

JOY RIDE ENDS IN FATALITIES

ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT IN SEATTLE

Machine Leaves Trestle and Falls to Tide Flats Below.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Sept. 23.—Two young women are dead, a third is seriously injured, one man is fatally injured and three others are in the city hospital severely burned, as the result of an all-night "joy ride" which came to an abrupt end at 5 o'clock this morning...

The dead are: Miss Mabel Johnson, domestic, Seattle. Miss Goldie Porter, saleswoman, Seattle.

Those fatally injured are: Alexander Anderson, at city hospital, crushed and horribly burned. Seriously injured: Miss Winnie Frazer, waitress, recently from Mount Vernon, Wash.

The chauffeur in charge of the car, Henry Hiler, is in jail, having been taken into custody by the police immediately following the accident. It is said that he was driving the big Pope-Toledo car at a high rate of speed across the long bridge, when it crossed the curve the steering gear became disabled and the machine tore through the flimsy wooden guard rail and was flung to the flats, 25 feet below, where it turned over, pinning the occupants under its heavy body.

One of the women was killed outright, every bone in her body being broken by the heavy machine falling on top of her. The flames, which sprang up the instant the machine hit the ground, burned one of her legs to a crisp before she could be extricated. All of the occupants, except the chauffeur, who was thrown clear, were pinned underneath and burned. When removed from the wreckage nearly all the clothing of the women was burned from their bodies.

Within a few minutes after the accident, only the blackened smoking ruins of the motor car and the broken bridge rail remained to tell the story of the tragedy.

The noise of the crash and screams of those in the car were heard by a number of early risers in the neighborhood, and men and women hurried to the scene. Some one turned in an alarm and a company of firemen soon reached the spot and took charge of the rescue work.

The automobile was rented by the party about 1:20 o'clock this morning on Second avenue.

EXPLOSION WRECKS SEATTLE GARAGE

Automobiles Destroyed in Fire Which Followed Mechanic's Careless Act.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Sept. 23.—When a mechanic lighted a match in the garage of W. H. Heinzerling, on Broadway, between Pike and Pine streets about midnight, a fire was started which gutted the place and destroyed twenty machines with a loss of \$80,000.

The mechanic was making some repairs on a big "Seeing Seattle" car, and struck a match to light his pipe. There was an explosion, and the man was knocked senseless, overcome by the smoke and gas fumes. The only other man in the place was a washer, who rang in an alarm of fire. A passer by ran into the smoke filled garage and rescued the unconscious mechanic. Explosion followed explosion, and the automobiles took fire. There were some 250 gallons of oil in the tanks of the cars, and when the engines arrived the place was filled with flames. Only one automobile was saved.

Major-Gen. Grant Will Probably Lead Prohibitionists in United States.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Major-General Frederick Dent Grant, son of the famous leader of the Union forces during the civil war, is being suggested as the presidential candidate of the prohibitionists in 1912 by members of the organization who are assembling in this city to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the party.

SPANIARDS GIVE WAY TO MOORS

RIFTS TRIBESMEN GAIN ASCENDANCY

Fortress Taken Few Days Ago Will Be Recaptured.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Paris, Sept. 23.—Three Spanish forces under General Marina have suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the Rif tribesmen, and are now in full retreat toward Melilla, according to advices which reached the French war office this afternoon.

For the past four days the Spaniards, numbering 40,000 men, had steadily pushed forward, driving the Moors before them. The battle reached its climax yesterday, when hundreds were slaughtered on both sides in a bloody conflict which took place at close quarters.

The Moroccans for the third time were compelled to retreat and re-form their shattered lines, while the victorious Rif tribesmen pushed forward. Early to-day, according to dispatches, the Rifts charged the troops shortly after sunrise. All along the six miles of Spanish bayonets the attack was made simultaneously.

For two hours the fighting was desperate. Then the Spaniards slowly began to retreat. Mount Garguara, which the Spanish succeeded in capturing September 21st, when the Beni-Scars tribesmen, the most feared of all the fighting Moors, were surrounded, will probably fall once more into the hands of the tribesmen and the Beni-Scars, who have been making what is considered their last stand, will be relieved by their fellow tribesmen, who are harassing the Spanish rear.

Denial From Madrid.

