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WIRES WORK ONCE AGAIN

TELEPHONE CABLE TO MAINLAND RESTORED

Times Now Getting Its Full Leased Wire Telegraphic Service.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Though the Vancouver News-Advertiser announces that a second cable to Victoria will shortly be in operation by the B. C. Telephone Company, R. B. McMicking, the local manager, says he knows nothing about it. He says, however, that the need of a second cable has long been apparent and the work of laying the same will no doubt be taken up at an early date. Mr. McMicking adds that the error which the Vancouver paper makes is no doubt due to the fact that a land cable has recently been laid under the streets of Vancouver, and it is the progress with this work which led to the misunderstanding.

Mr. McMicking is rejoicing at the fact that the company's cable to the Mainland, which had been out of commission for a period of thirteen days, is now in working order, the cable repair ship Restorer having on Saturday last at 4 o'clock picked up the two ends and spliced the same. Sharing in Mr. McMicking's satisfaction at this are the Times newspaper, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and F. W. Stevenson & Co., the stock brokers, who each have leased wires served by this cable.

The break in the cable, which runs from Telegraph Bay on this Island to Andrew's Bay, on San Juan Island, caused a great amount of inconvenience, to say nothing of the monetary loss to these mentioned who were getting a wire service over it. The Times leased wire news service had to be kept by "specials" in order to keep the readers of this paper informed of the happenings of the outside world.

The loss to F. W. Stevenson & Co., and the Western Union Telegraph Co. was very considerable.

Mr. McMicking says the company was fortunate in being able to secure a vessel so well equipped as the Restorer for the work of repairing the cable. The Restorer, which is maintained on this station by the Pacific Cable Company for the express purpose of being ready to act in a case of emergency should anything go wrong with the cable connecting Banfield Creek with Honolulu, is equipped with the most modern apparatus for picking up and repairing in mid-ocean if need be.

The Restorer commenced on the work of picking up the telephone cable on Saturday, the 18th inst., and thus worked for seven full days before accomplishing the purpose in hand. The ground on which the cable rests is pronounced very difficult for such a task, as it is broken and rocky, and the Restorer found that the grappling hooks would pass over the cable time and time again without picking it up. Finally, however, the hooks got it and the splice was soon made.

The Times leased wire service is now resumed, and it is hoped that from this date there will be no interruption to the full telegraphic service supplied the readers of this paper.

"EXPEDITIONS" FAIL TO DISCOVER COOK

Scientists and Journalists Are Unable to Locate Brooklyn Physician.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Judging by the number of "expeditions" undertaken today by scientists and journalists in search of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who has mysteriously disappeared, his discovery promises to be as great as the finding of the north pole. It is believed that Dr. Cook is either at Nice or at Monte Carlo.

Deserts Cook Standard.

New York, Dec. 27.—Charles W. Wake, of this city, Arctic explorer, member of the explorer's club, and heretofore one of the staunchest supporters of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, has deserted the Cook standard.

Although loyal for several days after the adverse decision of the university of Copenhagen, Wake now says that he was deceived by the explorer. He adds that he does not know where Dr. Cook is, except that he is in Europe, although he is aware of Mrs. Cook's whereabouts, which he declines to reveal.

"Cook has had ample time to express himself since the records were examined," said Mr. Wake, "but he has not done so. So long as I live I shall never forget the degree of nonchalance with which he waved his hand toward the beautifully engraved degree and the handsome gold medal that had been conferred upon him by the univeristy of Copenhagen, and said: 'There is the best evidence.'

"I do not know who is caring for his children in a New York boarding school, but I presume relatives are doing it. How much money he made upon his trip and what settlement he has made I do not know."

Wake says he did not wish to have his statment to be taken as an attack on Cook, but he feels impelled to let the facts speak for themselves.

PRESIDENT TAFT IS IN QUANDARY

STANDARD OIL CASE IS CAUSING TROUBLE

Difference of Opinion Regarding Proposed Federal Incorporation Act.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Serious consideration, it is announced to-day, is being given by President Taft and leaders in congress to the question of attempting to enact a federal incorporation act in advance of a final decision of the Standard Oil dissolution case.

There appears to be an important difference of opinion between Mr. Taft and his advisers, who want him to withhold the message which he has announced he will send to congress.

It is understood Mr. Taft fears business generally will suffer if the Supreme court affirms the finding of the Circuit court in the dissolution case and that he strongly favors what might be termed, "vaccination of the body corporate by the administration of legislative remedy before the evil appears."

On the other hand, congressional leaders fear such a course would merely supply ammunition to opponents of the administration by giving them an excuse to charge that the force of the Taft regime is being directed toward creating a shelter for monopolies.

If the president should submit his recommendations soon after congress reconvenes, and should follow what is said to be his present inclination, he would ask for the passage of a federal corporation law without delay, on the ground that honest business is menaced under the interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust act, given by the Circuit court decision in the Standard Oil case.

While the president's view is shared by congressional leaders, they recognize that serious opposition will arise against any legislation apparently calculated to narrow the scope of the Sherman law. They believe this opposition is so strong that there would be a protracted contest over such a measure and that it would be the part of wisdom, therefore, to await the decision of the Supreme court.

Mr. Taft, it is said, has reviewed personally the evidence in the Standard Oil case, with the result that he believes the decision correctly interprets the law. If so, he presumably expects the decision will be sustained by the Supreme court.

MURDERER LYNCHED BY INFURIATED MOB

Guards Are Unable to Save the Life of their Prisoner.

Hurley, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Following the killing here on Christmas eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by Baker's old enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of one hundred citizens late yesterday took Pennington from jail, where he had been taken under heavy guard, and hanged him.

Pennington, who had been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him when the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas tree with his wife, his two children and a friend, Wyatt Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run away. Mrs. Baker called after Pennington and implored him to help her take the body home.

The ruse worked and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Bent upon avenging the deed, Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's revolver from his pocket and shot twice at him. Her aim was bad. Pennington recovered possession of the revolver and then shot the woman and attempted to kill Meadows and the two children.

TWO CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Mother Makes Futile Effort to Save Little Ones From Flames.

Loveland, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Two small children of S. M. Sunnycalf, of this city, were burned to death early to-day in a fire that destroyed their home. Mrs. Sunnycalf escaped from the burning building in her nightclothes, after making ineffectual efforts to save the lives of her little ones.

The children were in their bed in a room adjoining that occupied by Mrs. Sunnycalf when the fire was discovered. Their father was not at home.

After making frantic efforts to arouse the children, Mrs. Sunnycalf was compelled to abandon them and flee for her own life. Neighbors arrived too late to help her in her hopeless fight to save the children or to prevent the house from burning to the ground.

THE MORNING AFTER

MADRIZ RULES WITH FIRM HAND

ZELAYA'S SON-IN-LAW THROWN INTO JAIL

Is Accused of Misapplication of Funds—Former Minister Also Arrested.

Managua, Dec. 27.—The new president of Nicaragua, Joe Madriz, is taking hold of affairs with a strong hand. Zelaya left him the legacy of an empty treasury, and soon after President Madriz had publicly announced, in effect, that the country was practically on the verge of bankruptcy, the arrest of Joaquin Passos, Zelaya's son-in-law, and Ernesto Martines, Zelaya's last finance minister, was ordered.

They are now in the hands of the authorities, charged with misapplication of funds, failure to register government bonds and the circulation of unsigned paper money.

Francisco Baca, who has replaced Dr. Julian Irias as minister-general, is preparing a decree establishing a commission to revoke franchises under which a score of monopolies, given to individuals by Zelaya, have been operated. These monopolies poured into Zelaya's purse vast sums of money. While they were ostensibly in the hands of others, it was to the former president that the greater portion of the returns were transferred. Passos is looked upon as the creator of these monopolies, and the dummy utilized by Zelaya to cover his large stock interests therein. His arrest has been enthusiastically received.

