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PORTION OF TRAIN IS SWEPT FROM TRACK BY AVALANCHE; MANY DIE

Great Northern Has Bad Accident on Cascade Line Near Everett---Two Coaches Thrown 300 Feet Down Side of Embankment

Seattle, Jan. 22.—Great Northern train No. 25, the Cascade limited from Spokane, was struck by a snow slide near Corea station, on the west slope of the Cascades, near the mountain summit this morning.

The train was standing still when hit. The dining car and day coach received the full force of the avalanche, and were carried down the embankment 300 feet.

All persons in the two cars must have been killed or badly injured. Physicians have been sent from Everett.

The train had been stopped by a small slide, which had covered the track. Workmen had just completed removing the snow and debris from the rails, and the train was about to proceed when the avalanche thundered down from the mountainside above the track.

The dining car and day coach were struck squarely on the side and carried away as though they had been chips. Other cars and the engine were left on the track.

Corea is about 120 miles east of Seattle, and is situated at the loop of the big switchback. It is the second station down the west slope from the Cascade tunnel, and is almost the exact spot where a train was swept from the tracks February 28, 1910.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—From five to fifteen persons were killed and a number injured as the result of a snow slide at Corea, on the western slope of the Cascade mountains, which caught the westbound Great Northern train No. 25, swept the chair car and diner into a gulch, and overturned one sleeping car.

Five dead have been rescued, while ten or twelve passengers are still imprisoned in the wreckage, which has started to burn.

Cries for help from the cars in the gulch, heard on the track above, where the engine, baggage and observation car were left standing, showed some were still alive.

At that time two Great Northern passenger trains, which had been detained two weeks by snow slides in front and rear were struck with an avalanche at night and carried several hundred feet into a gulch. Nearly all persons on the trains perished. The bodies were not all recovered for several weeks.

After this accident, the railroad began the construction of concrete snow sheds at the cost of millions of dollars.

Railroad engineers believed they had protected all the most dangerous places. The snow fall during the present winter has been very heavy and the Great Northern experienced much trouble, but has managed to keep trains moving with only slight delay.

$50,000 FIRE ON 14TH FLOOR OF THEATER WHILE 2,000 ENJOY PLAY, IGNORANT OF BIG BLAZE

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Fire last night and early today did more than $50,000 damage to offices on the fourteenth floor of the Majestic theatre building here.

Two thousand men, women and children sat in the theatre, which occupies most of the first four floors of the building, for more than two hours, in ignorance of the fire raging above them.

Tersa Krail, a scrub-woman, discovered the fire and carried firemen up and down in the elevator during the period when the fire was at its height.

GENERAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST AMERICANS AND CARRANZA IS AGREEMENT OF REBEL LEADERS

Washington, Jan. 22.—Death to Americans in Mexico and destruction of their property, as well as a war to a finish against Carranza, was determined upon, it became known here last night, at a formal convention of Mexican revolutionary leaders held in November at a ranch near Cordoba.

Present and joining in the agreement are said to have been representatives of Villa, Zapata, Argumedo, Higinio Aguilar, the Cedillo brothers, and many lesser chieftains.

REPORTS ARE MEAGER.

Meager reports of this gathering came to the state department long ago, but they were not made public, and until last night few people in Washington knew that there was a general conspiracy against Americans, or even that the various rebel factions in the field in Mexico had effected any kind of agreement for concerted activities against the de facto government.

The recent massacre at Santa Ysabel, attributed to bandits led by Villa officers, is believed to have been perpetrated in accordance with the rebel convention order.

VILLA MARRIED AGAIN.

Juares, Mexico, Jan. 22.—Although supposed to be the object of a determined search by three Carranza columns sent out to bring him in, dead or alive, Francisco Villa, the proscribed Mexican chieftain, has found time to be married and has forsaken his war horse to ride in a coach with his bride, according to Ignacio Enriquez, civil governor of the state of Chihuahua, who arrived here yesterday.
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HAS TWO OTHERS.

At least two women, one now in Cuba and the other in Los Angeles, are said to claim Villa as a husband.

Enriquez, confirmed previous reports that Villa was boasting that he would force intervention by the United States inside of thirty days, but declared that Villa had only a few men with him.

TWENTY-THREE KILLED.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—Twenty-three persons were killed near Pueblo recently when a passenger train was blown up, supposedly by Zapata adherents, according to A. J. Trumble, wealthy mine owner of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, who arrived here yesterday.
of Oaxaca, Mexico, who arrived here today.

