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LETTER FROM DEATH'S SHADOW

WOULD-BE SUICIDE WRITES FROM BRIDGE OF GRAVE.

Desiring to Drink Carbolle Acid to End Her Sorrow, a Los Angeles Woman Writes to Her Husband—Says, "Do Not Do It, It's Painful"—In Final Agony When Husband Comes to the Rescue and Takes Her to the Hospital—Her Letter Pitiful.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Cora Cummings is in the hospital after drinking carbolle acid and describing on paper the awful pain suffered before she lost consciousness. Grief over the death of her two babies, homesick for her mother who lives in Spokane, caused the woman to seek death.

After drinking the acid she wrote: "Goy, my dear, I feel no pain, only a bad stomach ache. I hope when you come I'll be dead. Just think of me being dead, won't it be funny? The pains are so bad; don't you ever do as I did. It is awful. Don't ever do as I done. I can't stand it. Oh, Goy, it's worse and worse. It's killing me. I wish—" at this point the pencil dropped and she fell groaning to the floor.

Her husband, who was near the house, heard the cries, rushed in and took his wife to the hospital.

To Improve the Minnesota.

Madison, Minn., Aug. 4.—Plans for improving the Minnesota river were considered today at a meeting of the Minnesota River Improvement league. The matter of removing obstructions

and unnecessary curves and twists in the channel of the stream, so as to enlarge its capacity to carry off the water without overflowing, was considered.

Study Maine Plants.

Manset, Me., Aug. 4.—Leading botanists and plant lovers of New England are assembled today on Mt. Desert Island for the annual session and botanical outing of the Josselyn society. In addition to papers and discussions, there will be botanizing trips to Great Cranberry Island, Seal Cove and other points, where the native plants of Maine will be studied.

GUIDES BALLOON SUCCESSFULLY

GERMAN COUNT MEETS WITH SUCCESS IN FLIGHT.

German Government Experiments With Dirigible Balloon in Hope of Buying it if Practical—Sailed Gracefully Into Space in Perfect Control of the Engineer—Was Sighted After Being Up for Five Hours—To Make Endurance Flight.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—Count Zeppelin, in a monster dirigible balloon, was sighted over Strassburg today, five hours later he left Lake Constant in an attempt to remain in the air for 24 hours. The ship made a perfect ascent, sweeping gracefully into the air, under perfect control. The test of flying 24 hours is made under requirements of the government, which may buy the balloon. He says he will start on a time endurance trip as soon as he completes the present voyage.

WATER AND SMOKE STACKS, THEN IMPORT ADDITIONAL INHABITANTS

VIGOROUS ATTEMPT TO LAND BIG WATER PROPOSITION AND ADDITIONAL FACTORIES HERE.

Plans of People Getting to This Valley Switched Materially Last Night to Better Plan—Procure Smokestacks and Let Them Bring the People—Irrigation Question is Biggest Thing on Deck in History of the County—It, Too, Would Be a Population Getter—Hence Commercial Club Decides to Push These Projects in Preference to Others—No Let Up Until Plans Are Matured.

To push vigorously the gigantic irrigation scheme which would mean abundant water for the entire Grande Ronde valley, before the effects of the extensive advertising that is to be done in the near future, is the policy under which the La Grande Commercial club is working.

At its regular weekly meeting last evening the club went through many batches of business, but the most important one was that which dealt with irrigation. While nothing tangible is publicly visible as a result of the meeting that lasted well out in the night, the hours of work brought out much result to the board, which is on the "inside" of the scheme's advancement. At a meeting of the board next Monday night, Messrs. Walter M. Pierce and George Stoddard will be present and lay figures before the board relative to the Grande Ronde river reservoir proposition, which these gentlemen helped to procure at considerable cost last season.

Water, and Then People.

For some time past, there has been under discussion a plan to take a special car to the east, equipped with a

lecturer and stereopticon views. The plan was laid on the table last night for the reason the club is determined to devote its entire attention to smokestacks and water before it attempts any extensive immigration of settlers.

