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OCEAN LINER CATASTROPHE

**BIG LINER SARDINA IS
DESTROYED BY FLAMES.**

One Hundred Passengers, Mostly Greeks, Are Missing—Wild Panic Among Men and Children—People on Shore See Scared Passengers Leap Into Water to Escape Cremation—Many Britishers Among the Missing—Number of Dead Unknown.

Malta, Nov. 25.—The big liner Sardina from Liverpool to eastern ports, caught fire outside the harbor today. Two hundred passengers were aboard. The people on shore saw the passengers leap into the water for safety. The liner was beached.

Number of Dead Unknown.

The number of dead is heavy, but as yet the exact number is not known. The steamer was practically destroyed. It had just cleared the harbor when the flames burst from the hold. An explosion followed.

The worst panic was among the women and children, many of whom leaped into the water without life preservers. The crew was unable to extinguish the flames. At least 100 passengers are missing. A majority of the passengers were Greeks, but many Britishers are among the missing.

Seventy-Five Bodies Found.

Seventy-five bodies have been brought ashore. Tugs are still searching for others.

Survivors tell of the most terrifying scenes aboard the burning ship following the explosion. Natives among the passengers became wildly insane and tried to capture the crew, which fought them off with revolvers. Fifteen British passengers were saved. Naptha caused the explosion.

By the President; a Proclamation

ONCE AGAIN the season is at hand when, according to the ancient custom of our people, it becomes the duty of the president to appoint a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God.

Year by year this nation grows in strength and worldly power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into the circle of independent peoples we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never known before, and not now known in any other country. The thirteen colonies which struggled along the seacoast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of tidewater by the Indian-haunted wilderness, have been transformed into the mightiest republic which the world has ever seen. Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the two greatest oceans, and it exercises dominion alike in the arctic and tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Nowhere else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material well-being as high as in our fortunate land.

For the very reason that in material well-being we have thus abounded, we owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things. With a nation, as with the individuals who make up a nation, material well-being is an indispensable foundation. But the foundation avails nothing by itself. That life is wasted, and worse than wasted, which is spent in piling, heap upon heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure of the body and to the power that rests only on wealth.

Upon material well-being as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty life of the spirit. If this nation is properly to fulfill its great mission and accomplish all that we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the intellect better; but best of all are the things of the soul; for, in the nation as in the individual, in the long run, it is character that counts. Let us therefore as a people set our faces resolutely against evil, and with broad charity and good will toward all men, but with unflinching determination to smite down wrong, strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and in private life.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work, and, in their homes or in their churches meet devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of these blessings in the future.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

DROP 16,000 FT. TO DESERT ROCKS

**BALLOONISTS ESCAPE DEATH
BY THE NARROWEST MARGIN.**

Men Who Went up in International Balloon "United States," Land in Arizona Desert After Terrific Drop of 16,000 Feet—Wander About the Isolated Region Hungry and Bruised—Attained a Height That Could Not Be Measured.

Ehrenberg, Ariz., Nov. 25.—Falling 16,000 feet to the Arizona plains, dragged through miles of cactus and over boulders, the battered basket of the balloon "United States" plowing a deep furrow in the earth, Captain A. G. Mueller and J. K. Hutchinson Monday afternoon made one of the most sensational landings in the history of aeronautics. They traveled 250 miles through the clouds in six hours. Bruised and bleeding, they landed where there is no human habitation. They wandered about all night and yesterday reached Ehrenberg hungry, cold and exhausted.

The balloon left Los Angeles Monday morning.

Shortly after crossing the Colorado river the pendix rope broke. A cold wind forced the illuminating gas from the bag and it dropped with terrific speed onto the desert. Their average height was 10,000 feet, where the steady eastern current carried them 40 miles an hour. They crossed the mountains within a quarter mile of San Jacinto park, and the Colorado river, when a sudden strata of cold air condensed the gas and dropped them from the dizzy height onto the rocks. Two bags of ballast were torn loose and again they ascended to a height so much over 16,000 feet that the instruments failed to register the elevation. Mueller said the final landing was the most dangerous experience he ever went through. They saved themselves from being crushed by climbing into the balloon rigging. The bag is still in the middle of the desert.