Only one passenger survived, it was reported. The train which was blown up, Mr. Trumble said, was immediately ahead of one on which he was traveling from Mexico City.

FORMER UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT WHO ANSWERED DEATH'S CALL LAST NIGHT

Webster Merrifield.

NORSE BOAT IS AFIRE; LOADED WITH MUNITIONS

Left New York Yesterday and Returned During the Night for Aid.

New York, Jan. 22.—The Norwegian freight steamer Sygna, which left here yesterday for Archangel, Russia, returned with fire in her hold and anchored off quarantine station.

Using Morse signal lights, her captain flashed a message ashore saying that there was fire in the Sygna's No. 1 hold, and asking for aassistance.

About two hours later the fire boat and Mayor Gaynor arrived alongside the Sygna and began to fight the fire.

Apparently the fire still is under the hatches. The Sygna is believed to be loaded with war munitions and supplies for Russia.

The steamer is owned in Bergen, Norway. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

WARNING IS SOUNDED.

Minneapolis, Jan. 22.—A warning against carrying occupational training beyond its proper scope in the public educational system was sounded by W F. Webster, high school principal of Minneapolis, in an address before the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education here yesterday.

MURDERER IS HOOTED AT BY GREAT CROWDS

Louis Bianchetti Confesses to Strangling Dolores Evans in Cleveland Hotel.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Escorted by police through dense crowds which hooted at him and yelled for vengeance, Louis Bianchetti, who was arrested in New York last Saturday and confessed to strangling to death Dolores Evans in a hotel room here nine days ago, was taken from a New York train late yesterday afternoon and placed in the county jail where he collapsed. He has been indicted on the charge of murder in the first degree. Bianchetti eluded police here after remaining in the city two days while police were searching for him. He sought refuge at the home of a sister in New York where he was captured.

STIMSON FOR GARRISON PLAN

Former Secretary of War Endorses Proposal of the Present Official.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Unqualified endorsement of the administration's continental army plan was given by Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war in the Taft administration, in an address before the National Security league today. Declaring himself in favor of compulsory military service as the true solution of the defense problem, Stimson said he regarded the program now advanced by Secretary Garrison as a sound initial step.

"If congress is not ready yet to sanction universal training," Stimson said, "the measures which are enacted should be those which, so far as they go, are in accord with this great fundamental duty and which, as the time passes and experience ripens, will lead naturally to the establishment of such a system. Instead of ourselves performing the most vital duty of citizenship," said Stimson, "we have been hiring other men to do it for us. Other democracies have been more consistent and intelligent and today they are reaping the advantage of their action not only in their national security but in the stability of character which their training has given to the individual."

INVESTIGATING CHARGES.

New York, Jan. 22.—District Attorney Swann began an inquiry yesterday into published charges of irregularities in the expense accounts of the legislative committee, headed by State Senator George F. Thompson, which has been investigating the state public service commission.

SEE BID FOR PEACE WITH THE BELGIANS

Berlin Article Discusses Possible Negotiations Between Two Nations.

London, Jan. 22.—An Amsterdam dispatch states that the Frankfurter Zeitung, in discussing the possibility of separate peace between Germany and Belgium, says that as long as Belgium has not signed the London agreement, regarding the making of separate peace, she is free to do as her interests command.

The newspaper is quoted as adding that Belgium until now has been considered by the German chancellor as an object of exchange, and that sensible Belgians ought to be told not to wait too long or Belgium will be considered as a good prize.

The Amsterdam dispatch says this article has caused a sensation in Germany, and that it is believed that it was inspired from official sources.

Balkans Still Center.

The Balkans continue to take precedence in war news, both Montenegro and Greece being points of notable interest.

The situation in each, however, is somewhat clouded by the paucity of direct news, and decided the conflict in such advices as received.

Further reports regarding the resumption of hostilities between Montenegro and Austria, following the rejection of peace terms by the former, are lacking, and there is small disposition in Teutonic quarters even to admit that there has been any break in the negotiation.

A Berlin dispatch, however, quotes a Cologne newspaper as conceding that obstacles had arisen during the negotiation.

Petrograd claims further Russian successes in the Caucasus, declaring that the Turks in the vicinity of Erzerum had been defeated, and are retreating precipitately to the protection of the Erzerum forts.

FEDERAL FORCE LOSES TO REBELS

Government Troops Unable to Withstand Vigorous Onslaught.

