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TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON RIOTERS

TWO MEN KILLED AND THREE HUNDRED WOUNDED

Demonstration by Roumanian Nationalists Against Use of the French Language at Bucharest.

Vienna, March 27.—Serious street rioting occurred at Bucharest, Roumania, last night, and culminated in a conflict between the rioters and the troops during which two men were killed and over three hundred were wounded.

The trouble arose over a demonstration of Roumanian nationalists against the use of the French language in a performance at the national theatre. The Ladies' Charity Society, which is under the patronage of the Princess Maria, wife of Prince Ferdinand, the heir presumptive to the throne of Roumania, advertised the production of a play in French, and thousands of Nationalists gathered about the theatre, and became so threatening that troops were summoned and fired twice before the demonstrators were dispersed. Over a hundred persons were arrested.

FATAL FIRE IN FACTORY.

Four Firemen Killed and Several Injured During Conflagration in New York.

New York, March 26.—Four firemen were killed and about a score of firemen and citizens injured to-day in a fire accompanied by a series of explosions that demolished a six story factory building at Bedford and Downing streets in the Greenwich village district on lower west side. That the damage which is estimated at from $300,000 to $400,000 was not farther reaced was declared by Chief Crecker to be due to the explosion which shattered the building and crushed the life out beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threatening to sweep the entire block. One fireman was taken out of the building alive, but died almost instantly. The bodies of his three comrades were recovered after the fire was over, crushed under the wreckage of floors and walls.

Three hundred men and women were in the factory during the lunch hour when a slight explosion occurred on one of the upper floors and almost instantly the whole structure was enveloped in flames. Some had time to reach the streets by the stairs, but the greater number were compelled to take refuge on fire escapes, where they remained huddled together and imploring assistance, until the fire engines arrived. Before the ladder could be run up, policemen, firemen and volunteers formed a human pyramid against the wall of the factory and in this way handed down to safety upwards of thirty girls who were clinging to the fire escapes on the second floor. Others jumped into the life saving nets or on piles of bedding hastily obtained and heaped on the sidewalks.

Within ten minutes all the occupants of the building had been taken out in safety and unhurt, save the few injured. The alarms were rung in rapid succession and several hundred policemen were rushed to the scene to control the panic stricken crowds that thronged all the streets in the vicinity of the factory.

All the adjoining tenements were ordered vacated and this task had barely been accomplished when a toppling wall crushed in the upper portion of a row of seven tenements in Carmine street, a moment later the flames shot across the street, setting fire to a row of buildings. Hardly had the flames enveloped the building, which occurred within a few minutes after the outbreak when a terrific explosion occurred, followed in rapid succession by four more, the last of such violence as to shake buildings for blocks around.

The factory was occupied by the Empire Art Company and the Metal Stamp Company which owned the building.

WARNS PEASANTS.

The Czar Says Those Who Participate in Disorders Will Be Severly Punished.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—Emperor Nicholas in receiving a deputation of peasants from Kazan province to-day employed a new and stronger tone.

He said nothing about satisfying their land hunger, and spoke only of the inviolability of property, informing the peasants that a recurrence of agrarian disorders and the destruction of property would not only be punished in the most severe fashion, but the communities participating in the disorders would be deprived of the assistance of the peasants' banks.

The papers continue to be filled with rumors of Premier Witte's resignation, which they say has been offered to the emperor, but not acted upon.

THEATRE DESTROYED.

Meriden, Conn., March 27.—The Meriden theatre on Church street, the largest playhouse in the city, was destroyed by fire this morning, and the loss is estimated to reach nearly $200,000. It is not known how the fire started.

MAN MURDERED.

Body Found in Trunk—Woman Has Been Arrested.

Stockton, March 26.—The body of a man which was found in a trunk among the baggage at the Southern Pacific depot here Saturday night has been identified as that of Albert N. McVicar, an employee of the Rawhide mine at Jamestown, Cal. The police to-day arrested at Antioch, Mrs. Emma Ledoux, or Mrs. McVicar, as she called herself here. Mrs. Ledoux, on being arrested, promptly admitted her identity and said she knew what she was wanted for. She declared that carbolic acid was administered to McVicar on Saturday morning by Joe Miller. She does not go into details, but declares she had nothing to do with it, outside of assisting in putting the body in the trunk. Neither does she give the reason for the killing. Dr. Hull, one of the autopsy surgeons, stated this morning that a blow on the head, causing congestion on the inner lining of the skull, had caused death and there was no evidence of poison. There is absolutely no evidence of carbolic acid and no odor of alcohol.

