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WELLMAN TO TRY AGAIN IN NEW AIRSHIP

UNLIMITED MONEY AND BACKING OFFERED AVIATOR IF HE WILL TAKE THE CHANCE.

THEATERS WANT THE CREW

Agents for Play Houses Wait for the Landing of the Boat With Blank Contracts In Their Hands Ready to Sign Each and Every Member of the Wellman Crew—Almost Drowned Once is Now the Report.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 19—With financial assistance already pledged, and with aeronauts all in favor of making another attempt to cross the Atlantis in a dirigible, Walter Wellman will probably make another attempt soon in a larger and better airship.

A representative of Millionaire Salus, Wellman's backer, will meet Wellman in New York soon and offer him unlimited money to build another craft. A wireless message from Wellman who is aboard the steamer Trent, received today says: "I am going to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible. Am not disheartened by the failure. It was the equilbrator that disabled the airship. It was a fatal error despite it worked well in ordinary flights. We must have a new type of dirigible."

Scores of theatrical agents are awaiting the arrival of the Trent at the dock this afternoon many of whom have blank contracts and every member of the crew will be bid for.

Came Near Drowning.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 19—It was learned today that Wellman and his party came near drowning when they left the airship to board the Trent. The life boat was missed while trying to throw a rope and before it was secured the little boat carrying the passengers was almost capsized.

Unidentified Bag.

Little Current, Ontario, Oct. 19—An unidentified balloon passed Manitowan this morning at a height of 1500 feet, headed northeast.

Balloon in Danger.

Albina, Oct. 19—Grave fears are expressed for the safety of a balloon that is flying over Lake Huron this afternoon. The weather has flashed the warning of an approaching gale that is soon to sweep the lakes.

O. R. & N. EMPLOYE SHOT

Chinaman at Umatilla Provoked to Use of Gun by Intoxicated White Man.

Umatilla, Ore., Oct. 18—S. Lovelace, a former employe of the O. R. & N. company at this place, was shot twice in the abdomen yesterday afternoon by Sam Kee, owner of the Chinese restaurant at Umatilla. At the time Lovelace was drunk and he had provoked the Chinaman by shooting at him three times, all of the shots missing the celestial.

Lovelace has been at Umatilla for two months. He is a Missourian but came to Umatilla from Grants Pass. A few days ago he accused a car checker of having stolen some money from him and he carried a pistol around with him and made threats against the man he accused. The town marshal was notified of the fact that Lovelace was carrying a concealed weapon, but did not take it from him.

While partly intoxicated yesterday afternoon Lovelace entered Sam Kee's restaurant and without provocation began firing at the owner. Three shots were fired by Lovelace before the Chinaman returned the fire. Sam Kee had a 44 calibre pistol and he shot twice, each of the bullets hitting Lovelace in the abdomen.

According to the Chinaman's story he had refused to feed a drunken man who came into the restaurant without any money. It was then that Lovelace appeared and ordered him to feed him even though he had no money. This the Chinaman refused to do, whereupon he says Lovelace went out and returned a few minutes later with the gun and began shooting at him. Sam says he immediately ran into his own room, secured a gun and began to return the fire.

PEARY AN IMPOSTER TOO!

Famous Astronomer Says Peary Never Did Reach the Pole.

Berlin, Oct. 19—Professor Landers Galle, the famous Potsdam astronomer, has announced his conviction that Peary did not reach the north pole, charging that proofs submitted were insufficient. The methods used by Peary in reckoning his position in the Arctic are wholly unreliable, according to Galle. "Under such conditions even if Peary had reached the pole he would never have known it," asserts the professor.

May Order New Census.

Washington, Oct. 19—A new census for Tacoma may be ordered as the result of protests made by Tacoma's commercial organizations since the charges of fraud have been published. Director Durant said today the matter would be referred to Secretary Nagel who will soon return to Washington. Durant added he did not think it was necessary.

SOUTH IS BADLY TORN BY STORMS

HURRICANES ALONG THE COAST LEAVE MISERY AND WOE.