Madrid, Sept. 23.—The government is unwilling or unable to give a statement of the Spanish casualties in the latest fighting with the Moors in Morocco. The news of a Spanish defeat received at Paris, is discredited here, and the government declares that the Spanish victory is complete. It was announced that the tribesmen are expected soon to ask for peace. It is known that the loss has been heavy, and it is said here that about four hundred were killed on each side.

CITY MADE A GOOD INVESTMENT

IMPROVING FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT SAVES MONEY

Money Saved in Insurance Rates Will Soon Pay for Improvements.

That the city made an excellent bargain when it decided upon improving the fire department and putting in a high pressure salt water system, and that it may be taken as a certainty that a further reduction will shortly be made in the insurance rates are features of the interesting situation in Victoria to-day.

C. Wagner, the expert, who is here on behalf of the Vancouver Island board of fire underwriters for the purpose of testing the gravity and salt water systems and reporting on the fire-fighting ability of the city generally, is loud in praise of the efficiency of the local department; and it is anticipated that his report will do so reassuring that beyond all question a further reduction in rates for insurance will be made.

Salt Water System. Mayor Hall said this morning that the formal inauguration of the salt water system among the facilities at the disposal of Chief Davis for fire fighting purposes will be made in the course of a few days. Before this public test was undertaken, however, it was desired that there should be no doubt about the success of the same, and for that reason there were preliminary tests now in progress under the supervision of Superintendent Hutcheson, of the city's electric department.

It is his worship's intention to issue invitations to Premier McBride, the officers of the board of trade and other public men in the city, besides the officials of the Vancouver Island board of fire underwriters and the insurance men of the city, to be present at the formal test of the system.

Saving to City. Speaking of the saving to the city which has resulted from the abolishing of the 30 per cent surtax imposed by the insurance company two years ago, which it is computed will be about \$25,000 per annum, Mayor Hall said that while to offset this there had been large expenditures on improvements for the fire department equipment and the salt water system, yet such improvements were necessary in any event and as a matter of fact would be wiped out in the course of three or four years by the saving to the citizens in fire insurance rates.

\$70,000, to the improvements to the fire department, \$20,000, making a total of \$90,000. But it ought to be understood in this connection that the debentures for the salt water system sold for 90, and thus the city had not quite the full \$70,000 to spend. Some work not originally contemplated had been done on the salt water system and therefore the cost had been increased beyond the original figures.

Visiting Expert Pleased. Mr. Wagner, of the fire underwriters' association, who is regarded as one of the ablest men in the Dominion in respect to expert knowledge of water systems for the use of fire department and fire fighting appliances generally, since he has been in the city has made a most careful inspection of everything coming within the line of his duty here, and he expressed the opinion that in Chief Davis Victoria has secured the services of one of the best men obtainable for such a proposition on the continent, and from what he has seen of his work he predicts that he will give the city every satisfaction.

Mr. Wagner also is pleased with the equipment of the fire department. He visited and inspected the reservoirs on Smith's Hill, and declares it a good piece of work, in his opinion. He was not surprised to be told that when the water was first put in there should develop some leakages, as this, he says, has been the experience of all who have had anything to do with reservoirs so constructed. As soon, however, as the pores of the cement had been filled as they would be in process of time, the leaks would cease and the tank would be for all practical purposes watertight.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON'S BODY LAID AT REST

Industrial Works in Minnesota Ceased Operations Out of Respect.

(Times Leased Wire.) St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 23.—While the body of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, was being lowered into its grave this afternoon all industrial activity in the state was stopped for five minutes as a tribute to the memory of the dead governor.

The body which had been lying in state in the cathedral of the capital since yesterday, where it was guarded by officers and privates of the state militia, was taken to the railroad station at 9:15 this morning, escorted by ten companies of militia, preceded by a band of 100 pieces.

At the station the body was placed aboard a special train which left for St. Peter, Minn., where interment took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services were held in the St. Peter Presbyterian church, where Johnson sang in the choir when a boy. While the services were in progress at St. Peter, memorial services were held in all the churches in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The public schools are closed to-day, and the whole state is in mourning.

CORN IN THE WEST. Calgary is Maturing the Great American Crop.

Calgary, Sept. 23.—This year's field corn fully matured in open fields near Bassano, in Bow River valley, has created intense interest in grain and live stock circles. Cobs 10 inches in length have been shipped from Bassano to Calgary, the kernels being fully ripe and of large size. Grain men are optimistic regarding the possibilities of this crop, and believe that the east-fringe section of the Bow Valley district is about to add corn to its already varied list of possible and profitable crops.