Search for Miller.

San Francisco, March 26.—The police say that Mrs. Ledoux is well known in the tenderloin district of this city. They say that her name is Emma Held. The man referred to as Joe Miller by Mrs. Ledoux is believed by the authorities here to be Joe Healy, a plumber, with whom she was seen Saturday night in this city. Detectives are searching for him.

DEMAND OF MINERS.

Have Presented Ultimatum to the Coal Operators.

Indianapolis, March 26.—The United Mine Workers of America, through President John Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis and Herman C. Perry, president of the Illinois miners, to-day presented to the coal operators in the executive session of the joint scale committee of the central competitive district their ultimatum in connection with the dispute over the wage scale.

The demand is for a restoration of the wage scale of 1903, which is an increase of 5.55 per cent. The operators secured an adjournment of the committee until 2 o'clock when a formal report will be given by them.

It is anticipated the reply will be refusal by the operators, and in that event the committee will report a disagreement to the joint conference of miners and operators. In that case the question will be debated before the joint convention.

To-night, according to those concerned, there is little prospect for an agreement. After the noon adjournment President Mitchell said he had been informed that there were rumors that the operators believed that if they would stand firmly by their position and prolong the sessions of the joint scale committee, the miners would agree to sign their present scale, and recede from their demand for increased wages. He explained that under no circumstances would there be an agreement at less than the scale of 1903, unless the operators could enforce less terms, and he did not believe they could.

Vice-President Lewis said: "I know what a suspension of work means to our people; I know what it will probably be to millions of other people who are not directly interested in these questions. I have hope they will be able to find a solution of our present difficulties, but that solution will only come when both sides are ready to sign a wage agreement carrying with it the prices paid in 1903."

Herman C. Perry, president of the Illinois miners, said he had heard it rumored that the different interests had attempted to use their influence to bring about a strike, notably the small operators and the coal dealers who, he had been informed, were supporting a lobby in the hope of influencing the operators to force a disagreement. He added that there would be no division of the Illinois miners and no mine would be allowed to run, even with an advance in wages, unless all the union miners in Illinois were given the same advance.

RIO GRANDE DISASTER.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Recent Railway Accident in Colorado.

Canyon City, Colo., March 27.—A coroner's jury which has been investigating the Denver & Rio Grande wreck at Adobe on March 14th returned a verdict as follows:

"That the collision was due to the carelessness and negligence of S. F. Lively, operator at Swallows; that his said negligence was not wilful or malicious; that said Lively was asleep when number 3 passed his station and failed to so report when asked by the chief dispatcher; that Night Operator Vandusen should not have deserted his post of duty; that no criminal prosecution should lie against Lively or the railroad by reason of said collision; that a change in signal methods should be adopted to require trains to remain at message station until stop signals are changed and the engineer has ascertained from the agent that there are no orders for him; that a block system should be installed or that the Denver & Rio Grande system double track its roadway."

DEATH OF MRS. JAFFRAY.

Ottawa, March 27.—Senator Robt. Jaffray received a telegram to-day stating that his wife died this morning in Toronto.

PANIC IN CHURCH NARROWLY AVERTED

COOLNESS OF DEAN REASSURED CONGREGATION

The Rush of Settlers to the Northwest—Burglars Rifled Safe in Post Office.

St. Catharines, March 26.—A panic was narrowly averted yesterday in the Roman Catholic church here by the coolness of Dean Morris, assisted by some members of the congregation. A lighted candle fell unnoticed and set fire to the drapery of the altar. Immediately the flames shot over the altar in all directions. Men, women and children began to rise and make an endeavor to leave the place, several women screaming out. A number of men smothered the flames while Dean Morris continued the sacrament, and called upon the congregation to keep their seats, assuring them there was no danger. This had the desired effect.

Settlers' Effects.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Two hundred and fourteen cars of settlers' effects passed through Portal for the Canadian west last week, and so great is the rush that a state of congestion exists. The customs officers are unable to cope with the work.