Peking, Jan. 22.—Rebels in the province of Yunman have defeated a body of government troops and are moving northward. The engagement between the Yunman revolutionists and government forces took place at Suifu, Sze-Chuen province, the rebels having crossed the northern border of Yunman.

The force opposing them at Suifu was the garrison of that place, and after defeating it, the rebels marched northward toward Tzeliu Tsing, apparently with the intention of moving on Cheng-Tu, the capital of Sze-Chuen province. Many government troops from Hankow are arriving at Chung-King.

RAISE FUNDS FOR JEWS.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 22.—Governor Brumbaugh last night issued a proclamation to the people of Pennsylvania, calling upon them to set aside next Thursday, January 27, as a day on which to make donations for the relief of Jewish people in the various countries at war.

MUST KEEP QUARTER MILLION IN RESERVE TO MAINTAIN FORCES

(Herald Special Service.)

Winnipeg, Man. Jan. 22.—With four army divisions in Flanders, Canada, will soon have 100,000 men of all ranks on the firing line, and it will require reserves of a quarter million, or Canada's total enlistment to date, to keep this army to full strength. Comman of the fourth new army division of 20,000 men will go to General Lipuett, former commander of Winnipeg's whole military services.

DR. WEBSTER MERRIFIELD IS DEAD; SUMMONS COME TO EX-PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY AT WESTERN HOME

TEXAS RANGER DIES IN FIGHT

Shot Down by Mexican Cattle Rustlers While Searching for Animals.

Ysleta, Texas, Jan. 22.—The story of the killing of Bert Akers, a young Texas ranger, who crossed the border into Mexico yesterday in search of stolen cattle, was related here by his companion, Douglas Downs, who survived a hail of bullets as both fled on one horse.

Five Mexican cattle rustlers, including the two Duran brothers, accused of the killing, were taken by Mexican soldiers.

The cattle Akers and Downs were hunting for had been stolen from the ranch of Mrs. I. B. Murphy. Downs' story of the shooting contradicts the story of the captured Duran brothers, told to General Gavira, commandant at Juarez, that the Americans and a Mexican secret service officer fired at them.

Fire On Mexican Smugglers.

El Paso, Texas., Jan. 22.—Customs officers opened fire on several Mexicans attempting to cross the international border with large bundles of rags. The Mexicans fled. The immigration authorities recently issued orders against the importation of rags because of reported typhus in Mexico.

The Mexicans today refused to halt when ordered by officers, who immediately opened fire. It is not believed any were injured, however.

VERDICTS OF GUILTY RETURNED BY COURT

Three Junk Dealers Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud Government of Duty.

New York, Jan. 22. — Verdicts of guilty were returned late yesterday in United States district court against Meyer, Morris and Charles Ettman, junk dealers, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of duty on imported merchandise smuggled and stolen by longshoremen and truckmen from steamship piers. Goods valued at $250,000 landed at this port for trans-shipment under bond to Chicago and other cities were involved in the case. Merchandise valued at about $50,000 was recovered by special treasury agents.

The Ettmans, who are brothers, were sentenned to the federal prison at Atlanta.

LEVY NEW FINE ON BRUSSELS

Von Bissing Acts Because Slayers of Informer Are Not Given Up.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—General von Bissing, governor-general of Gelgium, has fined the city of Brussels 500,000 marks, says the Echo Belge, because inhabitants of the city failed to reveal the name of the assassin of Oels Derode, the informer whose testimony convicted Miss Edith Cavell, English nurse, who was executed at Brussels some time ago.

The town of Schaerbeck, near Brussels, where the body of Derode was found, was fined 50,000 marks, according to the newspaper.

COLD WAVE IS SEEN AS FRIEND

Will Give Relief in Flood Districts—Situation is Improving.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The cold wave, said by the weather bureau to be sweeping eastward from the Rocky Mountain region, is held out as bringing hope for relief for flood conditions which prevailed in Illinois and neighboring states as a result of torrential rain, following the rapid rise in temperature.

With thousands of persons temporarily made homeless and property loss running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, railroad traffic interrupted and several cities facing the possibility of epidemic as a result of the pollution of their drinking water, the receding waters are watched with great anxiety.

FORMAL TRANSFER OF CAR WORKS MADE

LaPorte, Ind., Jan. 22.—Formal transfer of the Haskell & Barker car works at Michigan City to a syndicate of eastern capitalists including W. E. Corey and Frank A. Vanderlip, was made here yesterday.