Oregon Millionaire Dead.

Wedderburn, Ore., Nov. 25.—R. D. Hume, the millionaire salmon king, and prominent shipper, also a former member of the legislature, died at his home here this morning. He has been ailing for a long time with kidney trouble.

Gold Fever Spreads.

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 25.—The gold excitement in the vicinity of Mayfield, southeast of this city on the Cowlitz river, shows no signs of abatement. New claims are being filed daily. Already 40 have been taken. The Seattle man who located the claims a week ago, employed practical miners to work them.

Orders New Equipment.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Specifications are being prepared today by the Rock Island railroad, preparatory to ordering new equipment to cost \$1,600,000.

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Pearl Buttons, a dozen2c	\$1.50 Blankets, pair\$1.19
Paper Pins, a paper1c	\$2.00 Lace Curtains, a pair \$1.45
\$7.00 Wool Blankets, a pair \$5.95	\$1.75 ladies' Felt Slippers, \$1.39
75c Stocking Caps, each43c	15c ladies' Hose, a pair .7 1/2c
Men's Work Shirts, each .37c	18c child's Hose, a pair .11c
\$2.50 Men's Pants, a pair \$1.59	\$1.00 ladies' Underwear each 69c

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Thanksgiving in La Grande

Thanksgiving day for 1908 will be observed in La Grande in the usual conglomerate manner. The churches have arranged for special services, society features are in store, football will hold forth. Business men will rest in their strenuous labors by attending some of these varied attractions or by staying at home, devoting themselves to private dinners, and a half-day of rest.

The stores close at noon, the government and state offices will be closed all day, and the freight offices of the O. R. & N. close at noon. The Observer takes a full holiday and readers will not hear the familiar approach of The Observer carrier tomorrow night. This will be in keeping with the general spirit of inactivity that will prevail here tomorrow.

MOB ATTACKS CROWNED HEAD

**LISBON WILD OVER REPUBLICAN
UPRISING AGAINST KING**

Lisbon, Nov. 25.—King Victor Emmanuel today narrowly escaped death by a mob of armed republicans, but was saved by the quick action of his cavalry guard. He was attired in the uniform of a field-marshal and was riding in an open carriage when the sudden attack was made. The guard charged the republicans while the carriage returned to the palace.

Foot soldiers charged the crowd also with bayonets fixed, wounding many. Wholesale arrests were made. The city is greatly excited tonight. Some of the bullets fired whizzed by the monarch's head.

Battleship Rammed.

Leghorn, Nov. 21.—The Italian battleship Pisa, lying at anchor in the harbor here, today was rammed by the Italian steamer Elsa. A great gash was torn in the warship's hull below the water line.

FORAKER SEEKS TO RETAIN SEAT

**ANDREW CARNEGIE NO LONGER A
BUSINESSMAN HE SAYS**

Columbus, Nov. 25.—James B. Foraker today began a campaign for the retention of his seat in the United States senate after a conference last night with Senator Dick and Governor Harris. It is believed Foraker and Dick have endeavored to persuade Harris to enter the senatorial contest as their candidate, against Charles Taff, brother of the president-elect. In an interview today Foraker revealed his opposition to tariff revision.

Carnegie Declines.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Andrew Carnegie, in a letter to Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee of the house, declining to testify at the tariff hearing, said:

"I am no longer in business. Manufacturers from whom you can obtain the desired information will appear. My faith in protection is as strong as ever. I believe the surer way to secure it is to reduce protective duties

from time to time, and abolish them when no longer needed. Duties upon imports should, of course, be a party question. Only that which is best for the country should be thought of."

A YOUTHFUL SUICIDE.

**Ogden Gambler of Tender Years
Shoots Himself in Theater.**

Ogden, Utah, Nov. 25.—While a large audience was enjoying a comedy at the Grand opera house last night, Walter Lucky, a youthful gambler, blew out his brains with a rifle in the foyer of the theater.

Just before the audience emerged he placed the muzzle of the weapon to his mouth and pulled the trigger by means of a string. Theater attaches removed the body before the audience came out. A letter in his pocket asked that Mrs. Mary Word of Portland, Ore., be notified.

Milton will be the center of quite a small tract movement next spring and summer.

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