Liberal Meeting.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Manitoba Liberals met in convention to-night to consider the drafting of a provincial platform and the selecting of party leader. The convention will last over the next two days, and is largely attended, about 500 delegates being present.

Veteran Railroader.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Gideon Swain, the veteran railroader and conductor in charge of the train which carried His Majesty King Edward through Canada in 1862, will celebrate his eightieth birthday here on Wednesday. Mr. Swain has been in active railroad work continuously until the past two years, when he was pensioned by the C. P. R.

Live Stock Industry.

Winnipeg, March 26.—The live stock industry, particularly hog raising, is a specially inviting field for enterprise in the Northwest at present; indeed, the supply is entirely inadequate to the demand. Since the beginning of the year 190,978 hogs have been unloaded here, being an average of 1,748 per week.

Filling Up.

Saskatoon, March 26.—This district is filling up with excellent settlers marvelously fast, as may be judged from the fact that within the past two weeks many cars of settlers' effects have been unloaded here.

Burglars at Work.

Hartney, Man., March 26.—The postoffice here was burglarized last night, the safe being blown. The registered mail was all rifled, but the exact amount of money secured is as yet unknown, although it is very considerable. A package of jewelry was also taken.

Protest Against Bill.

Montreal, March 26.—The city council to-day unanimously passed a resolution protesting against the Sabbath Observance Bill now before parliament, as curtailing the liberty of the people.

New Manager.

Montreal, March 26.—J. E. Phillips, manager of Place Vigor, C. P. R. hotel here, has been appointed manager of the company's hotel chateau Frontenac at Quebec.

Alleged Theft.

Montreal, March 26.—Henry J. Strain appeared before Judge Lafontaine this morning to answer a charge brought against him of complicity in the theft of a stock certificate for twenty-five shares of C. P. R., valued at $4,200, from the brokerage firm of McCuaig Bros. & Co. Strain admitted having sold the stock certificate, but says he turned over the proceeds to the confidential clerk of McCuaig Bros. It was a kindness on his part. The inquiry was fixed for Friday. It is reported that another arrest is to be made in connection with the case.

Sudden Death.

St. John, N. B., March 26.—Robert A. Payne, for thirty years a leading figure in the Maritime provinces newspaper life, died suddenly Saturday night at his home in Lincoln, N. B., where he had taken up life on a farm. Dropsy and heart trouble caused his death. He was 63 years old.

Attempted Incendiarism.

Toronto, March 26.—A daring attempt at incendiarism in a crowded tenement house was exposed last night when the firemen were called out to a blaze in the Chapel lodging house at 87 Jarvis street, kept by Messrs. Diamond. The house is a three-story one and attic, with a ground floor, and between eight and ten families were in it at the time. When the blaze was extinguished the firemen investigated the cause and found in the rear of the restaurant a mattress on the floor, and beneath this had been placed a pot half full of coal oil and a quantity of waste paper. It was in the waste paper that the fire occurred, but there being no draught it had not communicated to the coal oil when the firemen arrived.

DOCTOR'S DEATH.

Found in His Apartment With Throat Cut.

New York, March 27.—Dr. H. Poyle Butts, a leading nose and throat specialist in this city, was found yesterday dying in his apartments in the Hotel Seville. He died while the physicians were working over him without regaining consciousness.

The cause of death was a deep wound in the throat under the right ear, and was made by a razor which was found on the floor near the body. Coroner Dooley, who spent the entire day investigating the death, said last night that he was not prepared to state whether Dr. Butts committed suicide or whether his death was due to an accident. He is inclined to eliminate the theory of murder.

LOCAL SQUABBLE.

Too Much Importance Given to Dispute Regarding Site of Cable Line.

London, March 26.—A dispatch from Bushire, province of Fars, Persia, received to-day intimating that Anglo-Persian trouble is brewing at Bender Abbas on the Persian Gulf, and that a British squadron was on its way there to support the demands of the Indian government, is declared at the Indian office to give too much dignity to an entirely unimportant local squabble in regard to the precise site of a cable house for the line recently constructed by the Indian government. The presence of the squadron which is on its periodical tour of the Persian Gulf, is absolutely unconnected with the affair.

A MILLION CLUB THE LATEST IDEA

OBJECT TO INCREASE POPULATION OF PROVINCE

Members Will Bring the Resources of British Columbia to Attention of Outsiders.