In this the club is entirely correct. A factory of any description invariably brings people here. A factory brings money and then follows the people who would naturally be employed in such an establishment. With that splendid irrigation scheme successfully consummated, the club's field would be a smooth one. Investors and farmers alike could be told in a moment's time that there remains nothing to be done—the valley is ready to receive settlers with inducements unparalleled.

Cannery Plan Still Lives.

The cannery proposition is still under propagation. The club last evening devoted considerable attention to the matter, working to get fruitgrower and capitalist together on the deal.

Act on Advertising.

That the county is not to drop into oblivion during the campaign for industries, the Commercial club will do consistent advertising. The medium to be used has long been under discussion, but last night it came to such a head that a committee of three was appointed to make final decision immediately. The nature, the medium and various other relative subjects will be dealt with by that body.

SERIOUS STRIKE ON C. P. ROAD

MACHINISTS AND ALL TRAINMEN TO GO OUT.

On the Eve of Grain Shipments the Canadian Pacific Between Vancouver and Montreal Will Be Tied Up—Mechanics at Winnipeg Went Out Today and More Going Out at Other Points—Conductors Are Very Sympathetic and Will Aid Strikers.

Canadian Pacific Tied Up, Vancouver, B. C., Canadian Pacific mechanics at Winnipeg struck today at noon. The entire system from Vancouver to Montreal will be tied up, as the conductors and engineers have organized their support to the strikers. Ten thousand men are involved. It is also announced that the mechanics on the C. P. line are going out, making the strike general. It is clearly evident that the strike was well planned in advance.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—Head officials decline to discuss the strike. The road will be tied up from Halifax to Vancouver during the heavy grain shipping unless an agreement is reached speedily. The breach is wide, the strike coming after three months' attempt at arbitration. The men declined to accept a decision of the arbitration board.

CHICAGO IS HOT.

Large List of Deaths and Prostrations Occur From Heat Today.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Seventy-six prostrations are reported today. The city is in the throes of another terrific heat wave. It was 90 degrees at noon.

Eighty babies died from the heat yesterday and many more will inevitably die if the heat continues. Three deaths were added today to the long list, making a total of eight adults dead in the last 24 hours.

Would-Be Suicide Despondent.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 4.—The fact has just become known that Mrs. Williams, wife of Sheriff Andrew Williams of Whatcom county, attempted suicide Sunday by cutting her throat, and wrists with a pair of scissors, is supposed to be despondent over the death of her daughter recently. She will recover.

SENATOR ALLISON DIES SUDDENLY

PIONEER SOLON SUCCEUMS TO HEART FAILURE TODAY.

Recognized Peer of Middle West Law-makers Comes to Sudden Death Late This Afternoon—Has Been in Congress for a Period of 33 Years—Identified With All Issues of National Importance—Was Classed With Aldrich Type of Solons.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 4.—United States Senator William Boyd Allison, of Iowa, died here this afternoon at 2 o'clock of heart disease.

For years Senator Allison has been recognized as one of the leaders of the United States senate. For eight years he served in the lower house of congress and has been United States senator continuously since 1873, making a continuous record in both houses of 33 years. His present term would not have expired until March next year. He had just recently won the nomination in the republican primaries, and his re-election would have been a foregone conclusion. He was born in Perry, O., was educated at Western Reserve college; studied law and practiced in Ohio until moving to this city in 1857.

At the beginning of the war of the rebellion he served on the staff of the governor and aided in the organization of the volunteers.

Religious War Imminent.

Lisbon, Aug. 4.—A religious war is imminent in Portugal. A bill introduced by Alfonso Costa, leader of the republicans in the chamber of deputies, the most bitter enemy of the government, providing for the expulsion of all religious orders from Portugal. The bill is thought to be a veiled attack on the throne, which favors Catholicism.

Boat Sinks and Men Hurt.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The freighter Illinois was sunk this morning probably fatally hurt by the collapse of a wall of the big elevator destroyed in yesterday's explosion and a half dozen men, firemen on the boat were playing musketry on the smaller pier today when the fell collapsed. They seem to escape death.

Ninety-Nine in the Shade.

The thermometer today registered 99 in the shade.

FERNIE FIRE IS NOW IN CHECK

HORRIBLE TALES OF DEATH STRUGGLES TOLD.

