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BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION

ANOTHER BATTLESHIP BOILER EXPLOSION OCCURS.

Three Men In Service of Government Badly Hurt and Two Badly Scalded by Bursting of Steaming Pipe in Boiler Room of United States Cruiser Kearsarge at Honolulu Saturday—Similar to Explosion at San Pedro June 5.

Honolulu, July 20.—Three blue-jackets are seriously injured and two others badly scalded as a result of the explosion of a steam pipe in the boiler room of the United States battleship Kearsarge. The explosion which occurred Saturday was similar to that which happened on board the cruiser Tennessee at San Pedro June 5. One of the pipes in the forward starboard room blew out while five men were there. The fire was promptly drawn to save further disaster.

Admiral Sperry has made public the facts and the names of the injured. They are: Water Tender Wilson, first-class; Fireman Ferguson and Pomplon and Miner, coal passers. An investigation will be made.

MONEY AVAILABLE.

It Will Greatly Aid the Construction Work of Seattle Fair.

Washington, July 20.—The treasury department today notified W. M. Geddes, currency distributing officer of the Exposition company, that the government appropriation for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle in 1909, amounting to \$800,000, is now available.

New Crosswalks.

New crosswalks are being put in at the alley by the fire bell on Elm street, and across Washington, just west of the council rooms.

Taft Officials.

Dedicated New County Court House With a Public Address.

Hot Springs, Va., July 20.—William H. Taft republican presidential candidate, today dedicated the new court house at Germantown, with a brief address.

Around the World.

Los Angeles, July 20.—The Italian cruiser Puglia has arrived at San Pedro, where it will remain until Wednesday. She is on a cruise around the world, and will proceed to San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and thence to the orient.

BRYAN AFTER THE MONEY

CALLS ON THE PRESS TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

He Says There Are Few Democrats in the United States Who Cannot Give Something Towards Maintaining the Party and That the People Never Will Be Free Until They Assume the Burdens of Providing the Funds.

Fairview, Neb., July 20.—The masses must finance Bryan's campaign for president if the rank and file of the voters are to have a hand in directing the affairs of the contest, according to a statement issued today by Bryan.

"I wish every democratic paper to immediately begin collecting funds in small amounts for the campaign," he said. "There are few democrats in the United States who could not afford to make a small contribution. The people will never be able to control the party until they assume the burdens of supplying funds."

Yesterday's Results.

Los Angeles, 4; Portland, 2; Oakland, 3-1; San Francisco, 4-5.

CRAZY LOVER KILLS COUPLE

MORE TROUBLE FROM RE- VOLVER CARRIED BY DAGO.

Insanely Jealous, Portland Italian Shoots Woman He is Infatuated With and Her Companion. Is Pursued by Crowd, But Rushes to His Room and Commits Suicide—Had Evidently Premeditated the Murder, and Was Carrying Revolver.

Portland, July 20.—David Connelli, an Italian, aged 27, Mrs. Dolly Sharp and Delmar Peterkin, her companion, are all dead today as a result of the enmity of Connelli for the other two, whom he killed. Pursued by a crowd he rushed to a room in Salmon street and committed suicide with the same revolver he used in killing the woman and Peterkin. Connelli called several times Sunday to see the woman, but she was absent every time. The infatuated man came again about 8 o'clock last night and saw Mrs. Sharp walking down the hall with Peterkin. He immediately fired four bullets into her body and five into Peterkin. They both died in a few minutes. Connelli dashed from the place, followed by persons attracted by the shooting, whom he threatened with the revolver. While the crowd was trying to enter the home where he boarded Connelli ended his own life. He had been insanely jealous of the woman.

CHINA IS GRATEFUL.

Will Send High Official to Thank Us for Being Generously Inclined.

Pekin, July 20.—It was announced today that the Chinese government has decided to appoint Tang Shao Yi, governor of Meiden province, as high commissioner to the United States, to thank the American government for remitting a part of the Boxer indemnity.

FIFTEEN ARE BADLY HURT

AUTO STEERING GEAR FAILS TO WORK.