The price was given as "ten dollars and other valuable considerations," but the revenue stamps amounting to $4,832 was said to indicate a purchase price of $4,832,000.

HAD BEEN QUITE WELL UP TO AN HOUR OF THE END; LEADER AMONG EDUCATORS OF WEST

Dr. Webster Merrifield, for 25 years connected with the University of North Dakota and for 18 years its president, died at midnight at his home in Pasadena, Calif., the end coming suddenly and with little warning. Angina pectoris, a form of heart disease, caused death.

A brief dispatch from Thomas D. Campbell, a son-in-law, said that Dr. Merrifield walked about the grounds of his home yesterday afternoon and last night entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Whithed and daughter Ruth, of this city. He seemed in good health until 11 o'clock, when pains began and increased until he died suddenly at midnight.

The dispatch said that Dr. Merrifield's health had been improving for the past four years until two months ago. He was at no time confined to his bed, however.

Dr. and Mrs. Merrifield visited Grand Forks last June during university commencement week. At that time he was in excellent health and found much joy in renewing old acquaintances and taking part in the university commencement exercises.

Mr. Campbell said in his message that Mrs. Merrifield is well.

The funeral will be held in Pasadena Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dan and Clara Bull, step-children, are enroute from St. Paul to Pasadena.

Many old Grand Forks friends of the Merrifields are in Pasadena and had enjoyed conversations with Mr. Merrifield during the past few days. They include the Whitheds, S. S. Titus, J. E. Clifford, W. C. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Finch, W. R. Vanderhoef, E. M. Upson and J. R. Parson.

The news was received at the university during the forenoon, but was not generally known until the convocation period, when it was announced by Dean Vernon P. Squires. It came as a great shock to the faculty members, particularly those who were associated with Mr. Merrifield for so many years.

Prominent business and professional men of the city also received the report with a distinct feeling of personal loss, as the deceased was so intimately associated with many of them, both in a private and public way.

A meeting of the university faculty was held at noon when the question of holding memorial services was taken up. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for such services and the members will meet Monday after President F. L. McVey, who was made a member of the body, returns to the city. Another committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of condolence and send them to the family. A message of condolence will be wired tonight, and the resolutions will be mailed just as soon as they are approved by the faculty. A floral tribute also will be given by the faculty. The members of the resolutions committee are: Dean V. P. Squires, Dean E. J. Babcock, Dean Jos. Kennedy, Prof. Geo. St. John Peerrott, Prof. A. G. Leonard and Prof. J. E. Boyle. The committee to arrange for the memorial services is: President F. L. McVey, Dr. Gottfried Hult and Dean V. P. Squires.

Here at Institution's Opening.

Dr. Merrifield came to the University of North Dakota when it first opened its doors on Sept. 8, 1884. He was associated with it for 25 consecutive years, 18 of which were as president. He became president in 1891, succeeding Homer O. Sprague. He came to the university as professor of Latin and Greek and later became professor of economics and political science.

He was born on July 27, 1852, in Williamsville, Windham county, Vermont. His parents, John A. and Louisa W. (Williams) Merrifield, were natives of Vermont. He received his preparatory training in the common schools of his native town and at Cushman academy, Bernardston, Mass., and at Wesleyan academy, Wilbraham, Mass., graduating from the latter institution in 1872. He spent one year in Indiana teaching, and in 1873 entered Yale. He was graduated from Yale with the degree of B. A. in 1877, and in 1892 was honored with the degree of M. A. by the same institution. He taught two years in Newburgh, N. Y., and in July, 1879, was given a faculty position at Yale. He held this position until 1883. He then resigned and accepted the professorship of Latin and Greek in the newly organized North Dakota university. In 1909 he was succeeded as president by F. L. McVey.

A Patriotic Worker.

The university is not the only North Dakota educational system which bears the stamp of Dr. Merrifield's work. In 1891 he organized the movement, which in 1895, resulted in the passage of the law creating the state high school board. He acted as volunteer examiner of high schools from 1891 to 1895, and from 1891 to 1897 personally defrayed the expenses of state high school examinations. He originated the state examinations for high schools of North Dakota. He organized the annual state high school conference and gave very valuable help in classifying the high schools.

Wedded in 1902.