Santos Ramieriz, Zelaya's chief of telegraph, also has been arrested. He is charged with having sent a telegram in the name of President Madriz ordering the government troops to abandon their strong positions.

May Bring Zelaya to Time.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—All indications to-day strengthen the belief that is general here that the state department is unmistakably skeptical concerning the reform programme proposed by Jose Madriz, the new president of Nicaragua. Madriz's reform declarations undoubtedly will not be accepted by the United States government as sincere until a prolonged and thorough scrutiny proves that the last taint of "Zelayaism" has been eradicated from Nicaragua.

It is rumored that former President Zelaya may yet have to answer to this country for the summary execution of two of its subjects, Leonard Groce and Leroy Cannon, during the days of his dictatorship. It is stated, apparently upon authority, that the United States was in no position to interfere with the former president's hurried flight from Nicaragua. When the new Nicaraguan government, whatever it eventually will be, is firmly established it is hinted that efforts may be made to bring Zelaya to trial on various charges.

OVER FIFTY HORSES BURNED.

New York, Dec. 27.—More than fifty horses were burned to death and two firemen were overcome during a fire in a four-story stable in East 98th street. The loss is about $63,000.

TEST OF CIVIL SERVICE ACT

PROMOTION OR PLACE FOR A PARTY FRIEND?

Interest in Succession to Office of Provincial Assessor.

(From Monday's Daily.)

There is a good deal of interest being taken at the parliament buildings in the vacancy which will soon arise in the office of provincial assessor, as to whether the government will follow the spirit of the new civil service act and fill the office by promotion or bring in some one from outside.

J. K. Worsfold, whom failing health has compelled to tender his resignation of an office which he filled to general satisfaction, will be retiring as soon as the cabinet acts on his letter. The matter was taken up before the ministers separated for Christmas, but was allowed to lie over. It is likely that nothing will be done until the superannuation act has been passed, when Mr. Worsfold will be retired on allowance.

There is a rumor that instead of promoting officials now in the service, party services will be rewarded by appointment to this office, which carries a salary of $1,800 now, a sum which will be increased considerably under the new act. Rumor even goes so far as to mention the names of two or three gentlemen who rendered good service to the government during the recent campaign.

This is the first opportunity which has arisen since the act was passed last session to prove whether the government is in earnest in its desire to recognize merit and faithful service on the part of civil servants.

STREET CAR PLUNGES OVER EMBANKMENT

Falls Into River and Conductor and Passenger Are Crushed to Death.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—Two men are dead and half a million dollars' worth of property has been destroyed as the result of the blizzard that has been raging here for two days past. Wires are down and street car and railroad traffic demoralized.

The wind overturned frame structures and telegraph poles. Plate glass windows were smashed and store signs blown down to the pavement.

Conductor Donovan and a passenger named Michael Morton were killed when a street car in charge of Donovan plunged over an embankment into the Nagatuck river. The car was proceeding slowly on one of the suburban lines when an ice-clogged switch failed to work, and the car turned over, rolling down the steep embankment into the water. Donovan and Morton were crushed to death.

HOME RULERS ARE NOT SATISFIED

ASQUITH'S STATEMENT IS TOO INDEFINITE

Irish Leaders Regard Condition Imposed by Premier With Suspicion.

Dublin, Dec. 27.—It is apparent today that Ireland is not entirely satisfied with what the Liberal party, through its leader, Premier Asquith, has promised in the way of Home Rule for this island. In a speech at Albert Hall, London, on December 10th, opening his campaign, the Premier declared that the solution of the Irish problem could be found only in the adoption of a policy "which, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme authority of the Imperial parliament, will set up in Ireland a system of full self-government in regard to purely Irish affairs."

The Irish leaders regard the condition imposed in this statement with suspicion. The continued and unassailable supremacy of the Imperial parliament, they urge, means that Ireland would have little or no voice in foreign, colonial, or financial affairs.