One Man Left His Mother in Flames But Saved His Family—Another Family Sought Refuge in Well, But Met Death—Full Death List Will Be Shorter Than First Thought—Dispatches Say Flames Are Out and Order Restored Again.

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 1.—Smoke and flames still swirl over the site of the destroyed town making it extremely disagreeable for the homeless. There is little additional danger unless another gale arises.

Bodies Cared for.

The bodies of the victims have been placed in the basement of the office of the Crown's Nest Pass Coal company, one of the two buildings left standing, where the unknown await identification.

Find Bodies in Well.

The body of Robert Kern has been found. One of the causes for tragic fatalities was the extremes to which people were driven to escape the heat. The bodies of a family of four were found in a well, where a miner, his wife and two children sought refuge. The fire burned to the water's edge. The miner was badly burned, and the wife and children suffered death.

There was only a little water left in the well, which was curbed with wood. After climbing into it the miner and his family were eventually unable to get out.

Another Horrible Death.

Even more pathetic was the awful manner in which Mrs. Addie Turner, an aged invalid, lying with her son in the Fernie Annex, met her death. When he realized the house was going, Turner prepared his wife and children for flight. The aged woman could not walk and she pleaded with his family to save their own lives and leave her there. When the house caught fire, Turner strapped his mother in a wet blanket and laid her on the ground. Then he raised his wife and children and fled. Nothing but the blackened bones of the old woman was found.

Pope Drunks Burned.

It is believed that several lives were lost in the Watford hotel. The last persons leaving after it was aflame say that four drunken men were left on the roof.

Robert Lane, a young miner, married a few weeks ago, was found dead in West Fernie.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—A Cronbrook dispatch says the fire at the Cron's Nest district is extinguished and order restored. Hundreds are missing, but the indications are that not so many are dead as was first reported.

Ninety-Nine in the Shade.

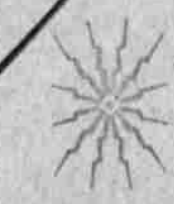
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Ladies' Dusters at Specially Reduced Prices This Week

DUSTERS in all the most popular and serviceable. Materials including mercerized cottons and real linen, made mostly in the large roomy auto styles which can be worn with the greatest comfort and without messing the most dainty waist—some made perfectly plain—others trimmed with straps and buttons others with trimmings on collars and cuffs of contrasting colors of the most pleasing sort. All at especially reduced prices this week.

\$2.50 Dusters for \$1.98; \$5.50 Dusters for \$2.79; \$5.00 Dusters for \$3.98

\$7.50 Black Voile Skirts \$4.78
A shipment of these beautiful skirts just received from New York a few days ago. The most superb value you have ever offered. Eleven styles, with pleats and 2 1/2-inch satin band around bottom. Choose this week for \$4.78



Ladies Dainty Embroidered Front White Lawn Waist \$1.75
With pleated fronts, short sleeves, lace edging on collar and cuffs. In all colors and all styles, with fancy and plain borders, worth regularly up to \$1.25, choice for \$1.15

Special Values in Cotton Blankets—Just the Thing to take for Your Camping Trip. Each 75c.

SUIT CASES at attractive prices. In all leather, matting and waterproof imitation leather; in large assortment; in prices from \$15.00 down to \$2.50

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS, values up to 75c, now 45c. In light, dark and medium colors; special this week, at each 45c

Men's, boys and ladies' 50c Straw Hats, suitable for Outing wear 35c. 75c to \$1.50 Straw and Cloth Hats, for choice 45c

Boys Canvas Shoes, Leather Soles - 95c
Boys Canvas Oxfords, Rubber Soles - 50c
Ladies White Duck Oxfords - \$1.29 up



Take a Little Soda For Your Stomach's Sake

This Advice Certainly Holds Good with Everyone This Sort of Weather

Soda served at our fountain is more than a tasty thirst-quenching beverage. It is tonic and refreshing and every glass a strengthener for the stomach.

Our Soda is absolutely pure, strengthening, reviving, refreshing and healthful. It "lands direct" on the "dry" spot and quenches thirst as nothing else will, because we serve it at just the right temperature.

HILL'S DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON