

News of the Northwest

TRAIN IS BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE

Burlington Passenger Train Is Wrecked a Mile West of Butte.

THREE PERSONS ARE KILLED

Butte, Mont., May 5.—East-bound Burlington train No. 6, due in Butte at 11:30 o'clock Friday night, was dynamited about a mile west of the Northern Pacific station at 11:37 o'clock.

The explosion caused the first or helper engine to leave the rails, but it plowed along for a few hundred feet without turning over. The second engine crashed into the bank south of the track, a few car lengths from where the explosion occurred, and turned over.

Every person on the train survived the explosion except Engineer Bussy of the second engine, who was buried under his locomotive; Fireman Ehle, who died Sunday, and Carl Ming, a tramp, who died Saturday. He was riding on the blind baggage and was taken from a mass of timbers under which he was buried. His arm and leg were broken.

Cars Smashed.

The mail car was hurled on its side and wrecked. A cold storage fish car was smashed into kindling wood. Only the front trucks of the express car left the rails. The baggage car also was derailed, only the Pullmans remaining on the tracks.

Although a large force of deputy sheriffs, railway detectives and other officers are investigating the case, no motive for the crime has been secured. The dynamiting is believed to be the work of some tramp seeking revenge for being ejected from a train.

Express Messenger J. B. Valentine was seriously cut by a flying grenade. His escape from death in his car is considered remarkable.

Reward Is Offered.

St. Paul, May 5.—The Northern Pacific has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the apprehension and arrest of the perpetrators of the outrage.

The entire force of Northern Pacific special agents have been assigned to the case and are working under Special Agent W. T. McFetridge.

SAVES THE CHILDREN.

Woman Breaks Into a Neighbor's Locked House.

Ladysmith, Wis., May 5.—Mrs. John Kehl rescued two small children from William Houpt's burning residence during the absence of the parents.

Mrs. Houpt had locked in her children while she went to visit. Shortly afterwards the building was on fire and Mrs. Kehl, hearing the cries of the children, broke one of the windows and carried the children to a place of safety. The building was destroyed.

PATENT DRIVES MAN MAD.

Work at Night to Perfect Device Brings on Acute Mania.

Marshalltown, Iowa, May 5.—Because he worked so much at night trying to perfect a mechanical device that he expected to have patented, J. B. Mathieson, a machinist employed by the C. A. Dunham company, was adjudged insane and taken to the state hospital at Independence. His case has been diagnosed as acute mania, resulting from a loss of sleep and nervousness.

BRINGS MAY TOKEN; SHOT.

Bullet Is Answer to Boy's Expression of Regard at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., May 5.—After he had carried the emblem of love and neighborly courtesy to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Copeland in the shape of a May basket filled with tastily arranged flowers, little Eddie Gregg of Foy station, near Seattle, was shot in the thigh and may die as a result. Copeland is accused.

BURGLARS IN GROCERY.

Steal Candy and Cigars, but Get No Money.

Pierre, S. D., May 5.—Burglars last night entered the grocery store of E. F. Gifford and stole cigars and candy, besides breaking open a money drawer and scattering papers generally over the room. All the Saturday evening receipts had been taken home by the proprietor and no cash was secured.

Saloon Fight Fatal.

Lead, S. D., May 5.—In a quarrel over a card game here last evening Eli Raich, a well known saloonkeeper, shot and mortally wounded Mitchell Ogressa, a Homestake miner. Raich gave himself up.

Gift for Maj. Chamberlain.

Mitchell, S. D., May 5.—Just before Maj. Harry D. Chamberlain gave up his position as agent at the Crow agency the large number of government employes presented the major and his wife with a \$100 set of silver.

WRONG MEN IN THE LAW'S GRIP

Officers Have Little Evidence Against Alleged Bank Robbers—Bag of Money Found.

Warren, Minn., May 5.—The chase for the Stephen bank robbers is now confined to Canada. The five men brought from Emerson, St. Jean and Morris have about convinced the authorities that they had nothing to do with it. It seems that there were two gangs of men at Emerson Thursday morning and that the Canadian authorities captured the wrong crowd. Two of the men wanted are known to have been within a few miles of Winnipeg, and it is thought that they are in hiding there now.

Meanwhile scattered evidence of the movements of the Stephen gang is coming in from various sections about this region. Among other things a coat covered with blood has been discovered in a buggy near Fox, Roseau county, with a letter in the inside pocket addressed to Charles Fisher, Fairmont, Minn. The pockets also contained soap and safety matches, with long flax strings. The police will take charge of the outfit.