In 1902, Dr. Merrifield was wedded to Mrs. Elizabeth Bull, widow of George Bull of Grand Forks. The wedding occurred in Newburgh, N. Y., Mrs. Merrifield's native town. The wedding was the culmination of a romance, which really began in Newburgh, when Dr. Merrifield taught school there. He met her when she was Miss Elizabeth MacBride and one of the prominent young women of her home town. The acquaintance was renewed when Dr. Merrifield came to Grand Forks.

Deceased is survived by his widow and three step-children, Mrs. Thomas D. Campbell, who resides in Pasadena, and Dan and Clara Bull of St. Paul. The latter two are enroute to Pasadena.

University a Monument to Him.

The University of North Dakota, in its present form, really stands as a monument to Dr. Merrifield. He became its executive at a time when a strong leader was demanded and he carried it through one of its greatest crises, meeting exigent circumstance after exigent circumstance in a remarkably and effective manner. Those connected with the institution in 1895 and friends of the university will never forget his work at that time. The regular appropriation was vetoed in that year and for a time things wavered on the edge of uncertainty, but Dr. Merrifield was at the head and under his guidance and aegis the institution successfully weathered the storm. He was offered the presidency of the University of Montana and of a well known eastern college, but he remained at North Dakota to hold the faculty together and keep the university running until the meeting of the legislature in 1897. Prominent men came to his assistance, and, with him at the helm, the university finally was put on a sound basis. Its advance from that time was rapid, till in 1909, when Dr. Merrifield retired, the student enrollment had trebled, the faculty had grown from 13 to 61 members, the annual maintenance from $30,400 to $145,000, and a number of new buildings had been added.

Dr. Merrifield made the University of North Dakota, and for this reason his memory always will be honored and his name revered in this state.

A Student's President.

Dr. Merrifield was essentially a students' president. The university was founded to give the young men and women of the state a higher education and Dr. Merrifield, as president, realized that it was his duty to see that they got it. But he was more than a president; he was a warm personal friend and took a fatherly interest in all their work and pleasures. Alumni of the institution, particularly those of the classes of the '90's, will never forget his work for them. It was a common thing for him to visit the dormitories and care for "his boys." If any student was ill, Dr. Merrifield knew it and he was one of the first to reach the room. He ministered unto all their needs; he took an active part in all their student affairs and many a time he helped them out of personal difficulties.

M'ILWEE AND SON WIN DAMAGE SUIT

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 22.—McIlwee and Sons, in their suit for $750,000 damages against Foley Bros., Welch and Stewart over the boring of the big Canadian Pacific railway tunnel at Rogers' Pass, resulted today from a judgment of the privy council, London.

The privy council dismissed with costs the appeal of Foley Bros., Welch and Stewart from the judgment of the British Columbia court of appeals which held that McIlwee and Sons were entitled to the full amount of the damage they could show they had suffered from having had their contract cancelled. They were forced out of the work when their bonus had reached $200,000, owing to soft nature of the rock.

Presumed That Entente Powers Sink Own Ships

Berlin, Jan. 22—The Overseas News agency yesterday gave out the following for publication:

"Competent German authorities state that during the month of December, twenty-four ships, among which were one British auxiliary cruiser and two British transports, with a total tonnage of 104,764 were destroyed by the allies' fleets. Reliable reports about ships destroyed by mines and collisions are still lacking, and the real losses therefore are superior. The total will not be less than 130,000 tons."

As the Overseas News agency in its dispatches usually refers to the entente allies merely as the "allies," it is presumed that German authorities are making the claim that fleets of the entente allies are sinking their own vessels.

CANADIAN ROAD TO BUILD SOON

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 22.—M. H. McLeod, general manager of the Canadian Northern railway announces that the program for the lines in the west during the ensuing year would be marked by progressiveness. The road would be maintained in the highest standard of efficiency and improvements would be made where necessary. Rails would be laid on all branch lines that have been graded as well as the extensions, so as to enable the railway to take advantage of the anticipated improved conditions throughout the west.

WILL FORM COMMISSION.

Washington, Jan 22.—Asthority for formation of a committee of Americans to handle war relief work has been cabled to Cairo, Egypt, by the American Red Cross through the state department. The immediate task of the committee will be to aid in caring for 4,000 homeless Armenians who are being sheltered at Port Said.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Unsettled weather tonight and Sunday; colder in southeast portion tonight; continued cold Sunday.

UNIVERSITY READING.

7 a. m., —12; maximum, 20; minimum, —12; barometer, 30.10; precipitation, 0; wind northwest, 26 miles.