterday.

Kind-hearted people of Spokane have responded to the appeal, and the suffering little ones with the heavy-hearted mother were relieved and gladdened today by the sight of an express wagon full of groceries, bedding and a stove to keep them warm these frosty mornings. It is the working class of people that have responded, as they always do, those who have experienced the hardships themselves and know what it means to be penniless, without credit, and almost starving for want of food. Big hearted men they are—they came into The Press office this morning and told a story of how they had read the story in last night's paper and how they had gathered togeth-

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TO MERGE CITIES

(By United Press Leased Wire)

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 28.—Planning for the merger of the cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis, before the great Panama exposition, which, it is hoped, will be held in San Francisco, the Aberdeen chamber of commerce issued invitations to the citizens of Hoquiam and Cosmopolis to attend a meeting in this city today to discuss the plans for uniting.

JAKE HAS HIS TROUBLES, TOO

Jake Warner, custodian of the chain gang of diamond breakers, is having his troubles these days. Jake says that people have no respect for the police at all. It is really shameful the way they are treated and Jake cites this instance. The chain gang has a tool box on Boone and Post street and last night the lid was locked as usual. This morning when Jake went to get the tools he found two 50 pound boxes of dynamite were gone. Jake waxed exceeding wroth and swore that if anybody wanted dynamite as bad as that they were welcome to it. They must have needed it in their business, he says.

DO YOU KNOW?

That Spokane county was created first by the territorial legislature of 1858 and that it contained what are at present Stevens, Lincoln and Douglas counties, and that Colville was the first county seat?

That the first house ever built on the north side of the river in this city was erected in 1881 on Mallon avenue, near Lincoln street, and that a part of it is still standing not far from its original location?

That the "Spokane Times," Spokane's first newspaper was founded in 1879?

That a roller skating rink was built in Cheney in 1882 and that Spokane young people continually left here for the former town to take advantage of the opportunity, going down in the evening, skating until midnight and coming back to Spokane in the morning on the first train?

That the nme Coeur d'Alenes to the Hudson Bay trading people was a name given by the Indians to the Hudson Bay trading people who were unfair to the Indians and that it literally means," having a heart no bigger than the point of an awl?

"FRESH" HAIR CUTTING PARTY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 28.—Several high school freshmen are wearing their locks shorn today, three prominent members of the sophomore class have been requested to leave school under suspension, while a quiet investigation by the school authorities is under way to ascertain the names of other alleged culprits, following a contraband hair-cutting party in which the freshmen were victims.

Eldon King, Meteo Kuneo and Jos. Kaiser, all scions of well known Salem families are under suspension. It is alleged that they were the ring leaders of the tonsorial celebration and it is admitted that they did not act alone.

FELL FROM WAGON

Suddenly stricken with epilepsy, D. Schuler, a rancher near Saltese lake, fell from his wagon at Madison street this morning and was rendered unconscious from his head hitting the pavement. A large gash was cut in his forehead and he was rushed to the emergency hospital where his wounds were dressed.

WHY WERE THEY LET ALONE?

Grand Jury Recommended Suits, But No Prosecution Resulted.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSE GRAFT.

We find in the files of the office of county commissioners that on July 5, 1905, that R. M. Barnhart, prosecuting attorney for Spokane county, in response to a written request from the board of county commissioners, for an opinion as to the legality of the commissioners charging a flat sum of $25 each per month for the individual expenses of the commissioners, that the prosecuting attorney advised the board that such a charge was illegal, and that the commissioners were only entitled to such sums as were actually expended by them in the performance of their official duties.

Notwithstanding the opinion of the prosecuting attorney George H. Collin, William Dean, Henry Rohwer and W. H. Spence received large sums of money from the county for personal expenses, which they were not entitled for the reason that the money so expended by thme was for their personal expenses while not engaged upon official business.

We therefore recommend that the present county commissioners institute civil suits against George Collin, William Dean, Henry Rohwer and W. H. Spence, torecover from each of them such sum or sums of money as they received from the county in excess of that permitted by law. —Final Grand Jury Report, October, 1909.

Prosecuting Attorney Fred C. Pugh also rendered an opinion, which is a matter of record at the courthouse, that the above allowances were illegal, yet Mr. Pugh has never seen fit to start any criminal proceedings against the members of the old board, who grafted the county for hundreds of dollars. If a citizen were to file an illegal