Basano is the district that this year provided Alberta with the heaviest winter wheat, and those comment to judge state that musk and watermelons grown there have the same exceptionally fine flavor of the best southern melons. An abundance of sunshine and soil accelerating rapid growth will ultimately make that the banner district of the province.

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UNCLE SAM'S DAY AT THE FAIR.

WESTERN WHEAT IS NOW MOVING EAST

First Cargoes of Crop Are Now in Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—The first cargoes of Canadian Western wheat have reached Montreal during the past twenty-four hours, and over 100,000 bushels are now on the way to the sea, having been handled in record time. The first lake steamer to arrive with a cargo of this year's crop was the Acadia, from Fort William, which brought 60,000 bushels, and several other large cargoes followed. The rush of wheat to the sea is now on its earnest, and thousands of bushels will pour into Montreal daily now until the close of navigation. To take care of the wheat there are now sixteen ocean steamers in port, more than at any one time this season, and several large tramps are on the way.

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IRRIGATION PLANT TO BE OPENED BY TAFT

President Will Turn on Water in Gunnison Tunnel in Colorado.

Montrose, Colo., Sept. 23.—President Taft is spending most of to-day inspecting the Gunnison tunnel and the great irrigation project which ranks as the third in importance in the United States. The cost of the construction of the canals and tunnels is estimated between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000.

The president was accompanied by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, who is acting as lecturer and guide for the president during his visit. The secretary of the interior is the most important official in the government from the viewpoint of the people here, whose whole future rests upon the success of the great irrigation and reclamation projects. Ballinger was pestered by hundreds of persons who have new projects to suggest, complaints to make and theories regarding the proper completion of work already under way.

The first stop was made this morning at Colorado Springs. A reception was held in honor of the chief executive here. After addressing the people, who turned out in great numbers to greet him, the president left on the narrow gauge road for West Portal, the mouth of the great Gunnison tunnel, where he was scheduled to turn on the water, formally starting the tremendous project, which has just been finished far enough to permit its use.

The work is about half done, and the project is expected to be fully completed by next spring. The turning on of the water this afternoon marks the opening of about twenty thousand acres of land, which under the effect of the water, is expected to become very productive.

NEW RAILWAY ON MAINLAND

EXISTING LINES SHOW SUSPICIONS

Attorney-General Bowser Will Occupy Peculiar Position.

In the Provincial Gazette for several weeks there has been a notice appearing from the International Railway and Development Company, announcing the intention of this company to construct a tramway line from the international boundary line in Surrey through the municipalities of Surrey, Langley and Matsqui. The motive power to be used is steam, electric or any other power known. The notice is an innocuous enough looking one but there is likely to be some trouble stirred up.

The C. P. R. and the B. C. Electric companies, among others, are reported to be taking steps to oppose the application which the notice embodies, viz, the right under the Tramway Company Incorporation Act to expropriate grounds for the right of way. The proposed line would parallel in part the line of the C. P. R., and in part the B. C. Electric's Steveston branch. The route of the line proposed is from the international line to Huntingdon, Abbotsford, Beaver Creek valley, Langley and Port Kella.

Little information is available as to who are back of the application. It is presumed that the Milwaukee & St. Paul or some of the other big corporations may be behind it and that one of the large railways are thus seeking an entrance to the province of British Columbia.

A peculiar feature arises in connection with the notice. The solicitors representing the International Railway and Development Company is the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. Opposition to it will have to be filed and go before the provincial executive under the act. The execution will in turn be guided, it is safe to expect by its attorney-general, Hon. W. J. Bowser, likewise of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge.

DEATH ROLL WILL BE HEAVY

WIDESPREAD HAVOC WROUGHT BY GALE

Two Towns Wrecked—Scores of Buildings Demolished at New Orleans.

Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 21.—Scores of lives have been lost, it is feared, in a storm that has swept the Gulf coast from Florida to Texas, and it is certain that the property loss will run into the thousands of dollars.

At New Orleans five are known to be dead. Twenty fishermen who were caught in the storm before they could reach the shore were carried out into the raging waters of the gulf, and it is almost certain that they perished in the storm.