It is believed here that the construction that may be placed upon the Premier's declaration may be used as boomerang campaign material by his opponents and the more rabid Home Rule partisans profess to see in it no further step toward the fulfillment of their desires.

NEW AUTO RECORD.

Barney Oldfield Sets New Time for Fifteen Miles on Circular Track.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Barney Oldfield established a new world's record for fifteen miles on a circular track yesterday at Ascot Park. Driving his 120 horsepower Benz racer, Oldfield went against the record of 13.57, made by Ralph de Palma in a Flat Cyclone at Grand Rapids, Mich., and succeeded in clipping 14 4-5 seconds from the record. Oldfield's time for the fifteen miles was 12:42 1-5. His fastest mile was in 53 3-5 seconds.

The fastest mile made yesterday was done in Oldfield's try for the world's record in which he failed to set a new mark. His time was 52 2-5 seconds.

Oldfield was an easy winner in the five-mile race with Ben Kercher, driving a Daracq, his time being 4:47.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

London, Dec. 27.—At a conference of headmasters, Dr. Gray, headmaster at Bradfield, proposed a resolution pledging their support to the public schools league for imperial land settlement. The resolution was enthusiastically carried.

The Marquis of Anglesey has offered to give Burton-on-Trent a lease in perpetuity of the principal recreation ground of the town at a nominal rent of £5 per annum. The grounds include a beautiful piece of river scenery.

FIVE HUNDRED PERISH IN FLOODS

SUFFERING IN DEVASTATED DISTRICTS IN SPAIN

Serious Havoc Also Wrought in Portugal—Aid for Destitute.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—Incomplete returns to-day from the flood-swept provinces of Spain indicate that the minimum death list is from five to six hundred. There is a possibility that the complete story will greatly swell this number.

This distress and suffering is intensified by the cold weather. Many towns cannot be reached on account of the damage to the railroads.

Reports received to-day say that the banks of the Guadalquiver river are strewn with corpses.

The heavy losses of live stock and the damage to the crops will necessitate the importation of food stuffs as well as stock.

Dispatches from Portugal say that the damage there is almost as heavy as in Spain.

King Manuel of Portugal has assumed personal control of the flood district.

The cabinet has decided to grant financial relief to sufferers.

Lighters Swept to Sea.

London, Dec. 27.—Dispatches to Lloyd's from Orpoto, Portugal, say that in addition to several steamers previously reported aground in the river in dangerous positions, one trawler has disappeared and all of the lighters and barges have been swept to sea.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Chatham Boy Is Shot While Hunting Rabbits.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—Albert Miller, 11 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hand of Wm. McNorgan, on Christmas morning. Miller, his brother, William, and McNorgan were on their way to hunt rabbits when in crossing a ditch William Miller and McNorgan fell, and the gun was discharged. The bullet hit Albert Miller with fatal effect.

CAR INSPECTOR CRUSHED TO DEATH

Canadian Northern Employee Killed in Yard at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Walter Doskoch, car inspector in the employ of the Canadian Northern railway, was crushed to death under the wheels of a freight car in the Canadian Northern yards last night. There was no witness of the accident, and the man was dead when discovered lying on the tracks. He had apparently fallen when crossing the tracks and had been caught by a train of cars which was backed on to a siding.

The deceased was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

FARMERS PROSPEROUS.

Calgary, Dec. 27.—The prosperity of the farmers resulting from the 1909 crops and increases in the values of their holdings is evidenced by the Christmas business of Calgary merchants. Another evidence of prosperity comes in the marked improvement in real estate, both city and farming property being in great demand. This is especially significant in view of the fact that this is generally conceded to be the slack season in real estate circles.

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Committee Formed at San Francisco to Prepare for Exposition.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—Men prominent in business, finance and the professions are numbered on the committee of 200, announced to-day as the ways and means body that will have charge of the Panama-Pacific international exposition to be held in San Francisco on the completion of the Panama canal.