Nelson, B. C., March 27.—A million club is being formed spontaneously to get a million population for British Columbia. The idea is for each citizen of the province to send the facts about British Columbia to at least one person in other parts of the world, and invite correspondence with a local committee that will tell the truth about the land and the opportunities for success offered by each part of the province. The idea is for everybody to do all possible for the province and for their own localities, uniting in a general movement and having each branch of the club under local control. Everybody will be invited to join and pay a dollar a year to defray expense of literature, correspondence and advertising the country.

Already leading citizens of Slocan City, Nakusp, Nelson, Midway, Rossland, Trail, Vancouver, Revelstoke, Greenwood, Grand Forks, etc., have signed for membership and endorse the idea. The movement enlists universal enthusiasm, as it appeals both to provincial patriotism and local pride. Among those already signed are members of parliament, capitalists, bankers, miners, farmers, workmen, railroad officials, clerks, waiters, editors, engineers and hotel men. All see what vast advantages it will offer for British Columbia, and want to help a good thing along.

There is no local jealousy, for some Nelson people have suggested Vancouver or Revelstoke should be the head office, either the metropolis of the province or a place that is central.

The idea did not start in Nelson, but was warmly endorsed as soon as it reached this city. Each member of the club will be provided with stationery bearing facts about British Columbia and his own locality, his name and address. Literature will also be sent out.

The probability is that an effort will be made to have the facts about the province go out to the world on every piece of mail that is sent by any loyal citizen, either on the envelope or on the stationery. Some hotel men are going to have envelopes printed with facts about British Columbia on the back, and facts about their section on the front. All hotels, newspapers and firms in every line will be asked to do the same or something of the same idea. This will go the people of Portland, Ore., one better. They used Lewis and Clark fair printing on all their envelopes, but the million club wants to convert every inch of white paper that leaves British Columbia into something that will do British Columbia good.

MURDERER SENTENCED.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—Morris Buck, who shot and killed Mrs. Canfield, the wife of the oil millionaire, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged on June 1st.

RUSSIANS ADOPT DRASTIC MEASURES

IN EFFORT TO PREVENT ANOTHER OUTBREAK

Repressive Methods Arousing People to Fury—Both Sides are Preparing For Struggle.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—Despite the government's assurance that another extensive outbreak in the near future is impossible the clouds are lowering and there are other indications that a big storm may break before the parliament meets.

The resentment against the terrible repressive measures of the government is arousing the people, especially the workmen in cities, to fury. This is playing into the hands of the revolutionists, who are planning a political strike and a general uprising. They believe that the right moment will come in mid-April and both sides are preparing for the fray. If it comes it is likely to be bloodier and more terrible than anything previously witnessed in this country.

The record of arrests last week in St. Petersburg, beside showing an awful state of lawlessness in the capital, is eloquent testimony of the methods by which the government hopes to prevent the threatened explosion. According to the returns 659 beggars, 215 persons without passports, 217 thieves, 270 highwaymen and 1,067 unclassified persons, which means political suspects, were taken into custody.

At no time during the war was the war office busier than now, making dispositions to suppress the first evidences of rebellion. Machine guns and ammunition are being dispatched in every direction, troops are being shifted and concentrated at strategic points, armored trains are being stationed at the railroad centres and ironclad automobiles are being sent to the larger cities for use in street riots.

Here and in Moscow the Cossacks and other cavalry are again patrolling the streets night and day, a project for a wireless telegraph system to enable the government to communicate with the interior in the event of a strike of the railroad and telegraph operators is being hastily worked out and soldiers are being instructed how to man trains and work the telegraph lines.

The intrigues of the reactionists at court are ceaseless. In fact the cabal seems to be festering an outbreak in order to suppress it mercilessly and convince His Majesty that the people cannot be trusted with political liberties.

The elections, which everywhere are in full blast, are contributing to the political excitement. Out of 42 municipal elections in the cities and towns which have no separate representation in parliament, the constitutional democrats, who are now sometimes designated the "party of the people's liberties," elected thirty representatives which proves the advanced state of the political development of the cities.

It is by no means clear, however, that they can overcome the constructive delegates of the peasants and land owners in the provincial congresses.

Municipal elections in the towns of this province, except St. Petersburg, will occur to-morrow. The government regards the Baltic provinces as being sufficiently pacified to fix dates for the provincial congress which will be held in Esthonia April 21st and in Courtland and Livonia April 27th.