A party of homesteaders and settlers uncovered a cache near Deer post-office, in Marshall county, containing crackmen's tools, soap, a nitroglycerin bottle and some flinties. They were led to make the search by the discovery of a bag containing \$735, mostly in gold, by Rural Mail Carrier Christian Ingvald, whose attention was attracted to the place by the movements of a closely curtained carriage on the morning after the robbery.

ASSESSORS AT SEA.

St. Louis County Men Given Conflicting Instructions by Authorities.

Biwabik, Minn., May 4.—The town ship assessors of St. Louis county were on Tuesday instructed by Franklin L. McVey, chairman of the Minnesota tax commission, to assess all property at its real value. Now they have received a letter from County Auditor Halden, saying it is the practice to assess at 50 per cent of the value in other counties, and that it would be unjust to make a full levy in St. Louis county.

DERAILED NEAR RED WING.

C. G. W. Passenger Leaves Tracks but No One Is Injured.

Red Wing, Minn., May 5.—The Great Western passenger train from Minneapolis was derailed one and a half miles north of the city limits last evening. The accident was caused by the tank on the engine climbing the rail. No passengers or employees were injured, although the combination smoke and baggage car was derailed and thrown from the trucks and several windows were broken.

NEW FARMS IN MONTANA.

Secretary Garfield Opens 205 to Homestead Entry.

Washington, May 5.—Two hundred and five farms near Great Falls, Mont., have just been opened to homestead entry by Secretary Garfield, effective May 7. These farms are embraced in a tract of about 18,000 acres which were withdrawn from all forms of disposition in connection with the Fort Shaw unit of the Sun river irrigation project.

SUES THE TEACHER.

But She Says She Whipped the Boy in Self-defense.

Fern, Wis., May 5.—Miss Nellie Bates, teacher at Fern, has been sued for damages by John Moore for whipping his son. Moore says that the teacher whipped his son too severely while Miss Bates says that she had to whip him in self-defense.

SMALLPOX IN COLLEGE.

President Eaton of Beloit Quarantined for Mild Case.

Beloit, Wis., May 4.—President Eaton of Beloit college has a mild case of smallpox and is quarantined, as are thirteen girls, mostly freshmen. The school takes the matter calmly. Vaccination was general and every one was sworn to secrecy until the first excitement blew over.

TIMBER ON BAD LANDS.

Petition Asks Government to Convert It into National Forestry.

Devils Lake, N. D., May 5.—W. W. Barrett of Churchs Ferry has been circulating a petition here to be presented to the president asking that the lands known as the Bad Lands, in North Dakota, be converted into a national forestry.

Tot Trampled Upon.

St. Paul, May 5.—Catherine, the three-year-old daughter of Anthony Segale, a fireman, was run down by a horse last evening and seriously injured. The horse trampled on the child and broke two of her ribs and cut and bruised her body and head in many places.

Three Switchmen Hurt.

St. Paul, May 5.—Three switchmen in the Minnesota Transfer yards were seriously injured by the derailing of a switch engine last night.

Congress.

Resume of the Week's Proceedings.

Tuesday.

Washington, April 29.—Ostensibly considering the sundry civil bill, the house devoted most of its time yesterday to speeches covering a wide range of subjects and concluded the session by giving an attentive hearing to the president's special message. Although nearly every member had read the message in the newspapers, a large number remained in their seats, carefully following the words of the reading clerk.

The pension and the District of Columbia appropriation bills were passed by the senate yesterday. In addition the special message of the president urging a legislative program was read, and another chapter of Senator Warner's speech on the Brownsville affray was heard. The senate at 5:27 p. m. adjourned.

Wednesday.

Washington, April 30.—Senator Davis of Arkansas created a mild sensation in the senate yesterday when, in discussing his resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for information about the tribal rolls of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians of Oklahoma, he declared that 10,000 names were being kept off the rolls by the secretary, and instanced a case in which he said nine members of a family were rated as negroes and only one as an Indian. Advancing toward Mr. Foraker, his voice thundered throughout the chamber and adjacent halls as he asked if the Ohio senator "loved niggers" so well, why did he not come forward and defend these members of that race. Only laughter greeted this, and Mr. Foraker requested in a mild tone that the senator speak louder. Later Mr. Davis' resolution was passed.

Mr. Williams of Mississippi presented a petition, signed by 164 of the 166 Democrats composing the minority, asking the speaker to recognize some member of the house to move the discharge of the ways and means committee from further consideration of the Stevens bill for the removal of the duty on wood pulp and print paper and to pass that bill or a similar one.