This committee will be resolved into sub-committees at a early date, and the matter of publicity, the participation of other nations and states and federal participation will be taken up.

KILLED BY SPY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Official investigation has determined that Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police, who was assassinated here, was the victim of a revolutionist who had been employed as a government spy. The theory that Karpoff was preparing bombs when killed was completely disproved.

STORM SWEEPS EASTERN STATES

OVER SCORE OF PERSONS LOSE LIVES

Two Thousand Made Homeless by Tidal Wave—Blizzard Now Raging.

Boston, Dec. 27.—News filtering slowly into Boston to-day over wrecked wires, apparently make it certain that at least a dozen lives have been lost and property damage amounting to more than $1,000,000 has resulted from the heavy snow and winds which prevailed throughout New England on Christmas Day and yesterday.

Over 2,000 persons are homeless today at Chelsea as the result of the tidal wave which swept that town and drowned Cornelius Harkins and his wife in their bed. Michael Callahan, an aged man, died of the shock while being taken from the second story of his flooded home. Half-a-dozen others are missing and are believed to be drowned.

It is impossible as yet to estimate the loss along the coast. From Portland down to Rhode Island every coast town has a tale of ruin. Many of these places have not been heard from at all as yet on account of the crippled condition of the wires.

Fourteen Perish in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—It was estimated to-day that 14 persons lost their lives as the result of the blizzard that has swept New York since Christmas Day. The storm swept down upon the city from the northeast. At times the gale registered a velocity of 60 miles an hour.

On the east side the suffering was intense. Practically all the deaths reported to have occurred in the city were in this district. Charity organizations are finding it impossible to care for even a small proportion of the destitute.

As fast as delayed traffic conditions will permit food, fuel and clothing are being taken to the tenement district on the East Side, where the conditions are most acute. It is certain that many lives have been saved by the ministrations of representatives of various societies.

Trains from the south and west have been delayed many hour by the storm, and local traffic is demoralized. River craft suffered severely from the storm, and comparatively few vessels are moving to-day.

Suffering in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Street car traffic was partially resumed to-day after the complete tie-up due to the blizzard that swept the city for two days, blowing down wires and covering the tracks with ice and sleet.

The railroads are still badly crippled, and it is doubtful if train schedules will be in order for several days. All of the overland mails from the west are from 5 to 25 hours late, many of the trains being snowbound at points outside of the city.

Suffering among the poor is said to be great, and many charitable organizations are called upon for financial aid. No deaths have been reported.

Traffic Delayed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—After being totally paralyzed since early yesterday by the worst storm Western Pennsylvania has known in years, the railroad systems resumed operations to-day, but little was done to move trains and the thousands of passengers delayed by the storm remained at their hotels without braving the storm to get to railroad stations. The predictions of more snow and colder weather blanketed the hopes of the railroad officiels who figured on relieving the local passenger and freight congestion by to-night.

The trolley lines found operation to Pittsburg almost impossible, due to ice on the wires and tracks and many factories dependent on suburban workmen were running on not more than half force.

Wire communication from the East is slow. Due to the uncertainty of train dispatching it is not known just how many trains from the East are stalled.

Blizzard Rages.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—All trains are very late as a result of the blizzard which has been sweeping the Atlantic seaboard for the last 48 hours.

President Taft decided not to start for New York, where he had intended to speak to-night. The railroad has warned him that he was not likely to arrive on time, as it is practically impossible to send a train through on time.

SEVENTY MILLIONS INVOLVED.

Merger of Chicago Surface and Elevated Lines Proposed.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—All of J. Pierpont Morgan's Chicago traction interests have been purchased by a Chicago company, according to an announcement made here. The deal involves more than $70,000,000, and is said to contemplate a merger of all surface and elevated lines under the name of the Chicago Connecting Railways.

RUSSIA'S NAVY.

Defence Committee of Douma Rejects Credit for Proposed New Battleships.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The national defence committee of the Douma has rejected by a large majority the credit for new battleships.