Georgia and Florida are Devastated by Storms —Wrecks Numerous.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19—The great Florida peninsula today is devastated and wires are down causing Florida to be isolated. Only a few reports of the damage from the hurricane can be secured.

Key West, it is reported, sustained the heaviest loss and Titusville is said to be flooded. Tampa has not been heard from since Monday when the ninety-mile gale severed the wires. Conditions are growing worse. Tybee Island at the mouth of the Savannah river is deserted, the inhabitants fleeing to Savannah fearing that their homes would go.

Extension of the coast railroad over the Florida Keys which has cost millions of dollars and was to be a new experiment in railroading by building a track into the ocean, is completely destroyed.

Brunswick is inundated last night. It is expected that heavy loss of life will be disclosed and that it will occur mostly in the unprotected country districts.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19—A hurricane struck Savannah this afternoon. Wires are down and damage is terrific. All of Florida and half of Geogia is isolated with no means whatever of reaching the outside world.

Havana, Oct. 19—The Key West cable went up this afternoon and reports are to the effect that scores of wrecks line the coast. The Spanish bark, Hugo, and the American schooner, Martin, were sunk and most of the crews were drowned.

Y. M. C. A. Active.

Eugene, Oct. 18 (Special)—The University student Y. M. C. A. has a membership this year of one hundred and sixty. The Association is not alone active in the Christian life of the University. It is also instrumental in maintaining many enterprises of help to students, among which are included a lecture bureau, book exchange and a free employment bureau.

BETTING GOING THE OTHER WAY JUST NOW

TEN TO FIVE IS FREELY OFFERED WITH FEW TAKERS.

Baseball Rooters Change Their Tune and Stick by Team in the Lead.

Philadelphia, Oct. 19—Two victories for the Athletics over the Cubs has entirely reversed the betting and today thousands of dollars of Athletic money is not taken. Ten to five is freely offered with few takers that they will win the series and even money is offered that they will capture the pennant in tomorrow's game at Chicago. Experts who doped out previously that the Cubs would make pie of the Athletics are now shouting just as valiantly for the other side.

Chicago, Oct. 19—Fans here are planning concerts for the rooting program for tomorrow's game of the world's series. Every seat is sold and likewise for Friday. While Chicago is downhearted it is hoped by the people here that familiar grounds will cause the team to brace up and make a strong finish.

EFFORT TO DEFEAT HUGHES LAW

New Yorkers Want to Re-Establish Racing in Empire State.

New York, Oct. 19—District Attorney Elder of King's county today testified that a fund amounting to half a million dollars had been raised to defeat the Hughes anti-racing law. Garnder told him that money had been subscribed at a meeting held in the Delmonico restaurant which was attended by James Keen, Harry Payne Whitney and D. O. Mitchell. Charles Hyde, a man by the name of Parsons and representatives of the Metropolitan Turf association were also present along with the bookies organization.

New York, Oct. 19—Congressman Foelker, before the legislative graft committee today, said that he could have named his own price for his vote against the Hughes anti-race bill. He said he refused the first offer of $10,000 and later another offer for $50,000. As a result of his sensational testimony it is believed the grand jury will start an investigation that will involve the entire state. Foelker accused a former state senator by the name of Gardner of having distributed bribes to the legislators in an attempt to defeat the bill.

PIERCE WILL BE WITH 'THREE LINKERS'

ODD FELLOWS FROM THIS PART TO BE PRESENT AT PENDLETON

Jewels for Quarter Century Membership to be Presented.

Senator Walter L. Pierce, who is now at Hot Lake getting a lame knee repaired, will be one of the speakers during the Pendleton Odd Fellows gathering in a few days. The senator has been a member of the three link people more than the allotted time necessary to wear a jewel and the lodge has decided that he shall assist in the ceremony of pinning these jewels on all Odd Fellows who are entitled to them.

La Grande will send a large delegation to the meeting for it is one of the strong lodge events of Eastern Oregon.

TRIAL IS DELAYED BY A SICK JUROR

MAN IN BOX SUFFERING FROM VERTIGO CAUSES HALT.

Scotland Yards Inspector Testifies Regarding Action of Crippen.

London, Oct. 19—The trial of Dr. Crippen was temporarily delayed today owing to the illness of a juror who is suffering from an attack of vertigo. Aftes a short adjournment the trial proceeded.

Inspector Dod of Scotland Yards was the principal witness this afternoon. He said Crippen stood over the place where the wife's body lay and assured him that the woman had fled and that he would assist the officials in every way to find her. Instead of doing so he fled himself. The inspector then told of the chase across the Atlantic to arrest Crippen.

PORTLAND SEES NEW COMET.

Thousands Watched the Southeastern Skies to See Light.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 19—A comet seen in the southeastern skies last night from 8 to 10 o'clock looked somewhat like a large arc light a long distance away. Thousands watched it until it and its tail disappeared. The general opinion is that it is a new comet and many suggestions are today being made of suitable names for it.

INTERNATIONAL WEDDING.

French Count Takes American Girl for a Bride.

New York, Oct. 19—Another international wedding was celebrated today when Miss Eleanor Steele became the bride of Comte Jean de la Greze, a French nobleman. The bride was attended by her two beautiful sisters, while the Count's brother, the Vicomte de la Greze, acted as best man. It is rumored that the latter has matrimonial intentions on this side of the water.

This is the second Franco-American marriage within a week. Last Saturday, Miss Annah Ripley, a niece of Caleb Hyde, the insurance magnate, acquired a title by marrying Comte Pierre de Viel Castel.

One of the most noteworthy weddings of the autumn season is definitely dated for Saturday of this week, when Miss Rosalind Fish and John Cutler in the role of bride and bridegroom. The alliance represents wealth and social prominence on both sides.

YECK GETS HIS REAL ESTATE BACK

COURT HOLDS THAT WOMAN MUST GIVE UP PROPERTY.

Mrs. Yates Evidently Juggled Yeck Out of Property Located in Elgin.

Beware of the ante-marriage agreements if you would keep what you have accumulated and yet a little more Judge Knowles did not give out this warning today in so many words but one could read it between the lines when he ordered Mrs. Clara Louisa Murphy to deed back to E. J. Yeck certain real estate located in Elgin. The case is an interesting one.

In August, 1908, Mrs. Clara Louisa Yates came west, not to grow up with the country but to marry one C. J. Yeck, whose age had passed the mellow and tender period. Yeck had a little real estate in Elgin and Mrs. Yates thought it was no more than right for him to enter into an agreement to the effect that if she loved, cared for, nursed and obeyed Mr. Yeck the remainder of his life, she should have the holdings. Convinced that she was right Yeck set his hand and official seal to a deed, which deed was cached away among private papers to be delivered after the wedding bells had told the story of trans-continental love. The woman played for time before she could don the name of Yeck and it was granted. In some way she got possession of the said deed and had it put on record. From that time on it is said her admiration for Yeck grew less and finally the fires of love ceased to burn. As evcidence of this fact Mrs. Clara Louisa Yates married P. J. Murphy and threw Yeck over. This displeased the man who had owned the Elgin real estate and he demanded redress from the courts. This morning the case was decided in his favor and Yeck will get back the deed which was issued by him when love twinkled in the eye and blood tingled.

Here Seeing the Sights.

San Francisco, Oct. 19—Prince Ferdinand Francis, brother of Portugal's exiled queen mother and uncle to King Manuel, is here today seeing the sights. Tuesday he will sail for the Orient on the steamer Mongolia, where he expects to make some scientific research. He just arrived from New York and would not talk concerning the affairs in Portugal.

BELLE LAVIN IS NOW IN JAIL ON CHARGE

BELIEVED SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH DYNAMITING.

Will be Forced to Testify at Coroner's Inquest—Taken to Los Angeles.