According to a report reaching Memphis the town of Grenville, Miss., has been wrecked and a number are reported to have been killed. Nearly every house and building in the city, it is reported, was unroofed by the fury of the storm.

A second dispatch received at Memphis contained the information that Natchez also had suffered heavily by a fire which had broken out following the storm.

Late this afternoon Atlanta received a report from New Orleans which stated that scores of buildings had been demolished in the storm.

WILL DISCUSS STATE DIVISION

Delegates Representing Southern California to Meet Next Month.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 22.—Still believing the recent raise in the tax assessment of the majority of the counties in the southern portion of the state by the state board of equalization recently was not fair to them, various organizations in this city have banded together to ascertain the temper of the southern counties on the subject of state division.

YEAR'S WORK OF Y.M.C.A.

GRATIFYING REPORTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Anticipated That Work on New Building Will Start Next November.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Very gratifying reports were presented last evening on the occasion of the annual meeting of the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, when officers were also elected for the ensuing year as follows: Directors for three years—R. B. McMicking, W. E. Starnland, Geo. H. Robertson, A. B. Fraser and A. B. McNeill. Owing to the retirement of G. D. Christie a vacancy in the two-year list was filled by the appointment of W. N. Mitchell. During the course of the evening a programme of music was rendered. Solos were contributed by Miss N. Snowcroft and W. G. Findlay.

President R. B. McMicking said that the last year had been a most gratifying one in respect to the affairs of the Y. M. C. A. Nearly two thousand friends had responded to the appeal for a fund of \$100,000 with which to erect a new home. This was very gratifying, inasmuch as it indicated that when the building was completed the institution would be actively supported by a great many citizens of Victoria. A finance committee, under the chairmanship of A. B. Fraser, had the matter of erecting the building in hand, and when the second payment came due in November it was anticipated that the plans would be ready and the contracts let.

One thing that the late campaign had demonstrated, said President McMicking, was the discovery of some admirable volunteer workers who would now take a position on the board of directors for the next time.

The past year had been one of unspurious success above ordinary measure of influence. The association had sustained four paid officers—a general secretary, physical direct instructor, boys' secretary and an efficient caretaker.

The policy of the board would be to conduct a full and effective winter programme, and close the present work in the spring and reopen in the fall in the association's new building.

An interesting report was presented by Dr. Russell in respect to the membership department. The figures showed a membership of 165 boys and 253 men, making a total of 418, a decrease of 32 since the beginning of the year, which decrease was accounted for by the usual lapse of membership found in the summer months. The hope was expressed, however, that this would be recovered when the winter session opens on October 1st, and that the membership would be well over the 500 mark.

The report showed that of the membership 217 were active and 201 associate, or 52 per cent. were active as church members. In the men's department, 174 members were active, 78 associate, or 70 per cent. were active in church membership. In the boys' department, there were 43 active members and 123 associate, representing 77 per cent. of active church membership.

The chairman said that the figures revealed a line of work that would need to be attended to. The average of active members of the association was reduced owing to the small number of active members in the boys' department. In commenting on this condition, the chairman said that while it was not wise to unduly hurry boys in church membership, the situation created, afforded food for thought, as the boys of to-day will be the men of tomorrow.

Chairman Mackintosh, of the literary committee, reported on the benefits which had been attained by the formation of the mock parliament. This winter the work will again be carried along under the supervision of D. W. Higgins. The series of lectures delivered on Saturday evenings had been most instructive and enjoyable, and a similar course had been arranged for the present season. On October 13th William Jennings Bryan will lecture under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., taking for his subject "The Prince of Peace."

E. E. Wootton presented a report on behalf of the educational committee. This showed that in the different educational departments there had been a total enrollment of 384. W. Suttie, the instructor, has agreed to take charge of the work for the forthcoming season. In the reading room there was an ample supply of periodicals, and in the library there were 230 books for men and 100 for boys.

A. T. Frampton read the report on religious work. This indicated that the missionary committee had done excellent work and over \$100 had been subscribed to the Y. M. C. A. foreign work. The year on the whole had been a very successful one. The work done by Rev. Mark Levy was worthy of special mention.

The treasurer's report was presented by W. Snowcroft. The cash receipts for the year were \$5,866.45. Salaries, printing, advertising, etc., were \$5,838.16, leaving a balance of \$28.29 to the credit of the association.



EXHIBIT OF SOOKE INSTITUTE AT FAIR.