Nineteen Lives are Endangered by Loss of Control of the Steering Gear on an Auto. That is on course in Washington—Trouble Caused by Heavy Wire Becoming Entangled in Gear—Fifteen Are Seriously Hurt—No Deaths Are Anticipated.

Bellingham, Wash., July 20.—Fifteen persons were injured, five seriously, when the Linden automobile stage, bound for Bellingham, went over a 15-foot embankment at E and Dupont streets Sunday afternoon.

The car carried 19 passengers. A loosened heavy wire on the left front tire became tangled with the steering gear, rendering it useless, and the machine ran wild over the sidewalk, crashed through the railing and plunged over the bank. The seriously injured:

Mrs. Herman Johnson, five scalp wounds, face badly lacerated; may lose sight of eye.

Mrs. W. F. Miller, leg broken; badly bruised about chest.

Rev. J. E. William, pastor Trinity Methodist church, collar bone broken, shoulder wrenched and chest badly bruised.

J. R. Crites, chest and right side badly bruised.

A. E. McKay, owner of stage, left hip wrenched, legs bruised.

The auto was coming down Dupont street at a moderate rate of speed, when, without warning, it took a sudden swoop to the right. Harry Bedford, the driver, tugged furiously at the wheel, but it failed to respond. Realizing that he had lost control he shut off the power and threw on the brakes. The machine had slowed down and almost stopped when it hit the weak railing and plunged over. At the bottom of the embankment it struck a post and turned completely over.

EXPERIMENT WITH AIRSHIPS.

Various Means of Navigating the Air To Be Tried at Fort Meyer.

Washington, July 20.—Aeronauts and army officers who look to them to develop the art of war in the fourth medium—the air—are beginning to center their attention upon Fort Meyer, near Washington, where the army signal corps is soon to determine by actual experiment what part aerial maneuvers can be made to play in the American game of warfare.

General Allen and officers of the signal corps are counting upon these trials to bring home to congress the practicability of air navigation. If success is attained an appropriation will be asked to enable the corps to devote its energies to building up an aerial fleet and encouraging inventors in perfecting mechanical aerial flight.

If the aeroplanes and dirigibles are fairly successful in answering army requirements it is probable that congress will appropriate a sum sufficient to take up this work in earnest.

MESSAGE OF PEACE.

Bryan Says Ohio Democrats Must Unite Their Efforts and Carry State.

Lincoln, July 20.—Former Attorney General Frank S. Monnett of Ohio, and E. H. Moore, are hurrying back to Ohio bearing a message of peace from W. J. Bryan. The Commoner sends word to the democrats of Ohio that they must cast aside their personal differences and get together in a united effort to carry the state.

One Time Noted Jockey.

Seattle, July 20.—Willie Holmes, who was a crack jockey some years ago, committed suicide by firing a bullet into his brain near the Meadows track Sunday afternoon. He had been following the horses on the coast circuit.

DELAY IS EXPENSIVE.

Steamer on Nome Run Delayed by Ice.

Nome, Alaska, July 20.—The steamer Ohio, which was 41 days en route from Seattle to Nome with freight and 550 passengers, is being plastered with damage suits. The John J. Sessnon company has filed a damage suit of \$90,000. Two passengers, who lost heavily, have each filed a \$15,000 suit.

Guardsmen Will Shoot.

Eugene, July 20.—Preliminary practice for the big shoot of the Oregon national guard has already begun, and the regular tournament commences today.

GOV. HUGHES STAYS OUT

FORMER CANDIDATE IS NOT IN HARMONY WITH TAFT.

Governor Hughes' Conduct in Failing to Toot the Taft Horn is Cause of Remark Among Politicians—Reason Not Known—Indiana Senator, a Fairbanks Enthusiast in the Convention, is Regular "Me Too" Friend—Hastened to Speak.

Washington, July 20.—Why has Governor Charles Evans Hughes, the New York executive, been unrepresented in the harmony conferences between Judge Taft and the late lamented "allies" at Hot Springs?

That's what politicians of the first magnitude are asking in Washington today. Is the governor growchy over something, or don't the Taftites want him to play in their back yards?