San Francisco, Oct. 19—Following the arrest of Mrs. Belle Lavin on the charge of being a fugitive from justice but really because it is believed she is connected with dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times, authorities today refused to say whether there will be other arrests soon. She was taken into custody on a warrant issued by Justice Summerfield of Los Angeles. There are four other warrants of secret nature in the hands of officials. One of the alleged dynamiters known as "Smithy" lived in her boarding house on Mission street. She made contradictory statements about him. Mrs. Lavin proclaims her innocence.

Los Angeles, Oct. 19—Mrs. Lavin, who was arrested in San Francisco, arrived here today in company with two detectives and was immediately jailed. She will be made to testify at the coroner's inquest The officers will not let her talk.

Officials Pass Through.

A party of officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company consisting of Mr. G. B. Bush, general commercial superintendent of San Francisco; Mr. W. J. Phillips, division Commercial superintendent of Portland; Mr. C. P. Van Houtte, district commercial superintendent from Walla Walla; Mr. P. Bacon, general foreman from Walla Walla and Mr. D. W. Burkett, general superintendent of plant, from San Francisco, passed through La Grande this morning enroute to Baker City and other points on a general tour of inspection, looking to the betterment of the service of the company.

To Head of River.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith started for the head of the Grande Ronde river with a party of people who are viewing the country. They made the trip in a Ford machine.

STANDARD OIL IS NOT WORRYING THEM

EUROPEAN OIL INTERESTS TELL JOHN D. TO DO HIS WORST IN COMPETITIVE OIL WAR.

STANDARD TRIES OLD GAME

Would Smother Competition Giving Public Cheap Oil Until the Octopus Gets Control of the World's Supply —Gigantic Deal Which Effects Every Nation That Uses Oil or Its By-Products.

Londan, Oct. 19—The big European-Asiatic oil interests profess not to be disturbed by the announcement of the Standard Oil company that it will cut the prices of oil and by-products to to smother competition in every civilized country on the gobe. It seems that the great corporation has suddenly become desirous of controlling the entire world's output of oil and a campaign is being arranged to that end. The principal companies the fight will be Asiatic petroleum concerns and they control practically all of the oil wells in Java, Sumatra. The Mexican oil companies controlled by Lord & Cowdry and many other foreign companies will necessarily have to form a compact to fight the invasion of the Standard Oil in their markets.

This is expected to be one of the heaviest conflicts that Rockefeller and his associates have ever undertaken and it will be watched by the whole world with the keenest interest.

New Christian Order.

Cincinnati, Oct. 19—The Episcopal convention in session here today adopted esolutions providing for the appointment of seven bishops and seven laymen who will call a convention for the purpose of considering the suestion of an order of faith. All Chistian people of the world will be invited to the meeting.

Body Lies in State.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 19—The body of Stanley Ketchel lies in state here today. Funeral will be held tomorrow.

Heavy Storm is Due.

Washington, Oct. 19—Shipping circles were today warned of an impending storm on Lake Superior. The Florida hurricane is coming up the New England coast.

Black Hand List Large.

Palmero, Italy, Oct. 19—The police records just published show 736 murders have been committed in Sicily during the present year either by members of the Black Hand or the Brigands. Besides there has been 480 people wounded. Only 12 per cent of the criminals of the country have been captured.

BOISE HAD GREAT FAIR

Walla Walla People Stop in La Grande on Way Home.

M. H. Hogoboom, the well known turfman of Walla Walla, accompanied by Mike Davis, chief of police of Walla Walla and Walter Kemmerly and J. B. Neurt, citizens of the garden town, arrived in the city this morning in a Winton Six. They came from Boise, where they had been attending the Idaho State fair and each of the men is loud in his praise of the fair and races. Mr. Hogoboom will spend a few days in La Grande looking over a number of ranches that he owns in this valley.

Tapped Crystal Cafe Till.

Arthur Donnelly is in jail today under the charge of having robbed the cash drawer of the Crystal cafe. The case will be heard before Judge Williams.