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New York, Feb. 15.—Seven men were killed and three injured and considerable damage sustained by the vessel by an explosion on board the German steamer Valdivia at sea last Wednesday. The accident was reported when the steamer arrived here today.

The donkey engine boiler exploded on Wednesday, throwing the steamer's funnel over and ripping open the upper deck. The seven dead were killed instantly. The escaping steam from the burst boiler enveloped the steamer, creating a scene of confusion.

Among the injured is the first officer. The names of the dead are:

Fourth Engineer J. Steinhagen, Hoboken.

Fireman A. Saldan, colored.

Fireman J. W. Hanna.

Coal Passer Salenski.

Sailor Dybo.

Sailor W. Deltrich.

Steward William Simmons, colored. The chief officer was on duty on the bridge when the explosion occurred. He stated when the explosion occurred everything appeared to fall over the bridge on the decks and the superstructure above the decks was thrown open. All the lifeboats were damaged, one so badly that it was thrown overboard. The smokestack fell down to the deck but was secured. All of the liner's structure above the deck was completely torn out.

When the explosion occurred the steamer stopped and everybody rushed to the rescue of the injured. The dead were so mutilated that it was with difficulty that the bodies were secured. They were buried at sea.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A Big Effort to be Made to Convert New York to the Doctrine.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Interurban Political Equality Council, which is endeavoring to convert New York to woman suffrage, held its headquarters at the Hotel Marlow Washington yesterday. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the council, made a statement regarding the purposes of the council.

"We have opened headquarters and we are going to stay until all the women are converted. The time when great work was done by great meetings has passed. We do not under estimate what they do, but we put more faith in printer's ink."

STANFORD WHITE'S HOUSE.

Princeton Club Has Decided to Take a Lease on It.

New York, Feb. 16.—Announcement was made today that the Princeton Club has decided to take a lease on the Stanford White house, on Gramercy park, as its club house. The White house is a large building well adapted to the needs of a social club. In addition to this house, the club will obtain by lease the building at 119 East Twenty-first street. The two buildings will be made into one.

The Princeton club's lease of its present quarters expires in November, and the club will then take possession of the White house.

BUTTE TELEPHONE GIRLS RESUME WORK TODAY.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 16.—The strike of the girls operators in the employ of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company was settled last night and the operators resumed work this morning.

The girls were employed by the Butte Central Telephone company, the assembly of the affiliated Blue Label unions. The girls get an increase of \$6 per month and all their other demands are granted.

Committees are now going back and forth between the printers and the publishers, and while neither would issue statements at noon, the adjournment seems possible within a few days.

A SILK DYING COMBINE.

New York, Feb. 16.—A Paterson, N. J., special to the Times says: Announcement will soon be made of an important combination of all the principal silk dyeing concerns of the country. The merger is said to represent millions of capital. The Ashley & Bailey company, which lately acquired the \$1,000,000 Williamsport, Pa., plant; the William Kearney Dyeing company; the Geering Dyeing company, with the largest plant in the United States, with many other smaller concerns, are said to have entered the combination.

HEALY'S PICTURES SOLD.

New York, Feb. 16.—The private art collection of Augustus Healy of Brooklyn, consisting of 95 oil paintings and water colors, were sold at auction last night at Mendelssohn hall. The pictures brought \$75,000. The collection, but the pictures were evidently not regarded by the bidders as the best examples of their work. The highest price was offered for a picture of a Daubigny, "The Banks of the Marne." The buyers were Charles J. Peabody, Carryl De Silver paid \$6,000 for another Daubigny, "A Showery Day in Spring."

STRONG ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

Lahore, India, Feb. 16.—A violent outbreak of anti-British feeling has occurred here following the conviction of the proprietor and editor of a native newspaper, who were accused of stirring up hatred against the English. The men were fined and imprisoned.

The natives of the place have been imposed on the natives former a parade and the mob went through the streets shouting denunciations and hooting at every European.

VALUABLE CHINESE VASE.

London, Feb. 16.—A square shaped Chinese vase of the Kang-He period, 20 1/2 inches high, was sold at Christie's yesterday for \$12,500.