Thursday.

Washington, May 1.—The consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed in the house yesterday. Mr. Townsend of Michigan offered an amendment increasing from \$50,000 to \$350,000 the appropriation for the enforcement by the interstate commerce commission of that clause of the Hepburn act directing the commission to cause to be made examinations of the accounts of the interstate railroads of the country to determine whether that law is being violated, and to make public the results of such examinations. After a debate lasting four hours the amendment was agreed to.

The senate had under consideration all of yesterday the agricultural bill. Practically all of the committee amendments were disposed of except those relating to the forest service, which will be taken up today.

Friday.

Washington, May 2.—The time of the senate was taken up for two hours yesterday with a speech by Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas asking that the committee on the judiciary be discharged from further consideration of his bill for the suppression of trusts. The remainder of the day was given over to the consideration of a resolution by Senator Elkins suspending until Jan. 1, 1910, the commodity clause of the Hepburn railroad rate law. The resolution provoked so much debate and so many amendments were offered dealing with other phases of railroad legislation that the whole matter went over until Monday. The commodity clause, under the provisions of the Hepburn bill, went into effect yesterday and railroads therefore which haul interstate commerce products of mines or manufacturing in which the carriers are interested are liable to maximum fines of \$5,000 for each offense.

The Elkins resolution proposes to give the railroads 20 months additional in which to divorce themselves from those properties, on the ground that the financial condition of the country has been such that the railroads have been unable to find buyers and to settle such questions of joint ownership as are involved in mortgages covering both the railroad property and mining or manufacturing property. The house spent all of yesterday's session in considering and passing, paragraph by paragraph, under suspension of the rules, the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Monday.

Washington, May 5.—Senator Bulkeley of Connecticut, a member of the military committee, spoke at length in the senate yesterday on the Brownsville affair. Mr. Bulkeley declared his belief in the innocence of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth regiment. The senate passed the house resolution appropriating \$250,000 to relieve the recent tornado sufferers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The house yesterday completely overrode the committee on appropriations in connection with several items in the sundry civil appropriation bill.

The Russian minister of finance announces that the United States has agreed to recognize the Russian bourse committee's certificates fixing the customs value of Russian goods imported into America.

MONTANA NEWS

DYNAMITE USED FOR REVENGE.

Home of Quarry Foreman Is Wrecked by Blast.

The residence of J. G. Wicklund, foreman of the Lime quarries of the Amalgamated Copper company near Anaconda, was dynamited. Wicklund was seriously injured, but will live. His escape from death is considered miraculous, as the entire charge of powder was placed directly under the floor of Wicklund's sleeping chamber. His wife, who was in another room, escaped with a few scratches, and their six-week-old baby was uninjured. The house, a four-room cottage, was completely demolished, the ruins immediately catching fire.

Following the policy of the Amalgamated Copper company, when the mines resumed work recently, preference has been given to American workmen, the applications of hundreds of foreigners formerly employed having been rejected because it was stated of the general superiority of native laborers. This action aroused the ire of the foreigners and numerous shift bosses and superintendents have been receiving threatening letters.

One which was received by Wicklund ordered him to leave the country upon peril of death if he remained. Some of these foreigners are suspected of the dynamiting.

But for the fact that the ground under the Wicklund home was soft all of the family would have been killed. As it was Wicklund, his wife and their baby were blown through the sides of the house. None of them remember having crawled out of the ruins. The force of the explosion was so great that windows in neighboring houses were shattered by the explosion. The dynamite used was stolen from a company warehouse, 123 sticks being taken, but it is not believed that amount was exploded under Wicklund's house. A vast cavity was made in the ground under the Wicklund home. Wicklund says he felt the sensation of sailing through the air in the midst of a cloud of smoke and flame, and there was a ringing in his ears. When he came to his senses he was lying on the ground, many feet from the house.

TALLEST CHIMNEY IN WORLD.

Great Falls to Have Tower Which May Be Seen 75 Miles Away.

The first brick in what is to be the highest chimney in the world was laid recently by Benjamin F. Thayer of the Amalgamated Copper company at the Great Falls (Mont.) works of the company. This chimney will be 506 feet high above the foundation and will be 54 feet at the top and 74 feet in diameter at the base. The tallest chimney in the world at the present time is 460 feet high, located at Freiberg, Germany. The chimney at the Eastman company's works at Rochester, N. Y. is 366 feet high and is the biggest in America. The chimney was built by the same company building the Great Falls stack, the Alphonse Custodis company of New York.