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It Happened on a Car

It was in a crowded suburban car last night, when little old Mr. Common People was exercising his inalienable right to dig up the price of one nice, long, cooling beer for the privilege of assisting in wearing out the hanging straps of the Washington Water Power Co. Just before the car crossed the Post street bridge a woman got on. She had an armful of bundles, a big armful, for she had been shopping all afternoon. On the car she found a lady friend who had also been bundles in the sshopping. There were not so many lucky enough to econd lady's arms, and she was first lady a seathave a seat. Nobody offered the my seat, dear.", so the friend said: "You take stee, I "I couldn't "Oh, no," replied the lady who possibly do that"—but she did."Now," said she, when comfortabl y seated, "You let nie have yourbundles, and I'll pay the fare for bo th of us." The car sped on up theline, and the conductor came aro und. The lady who sat in the seatreadjusted her bundles, slipped a sh opping bag from her arm, took outher purse, handed the conductor a h alf dollar, put her purse back in thebag, slipped the bag back on her a rm, settled her bundles comfort-ably and then noticed that the co nductor had her change ready. Soshe readjusted her bundles, slippe d the shopping bag off her arm,opened it and took out her purse, p ut the change in the purse, put thepurse back in the shopping bag, sli pped the handle of the bag backover her arm, resettled her bundle s in her lap. Then she looked outof the window.

"Dear me!" she exclaimed, suddenly, jumping up and scattering the bundles all over the car floor, "that horrid conductor has taken me two blocks past my street." Finally, by the time she had gathered her bundles and signalled the conductor, she alighted from the car four blocks from where she wished to go, vowing dire threats of reporting the poor fellow in blue and buttons, who had eben too busy making her change to read her mind and find out where she wanted to get off.

DEMENTED WOMAN MAY BE DEAD

A woman believed to be demented, who has been wandering with a big St. Bernard dog in the woods near Belair, 15 miles east of this city on the Spokane & Inland, has not been seen for some time and it is believed she may have perished, as her dog appeared at one of the farmhouses in a famished condition and alone. The woman was first seen Wednesday morning as she was running across the fields with disheveled hair ad torn clothing. Workmen tried to stop her, but she eluded them and entered a strip of woodland, at once being lost to view. Thursday night the dog appeared at the home of C. H. Pearson who, fearing that the woman had been injured or had perished, formed a posse and instituted a search for her. Pearson came to Spokane this morning for help and two deputy sheriffs were sent back with him.

DEER'S ANTLERS COMPRISE 50 PRONGS

BANGOR, Me., Oct. 28.—S. L. Crosby, a taxidermist, is mounting a "world beater" in the way of a deer head from a buck killed by Hull Gould of Grand Lake Stream. The head has antlers with 50 prongs, the largest number ever seen on red or cotton tail Virginia deer in the world. The largest previous set of antlers recorded had 33 prongs.

The head of Gould's buck is in good condition and the teeth are sound, showing it was in its prime when shot. The antlers are well balanced, 26 being on one side and 24 on the other.

ATE TWO MEALS UP IN AIR

(By United Press Leased Wire)

ETAMPS, France, Oct. 28.—Remaining aloft for six hours and ten minutes, and eating two meals while he whirled through the clouds in his aeroplane, Maurice Tabateau broke existing time and distance records today. The daring aviator sailed 283 miles without alighting.

The feat was performed in a Farman biplane in the aerodome here. The test is considered one of the most remarkable, both for the endurance of the machine and its operator that has ever been attempted. By his performance today Tabateau wins the Michelin cup. The former record was held by Olieslagers, a Hollander, who, in July, sailed 244 miles without alighting, remaining aloft 5 hours, 3 minutes and 5 seconds.

KILLED AS HE HAD DREAMED

YORK, Pa., Oct. 28.—Roman Rudy, a carpenter of York, dreamed that he was about to meet with a ftal accident and that he was warned to prepare for death.

The dream made such an impression on him he began spending his evenings in prayer. Yesterday he was struck by a traveling crane and crushed to death.

KILLED HIS FAMILY

ST. CLAIRESVILLE, O., Oct. 28.—Blasius Nochoulter, a farmer living near here, killed his wife and baby early today and then committed suicide. The bodies were found in the home by Nochoulter's brother. Jealousy of his brother is believed to have caused Nochoulter to do the killing.

27 BIRTHS IN ONE LINER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The stork assigned to the Hamburg-American liner President Grant seems to be fond of the figure "7." In her two years' service 27 children have bene born on the steamer. In seven consecutive western trips there were seven births, the last on the trip ending yesterday.

The mother of the new baby is a fourteen-year-old girl from Poland. The child was born during a storm last Sunday.

WOMAN WOULD SELL HER HAIR FOR FARM

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The lure of the little farm, with its date broilers and maybe a pigeon or two cut in half and broiled over a bed of coals and enough money from eggs for an occasional porterhouse steak has sounded its note to Helen Dysko, who lives with her husband and little daughter, Stephanie, in two rooms in a tenement at 973 Hudson avenue West Hoboken.

The woman, who was born in Austrian Poland, has long, tawny hair reaching well below her knees. This crowning glory of woman she is willing to sacrifice in order that she and her family may live on a farm. She advertised her hair for sale yesterday.