DR. BARTH COMING.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Dr. Theodore Barth is coming to the United States to begin a tour of the United States, beginning in April. His paper, one of the leading political weeklies of Germany, is to be discontinued.

Dr. Barth was an energetic advocate of co-operation between the Liberals and Social Democrats. The recent Reichstag elections showed that the plan had met with no favor.

HALF A MILLION FOR CHARITY.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A will filed in the probate court yesterday leaves a residuary estate estimated at \$500,000 to be divided equally among the children of the testator, George Straut, who died in New York. He left no children but numerous grandchildren and other relatives, who receive sums ranging from \$200 to \$20,000 each. Among the larger bequests to relatives are:

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SALT LAKE FOR PRESIDENT.

George E. Merrill is Again Favorite for This Honor—Three Cities Want Next Meeting.

Today is the last day of the lumbermen's convention—a gathering whose most interesting feature has been successful in every particular. Next year's meeting may be held in any one of the three cities: Portland, Tacoma or Spokane. These cities have delegations here. The visitors were taken out to Saltair this morning. A special train left this city at 10 o'clock. It returned in time to let the eight-seers eat lunch and then gather at Armory hall, where the last session of the convention is being held. Election of officers for the ensuing year is to be one of the important features of this afternoon's meeting. It is believed George E. Merrill of this city is to be re-elected to the presidency of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association, and A. L. Porter, secretary.

A. J. REEVES TO TALK.

A vice president and five directors are to be selected before this part of the program is completed. August von Boecklin, representing the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, will talk upon "Coast Fire and Other Woods." J. A. Reeves, general freight agent of the Oregon Short Line, is on the program to discuss the railroads. The convention will probably put Mr. Reeves on the grill in the discussion to follow his little talk to learn about car shortages, fuel shortages, equipment shortages, freight congestions, what the railroads are not doing for the shippers who support them; why competition is frowned down and a lot of other things which Dame Gossip and Gossip Condon have spread about.

The annual dinner of the association to be held tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the Knutsford hotel will mark the end of this year's gathering. This has been arranged for the benefit of the Salt Lake lumbermen and will be a jolly, brilliant affair. The delegates will leave for their respective homes, pleased with the convention and all its side issues. The Ho Ho Ho connection last evening was a bumping success. A party of 75 lumbermen, accompanied by wives and families, attended the Orpheum performance.

THAW TRIALS NO LONGER BOARD

Instructs His Counsel to do Everything Possible to Prevent Its Appointment.

Utah's Lawmakers En Route to Richfield Today on an Outing.

JOHNSON IS RESPONSIBLE.

Senator From Sevier County is Acting As the "Spicer" on the Personally Conducted Tour.

After refusing thus far to be enticed by the offer of good dinners at Logan and at Provo, the legislature is at last out on its first long junket.

Instead of a trip to see why one state institution needs the money it asks for, this trip is to see why one great valley of Utah is worthy of more prestige and standing than it has ever been accorded.

Smarting because of the long period in which its light has burned under a bushel, the town of Richfield has asked the legislature to come south. The ambition of Senator Willis Johnson, who arranged the trip, and who is the representative of that district in the upper house, is to show his fellow legislators, how glorious is the sunny south of Utah, and how bright is its prospect.

Both houses entered into this trip with a good spirit. A large percentage of the members with their wives went to the depot this morning, when the special train departed. The program at Richfield, where the party arrives this afternoon, is to hold a banquet at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the legislature. The party is expected back at Salt Lake tomorrow noon.

TWO SENATE SESSIONS.

The upper house held two sessions yesterday. The first was called to order by President Love at 10 a. m.

The first thing after roll call and prayer and reading of the journal, Senator Johnson of Millard offered senate resolution No. 3, censuring the house for removing the Galveston bills, calling for an explanation of its action, and asking to be informed why action has not been taken in reference to these bills. The resolution was passed unanimously and was at once dispatched to the house per messenger.

ON THIRD READING.

On third reading came H. B. 19, by Robinson, creating a state board of equalization, and defining its duties. On motion of Mr. Park the bill was re-committed to the committee on salaries.