The site of the chimney is Indian Point, a high bluff overlooking the Missouri river, and the Boston & Montana smelters. The present chimney is located on the same point, and although but 186 feet high is a conspicuous object for seventy-five miles in every direction from Great Falls. The top of the new chimney will be 742 feet above the blast furnaces.

The brick used in the chimney is of a special radial type, and is made at a nearby plant, which has been at work on it for the past six months. If built of common brick, 5,700,000 would be required. To connect the furnaces with this chimney a flue of 1,800 feet long, 48 feet wide and 20 feet high is being constructed. It is expected that the last brick will have been laid by the first of October next, by which time the enlargement of the smelter will be completed.

ORE-STEALING CASE BEGUN.

\$100,000 Involved in Action Now on Trial at Butte.

The suit of the South Butte Mining company against the East Butte Mining company, to recover \$100,000 for the alleged stealing of ore from the South Butte workings by East Butte leasers, was begun before Judge George M. Bourquin at Butte. Many witnesses are to be examined and the case will be long drawn out. It is said the defendants through John Quinn, former sheriff, William Clancy, former district judge, William Walt, John Doe, John Roe and Peter Robinson, extracted the ore from the South Butte workings, and that in order to prevent an inspection of the ground where the ore had been taken out, smoke was turned into the drift to keep the South Butte employees out.

IS KILLED AT WRECKED DAM.

Young Engineer Is Drowned in the Missouri River.

Maurice E. Haman, a well known young engineer of Helena, employed by the Helena Power Transmission company at the Hauser Lake dam, fell from that structure and was drowned in the Missouri river. Haman was among those engaged in making preparations for repair work on the structure, which was partially washed out two weeks ago. He lost his balance and fell into the stream.

IN THE SCANDINAVIAN NORTH

Gleanings of Important News of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with Occasional Comments.

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NORWAY.

Lars Gjeldaker, who was a teacher at Aal for 50 years, has celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birthday. The venerable pedagogue is still in good health, and is busy writing a book on his experiences.

Karl Jensen Stave, Ole Jensen Stave, Hagbart Jensen Stave and Andreas Jensen Stave of Dverberg have been awarded silver medals for heroic work in rescuing the crew of the stranded life-saving boat Bergen.

The building of the public high school at Eidsvoll is now begun. The necessary funds for the undertaking have been assured, 70,000 crowns having been subscribed by the people of Eidsvoll alone. Architect Arneberg has charge of the building operations.

A newspaper report from Farsund says that on account of the poor times in America, many Norwegian-Americans are returning to Norway to settle down for good. They bring money and have been buying up land in the vicinity of Farsund, so that there has been great activity in real estate deals in that quarter. Needless to say the inhabitants are jubilant.

The peasants of Telemarken have organized for the protection of their interests against the socialists, who have been quite active there, having succeeded in controlling a number of the precincts or parishes in the elections. The socialists, who are nearly all laborers, have been well organized, on which account they have had an advantage over the peasants, and it is to even up matters that the latter are now perfecting an organization. The peasants of Telemarken have joined the "Norwegian Land Owners League," a national organization.

Dr. Fritsch Nansen the explorer has returned to Norway from London and is at this writing residing at Lysaker. It is believed that he has left the diplomatic service for good and that he will devote the rest of his days to teaching, scientific investigations and other scholarly pursuits. It is taken for granted that Commander Dawes will succeed Dr. Nansen as ambassador to London. King Edward and Queen Alexandra both expressed keen regret over Dr. Nansen's departure from the British court and the London press speaks in the highest terms of his services as ambassador, saying that it will be difficult for his country to find another man so well fitted to master all the difficulties besetting the position.

It seems that in spite of the fact that the body of Gudrun, the lost girl of Christiania, was found in a water course some two months or more ago, half a dozen peasants are still trying to hew their way into the inmost recesses of the so-called "Gudrun cavern" in Flaag—a mysterious opening in the rocky wall of a mountain, in which, it was believed, a band of gypsies that had kidnapped Gudrun, took refuge. This belief grew out of the fact that Johan Flottum, the boy with the "sixth sense," said that he saw a band of gypsies with the girl in their possession enter a cavern, and the cavern in question was thought to be the one Flottum saw. It is now some months since the peasants began hewing at the mountain.