The smoke of battle had hardly cleared away before Speaker Cannon was puffing his cigar under Judge Taft's vine and fig tree, and expressing his humble desire to serve Hughes. Bill in whatever capacity he might will. Senator Beveridge, Senator Hemenway and Representative Watson blocked the door in their eagerness to get into Judge Taft's room first to tell him how loyal the Fairbanks men would be to the Ohio nominee. Being the loudest talker, Senator Beveridge got Taft's ear first.

Representative Burke of Pennsylvania, hot-footed it across country, from Senator Knox's country home to tell the new big chief how much the senator loved his conqueror. He had hardly gotten to Hot Springs before Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, came in to pledge the vote of the La Follette crowd of reformers. Even Senator Dick of Ohio, strutted around, as the representative of Senator Foraker, to display within the sight of Judge Taft, a beautiful white flag.

But where was he who bore the insignia of Governor Hughes? Not in Hot Springs! And Judge Taft has seen no one of that stripe since he was nominated. The politicians are wondering if he wants to.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande

GOOD ROADS CONFERENCE

LA GRANDE WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED.

"Booster Tom" Richardson, Secretary of the Oregon Good Roads Association, Practical Manager of the Portland Commercial Club, Requests That La Grande and Union County Be Represented at Good Roads Conference August 11.

The matter above referred to will be taken up by the managers of the Commercial club at their very first meeting, and this afternoon Mr. Lavey, in the absence of Mr. Taylor, secretary of the club, sent a letter to County Judge Henry, asking him to prepare to name a delegation to represent the county. The club will also send a goodly number of representatives.

Messrs. John Collier, Pres. and F. G. Taylor, Sec. La Grande Commercial Club, La Grande, Ore.

Gentlemen: At the urgent request of President W. K. Newell, of the state board of horticulture, Hon. J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, William M. Ladd, of Ladd & Tilton, and many others, an Oregon Good Roads conference has been called for Tuesday, August 11. It will be held in the convention room of the Portland Commercial club. The railroads have made a rate of a fare and a third for delegates to this conference.

Now, I think the county judge of Union county, should name a delegation that we can depend upon being present. The La Grande Commercial club should send a good delegation, to include its president and secretary. I must know soon whom we can depend upon—let me have the personnel of your delegation, and also the names of those the judge appoints—have them printed in the local paper and send me a copy of the paper.

Good roads throughout Oregon would add 25 million dollars in one year to the actual wealth of the state.

Please let me hear from you promptly.

Yours very sincerely,
TOM RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

IDAHO TOWN DESTROYED.

Cottonwood, Fifty Miles Southeast of Lewiston, Swept by Fire.

Lewiston, Idaho, July 20.—The business part of the town of Cottonwood, Idaho, on Camas Prairie, 50 miles southeast of here, was wiped out by fire early today. The fire originated in the Club saloon. Under a high wind which swept both sides of the main street. The places burned are: Goldstone, Brust's, Severn, Fuchs' merchandise store, German, State and First National banks, Libbey's furniture store, Dorris & Robinson's drug store, Hoene's hardware store, six saloons and several dwellings.

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50c Boys' Blouse Waists, new.....	25c Sun Bonnets.....	15c
50c Boys' Shirts with Collar.....	75c Misses' and Children's Wash Hats.....	15c
60c Boys' Dress Shirts with and without collars.....	20 Ladies' Waists, worth up to \$1.50, suitable for outing wear; to close out.....	49c
35c to 50c boys' Summer Underwear.....	Ladies' White Waists, regular \$1.50 to \$2.50 values, in Indian Head, Lawn and Linen; plain, tucked and embroidered fronts; slightly mused and soiled; to close at.....	65c
\$1.25 boys' Hats, good assortment.....		
75c to \$1.50 Straw Hats in wide brim and Dress Hats, choice for 45c		

Shoe Bargains

In Men's, Boys', Children's, Misses' and Women's Shoes; all out on tables where you can examine them at your leisure. All marked at prices that represent a saving of from 50c to \$1.50 the pair. Shoes for dress and every day wear. Solid, all leather shoes, in Vici Kid, Box Calf, Velour Calf and Patent Colt, in Oxford, Bal and Blucher cuts.

Children's.....	49c up
Boys'.....	\$1.50 up
Ladies'.....	\$1.35 up
Men's.....	\$1.95 up

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