Sentenced to Death.

Chita, East Siberia, March 27.—A courtmartial here to-day sentenced to death thirteen postal officials who participated in the recent strike.

FRONTIER DISPUTE.

Britain and Turkey Will Probably Reach Agreement in a Few Days.

Constantinople, March 27.—The Tabah frontier incident is engaging the earnest attention of the Turkish government and the opinion prevails that a satisfactory solution will be arrived at in a few days. Great Britain demands the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from Tabah on the Egyptian frontier of the Senai peninsula, which she claims to be Egyptian territory. Turkey, on the other hand, holds that Tabah is part of the Ottoman empire.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND.

Pays a Visit to Rome—Asks For Private Interview With the Pope.

Rome, March 27.—Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, arrived here to-day from Paris. During the day he visited the American college, where he was most cordially received by the rector, Monsignor Kennedy. The archbishop then visited the College of the Propaganda, and was warmly greeted by the prefect, Cardinal Gotti, and asked that he be received in private audience by the Pope.

Tiflis, Caucasus, March 26.—The governor-general has deported to Siberia five employees of a small bakery who recently struck work.

INSURANCE AFFAIRS.

Questions Will Be Asked in House of Lords.

London, March 26.—D. C. Haldeman, British manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has resigned owing to difference of opinion between himself and the New York office over matters which he considers to be of vital importance to the British policy-holders.

Mr. Haldeman's resignation will give added interest to Earl Onslow's question raised in the House of Lords on March 9th as to whether the government proposes to compel foreign companies doing business in this country to keep here a sufficient proportion of their securities to cover the claims of British policy-holders. The subject will come up in the House of Lords to-morrow.

There is a strong feeling in favor of some action being taken although the British insurance companies favor letting matters rest because they fear any executive action might involve the home companies also.

Before resigning, Mr. Haldeman consulted many prominent persons of the English public, several of whom are insured for large sums in the Mutual Life. He still is prepared to give services to the British policy-holders in advising them as to the best means to adopt in their own interests. It is understood that he has constantly protested against the extravagance of the working of the company as a whole compared with the London branch, where the expenses were only 14.61 per cent. of the premium income.

According to the Daily Chronicle, Mr. Haldeman resolved to resign some time ago but deferred action on account of his anxiety concerning the position of the British policy-holders and in the hope that real reforms would be introduced into the management.

"Now," says the Daily Chronicle, "realizing that the head office is doing nothing to prevent holders from surrendering the policies in panic and foreseeing that it is impossible for him to carry out the new policy of the directors which would not insure public confidence, he has resigned."

TREACHEROUS NATIVES.

Constabulary Attacked by Pulajanes Who Promised to Surrender.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—The official account of the fight with the Pulajanes on the Island of Samar was received at the war office to-day from Governor-General Ide, as follows:

"Saturday morning, March 24th, Governor Curry had arranged to receive the surrender of the remaining Pulajanes and leaders at Magtaon, Island of Samar. The leaders and one hundred Pulajanes, with fourteen guns, presented themselves. Immediately before the surrender was to occur the Pulajanes leader signalled, and all made a bold rush. Judge Lohinger and the district school inspector escaped in one direction, and Curry, in another, swimming the river and escaped in the brush. Other Americans safe.

"The constabulary lost 16 killed, wounded and missing. Some guns were lost. Thirty Pulajanes were buried. The Pulajanes were pursued. Curry was lost thirty-six hours, but was presently found in a road camp. He withdraws his application for leave of absence and proposes to finish the pacification. He reports natives in the province actively assisting him. Each was found zealous to exterminate the Pulajanes."

STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

Vice-President Declares There Is No "Master Mind."

New York, March 26.—John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, was the principal witness to-day in the hearing conducted by Attorney-General Hadley, of Missouri, before United States Commissioner Sandbourn.

In response to Mr. Hadley's direct question, "Who is the active head of the Standard Oil Company," Mr. Archbold replied there is no "master mind" in the Standard Oil; it consisted of "an aggregation of individuals." Mr. Archbold also volunteered the statement that John D. Rockfeller had no desire to evade any questions, that Mr. Rockfeller knew nothing about the matters concerned in the present suit, but that if Mr. Hadley wished to go to Lakewood and question him he would find Mr. Rockfeller willing to answer any question.