Prof. O. J. Breda, formerly head of the department of Scandinavian languages and literature in the University of Minnesota, but now a resident of Christiania, has written an article for a Norwegian-American paper in which he speaks at length of Chancellor McCracken's lectures recently delivered at the University of Christiania. Prof. Breda says that the lectures did not arouse much enthusiasm and deplores the fact that an educator of more oratorical power was not sent in Dr. McCracken's place. Verdens Gang spoke of the lectures in friendly terms, but Morgenbladet was quite hostile in its criticisms. Prof. Breda believes that the proposition to arrange an exchange of lectures between the University of Christiania and certain American universities will be given "the cold shoulder" in Christiania, unless the next lecturer sent over from the United States is able to stir up more enthusiasm and interest. He thinks that President Northrop of the University of Minnesota, would be the man to send to Christiania.

SWEDEN.

Dr. Rurik Helm, a docent at the University of Lund, has been appointed public school inspector of Gothenburg.

The Messen Stock company, the well known cooperative undertaking, organized in 1904 has ceased to exist.

There are 2,239 hunting clubs in Sweden, with an aggregate membership of 129,815 active members and 15,000 passive members.

John Svanberg, the famous Swedish athlete, has received an invitation from Berlin and Prague to participate in the international foot races to be held at those places about May 1.

The population of the island of Gotland is now 53,845.

There are 18,500 merchants in Sweden at the present time.

Gustav Fredericksen, the veteran actor, has retired from the stage.

The king has appointed H. Morner as court marshal for Queen Sofia.

A Social-Democratic student society was recently organized at Gothenburg.

Count Claes Herman Sparre died at his home in Finnekumla. He was born in 1823.

King Gustaf has been elected a member of the Accademia degli Arcadi of Rome.

King Gustav evidently believes in life insurance, as he took out 500,000 crowns a few weeks ago.

A recent report shows that the assets and liabilities of the Nobel fund balance at 32,525,040 crowns.

The visit of President Falliers of France to Stockholm will take place during the latter part of June.

G. Anderson of Kullsta, owns a copy of the first translation of the Bible into the Swedish language.

The king has appointed Count Wachtmeister diplomatic agent for Egypt. He is consul general at Cairo.

C. F. Soderberg has donated 10,000 crowns to the labor union of Malmo, of which he is one of the oldest members.

King Gustav will attend the marriage of his son, Prince Wilhelm, to Princess Pavlona of Russia at St. Petersburg May 3.

Failures of business firms and stock companies are reported from all parts of Sweden, and as yet there seems to be no silver lining to the cloud.

There are all kinds of strikes and rumors of strikes in Sweden at the present time. The painters of Stockholm stopped work about the 1st of April and the carpenters and masons are likely to follow suit. Many of the other cities are having labor troubles and the situation on the whole is rather discouraging.

The long anticipated visit to Stockholm of the king and queen of England took place April 26. The royal visitors were met at the station by the Swedish royal family. During their brief stay they were tendered a brilliant banquet, in which 300 distinguished guests participated and a performance in their honor was given at the Royal theater in Stockholm. The merchants spent their money lavishly in decorating the streets all being anxious to demonstrate to King Edward that the Swedish people look upon England with friendship and affection.

DENMARK.

One hundred and five million three hundred thousand pounds of sugar were manufactured in Denmark in 1907, as against 132,400,000 pounds the preceding year. The amount of beer produced in 1907 was 751,000 barrels, a decrease of 1,400 from the preceding year. The production of oleomargarine was 51,300,000 pounds as against 47,300,000 pounds in 1906—an astonishing increase, due to the high price of butter and the growing taste among Danish people for this article.

During the fiscal year ending April 1, 1908 the duty on imports amounted to 54,410,000 crowns. This is a larger sum than was ever before collected, the record during the last three years being as follows: The year ending April 1, 1905, 47,200,000 crowns; April 1, 1906, 48,790,000 crowns; April 1, 1907, 52,130,000 crowns.

The aggregate value of the goods imported into Denmark in 1907 was 600,600,000 crowns, and the value of the goods exported was 416,200,000 crowns, a balance of 183,000,000 crowns in favor of the imports. About 90 per cent of the exports were productions of the farm—butter, cream, milk, eggs, pork, beef and vegetables. The value of the pork exports was 96,400,000 crowns. The butter exported brought 163,000,000 crowns and Denmark sold 26,500,000 crowns in eggs.

Baron Zytphen Adeler, owner of Adelerborg, is dead at the age of 60 years. His estate is one of the largest country estates in Denmark and will now become the property of his eldest son, George Frederick. Among the six children that survive the baron is the well known female physician, Baroness Margaret, who conducted a clinic at Fredericksburg, and who in 1900 married a Swedish engineer and removed to Sweden.

The Wallberga dairy in Halland is the largest dairy in Sweden.