FOUR BILLS PASSED.

On special order S. B. 74 by Park, came up for further consideration. The measure fixes the salaries of certain officers, and was the subject of long discussion. Several amendments were added, and the bill passed. Senator Callister giving notice that he would move to reconsider on Monday.

S. B. 9, by the committee on agriculture and irrigation, substitute for H. R. 14, by Jackson, providing for dry farms, was considered and passed.

H. B. 37, by Richards, raising the salary of the state superintendent of public instruction from \$1,800 to \$2,000 was unanimously passed.

S. B. 12, by Pedersen, defining the qualifications of applicants for marriage, was also passed unanimously.

S. B. 27, by Bullen, relating to libraries, came up on special order. A motion of Lawrence, considering this measure was postponed until Monday, and adjournment was made until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the senate convened, and the following business was transacted:

H. B. 15, by Mr. Kuchler, relating to judgment and penalty in contempt cases, was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote.

H. B. 18, by Robinson, in relation to taxation, and defining of powers and duties of the state board of equalization, was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BILLS.

The following bills were introduced:

S. B. 112, by Kuchler, relating to appropriation to investigate the possibilities of restraining alkali and water-logged lands of Emery county; committee on agriculture and irrigation.

S. B. 113, by Kuchler, relating to appeals from justices' courts. Judiciary committee.

S. B. 115, Hollingsworth, relating to and defining grand larceny. Committee on judiciary.

S. B. 114, Benner X. Smith, relating to instruments of writing informally executed, and validating all of the same, which were of record prior to Jan. 1, 1907. Committee on judiciary.

S. B. 116, by Walton, making it unlawful to sell certain medicines containing opium, cocaine, chloral or alcohol, or preparations containing acetanilide or any of its derivatives, without branding the same, and providing a penalty for a violation of this act. Committee on public health.

S. B. 117, by Walton, relating to the disposing of tainted, decayed, spoiled, or unwholesome food, and prescribing a penalty for a violation of any provision of this act.

S. B. 118, by Walton, providing for an annual convention of health officers.

The senate adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Monday.

IN THE HOUSE.

The first outward and visible sign of the horn-blowing between the senate and house occurred yesterday afternoon, when during the session of the house the following communication was received from the upper body: The same being a resolution introduced by Senator Johnson and unanimously passed by the senate.

Called to order on the 11th day of February, 1907, after consideration thereof duly passed senate bills Nos. 34 to 46, both inclusive, and senate bill No. 73.

And whereas, the same were duly transmitted to the house on said 11th day of February, 1907.

And whereas, the journal of the house shows that three of said bills, Nos. 34, 35 and 36 were received by the house on Thursday, the 14th day of February, 1907, but that said journal of the house does not show the receipt of said other bills.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the honorable speaker and house of representatives be respectfully requested to inform the senate when and in what order the same were received in the house, and in what custody senate bills Nos. 34, 35 and 36 have been since the 11th day of February, 1907, and when senate bills Nos. 34 to 46, both inclusive, and senate bill No. 73 were delivered, and in what custody senate bills Nos. 37 to 46 and 73 now are. And be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to the honorable speaker and house of representatives forthwith."

The bills referred to are those comprising the Galveston government idea, by Benner X. Smith. Mr. Johnson moved that the communication be filed and the clerk furnish the information asked for. Critchlow moved a substitute that a special committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report to the house. This motion carried and the speaker appointed Messrs. Critchlow, Meeks and Kuchler.

A great deal of debate was indulged in during the discussion of the senate resolution. Speaker Joseph and others thinking the senate should also be censured for "holding up" several house bills, but nothing was done in the way of passing resolutions of censure, as the whole matter was considered too much of an indication of petty feelings between the two legislative bodies.

However, the Galveston bills were brought to the consideration of the house in this manner, and on the lot of them was referred to the special committee on municipal affairs, consisting of Messrs. Critchlow, McMillan, Meeks, Mills and Jensen.

TO FORCE ATTENDANCE.

Mr. Kuch