Mr. Hadley interrupted the statement with this remark: "There is only one way, to examine witnesses, here."

Wade Hampton, auditor of the Standard Oil Company, testified that he had on previous occasions sent men from his office in New York to St. Louis to audit the accounts of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, and that while so employed the men were on the payroll of the latter company. The same course was adopted in auditing the books of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

REPLY OF OPERATORS.

Granting of Miners' Demands Would Increase Price of Coal by $1.20 a Ton.

New York, March 26.—The anthracite operators to-day issued a statement that if they granted the demands of the union it would be necessary to increase the price of coal to the consumer by $1.20 per ton. The operators claim to have nine million tons of anthracite coal stored within a radius of one hundred miles of New York.

THE FIRE FIEND VISITS WRANGLE

TOWN WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Only Government Buildings, One Store and Dock Remain—Many People are Destitute.

Juneau, March 27.—The town of Wrangle was almost completely destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon and evening.

The news was brought here by a tug arriving from the burned city appealing to the coast cities for assistance for those left destitute of food and shelter.

The fire started on the second story of the Pioneer hotel. Only the government buildings, one dock and a store, are left standing.

While the fire was under way the Indians ransacked the buildings, stealing great quantities of food. An armed party is now on their trail.

Many houses were dynamited by fire fighters in a vain attempt to head off the flames.

Thirty-eight houses that composed the residential district of the city were burned to the ground.

Wrangle has a population of 400 persons, half of whom are Indians. The town has no waterworks and no fire fighting apparatus, and was at the mercy of the flames. The total loss is at least $100,000.

The Pacific Coast Company ordered the steamer Alki, which was at Juneau, to transport food and clothing donated by citizens of Juneau free of charge to the stricken city.

Explosion Caused Blaze.

Bradford, Pa., March 27.—The explosion of a gasoline engine last night caused a fire which destroyed a large part of the town of Kane, near here. The blaze started in the livery stable of Wickham & Johnston, and burned to death 32 horses in their stalls.

Fire at Butte.

Butte, Mont., March 27.—Fire in the Olsen block last night resulted in approximately $100,000 damage to the wholesale stock of the Passmore Paper Company, through the warehouse being flooded with water.

Steamer Destroyed.

Newport, R. I., March 27.—The Fall River line's big side-wheeler Plymouth was burned to the water's edge, the freight steamer City of Lowell was damaged, and a long pier shed, hoisting shears, paint shop and old railroad station were destroyed by a fire which burned for nearly three hours early today, and which at one time threatened to wipe out the entire repairing plant of the owners of the line, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company. No lives were lost.

The steamer Plymouth was valued at nearly a million dollars, and was practically a total loss. The loss on the wharf is estimated at $25,000, and on the shears $10,000, while damage to the City of Lowell will reach nearly $10,000. The paint shop and the old railroad station were of slight value.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Nine Workmen Killed and Thirteen Injured—Victims Crushed to Death in Caboose.

Casper, Wyo., March 26.—An accommodation train on the Chicago & Northwestern railway's new branch, ran into a washout on the prairie 26 miles west of here this morning. Nine persons were killed and 13 injured. Most of the killed were in a caboose, which was at the rear of the train. Back of the caboose was a ponderous steel water tank car. The caboose sank deep into the sand the tank car plunged into the caboose and crushed it like an eggshell, catching the inmates in a trap.

At about the same time that the accident occurred the middle span of the big railroad bridge across the Platte river, near this city, went out as the result of floods, and it became impossible to send a relief train to the scene.

A great force was at once put to work on the bridge and the officials announced it would be completed before noon. Superintendent Cortillon and three doctors crossed the river by the wagon bridge, secured a hand car and started for the scene. A severe snowstorm came up, and after going six miles the hand car was blocked. The physicians then drove to the wreck.

The wreck occurred on the new line being constructed from Casper to the Shoshone reservation, which is to be thrown open to settlement next August. Most of the persons killed and injured were workmen on the way to the grading camps.

KAISER ABANDONS TRIP.

Berlin, March 26.—Emperor William's proposed Mediterranean cruise has been abandoned. It has been delayed to await the outcome of the Algeciras conference, and it is too late. Consequently His Majesty has entirely abandoned the trip.