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ALDRICH MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

REFUSES TO EXPLAIN METHOD OF HIS INJURIES LAST NIGHT IN NEW YORK.

FACE AND HANDS BRUISED

Senator Aldrich Either Struck by a Cab or Assaulted by an Enemy While Walking Near His Home Last Evening—Silence Shrouds the Event—Doctor Says he May be Out in a Few Days—Returns Home Bleeding

New York, Oct. 21.—Senator Nelson B. Aldrich, the senate leader, is in a critical condition today after having been struck down either by a vehicle or an enemy at Madison avenue and 69th street last night. Though the family believe he was struck by a taxi cab or a street car it is persistently rumored that he was murderously assaulted.

He was strolling near his house shortly after dinner and had been gone only two minutes when he staggered back bleeding and disheveled and collapsed on the steps. He sustained injuries mostly about the head and over the right temple. His left eye and right arm are injured.

Newspaper men scoured the district but found no one who witnessed the accident. Clues led only to Aldrich's apartment from which reporters were barred. It is reported his condition is causing anxiety.

Dr. Holbrook Curtis today said that the senator's hand is bruised and there is a cut over his right eye, his face and head are badly bruised but not internally injured. He expects him to be out within a couple of days. He refused to tell how he sustained the injuries.

It was announced at noon that Aldrich is resting comfortably and is rapidly recovering from his injuries.

HEARD IN SING SING

Legislative Investigating Committee Holds Session in Historical Jail.

New York, Oct. 21.—The executive and legislative graft investigation committee held its session this morning in the Sing Sing prison in order to give former Quarantine Commissioner Frederick Schroeder an opportunity to reply to the charges that he attempted to bribe former State Senator Foelker with \$50,000 to oppose the Hughes anti-race track bill. Chairman Merritt of the committee said today that the committee had unlimited power to carry on the investigation and was unable to tell just where he would end.

Frederick Schroeder was heard at Sing Sing today as he attempted to bribe Senator Foelker in connection with the anti-race track bills.

INDIANS DON WARPAINT.

Inhabitants of New Mexico Fear Indians are on the Warpath.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 21.—Settlers near Lordsburg are alarmed today at the actions of a wandering band of Apaches who are in the neighborhood and have been seen skulking in the Decadead mountains. It is reported many Indians left the reservations in Arizona and crossed the line. There has been much petty thieving, but this is the first time they have donned war paint.

Old Trees Fall.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 21.—Old chestnut trees which have stood since the revolutionary days in the Valley Forge State Park have been attacked by a blight and many have been felled by order of the state foresters, in an attempt to stop the ravages of the tree disease.

OIL PATHWAYS OF STEAMERS

WOULD REDUCE SEA SICKNESS BUT INCREASE FOOD SUPPLY.

British Association Seriously Considers Such Action in Near Future.

London, Oct. 21.—At a meeting of the British Association of Hydrographers today the project of the United States Hydrographic office to oil the routes of the ocean liners between American and European ports was taken up for serious consideration. The plan has been successfully tried on a small scale, and English scientists believe that it might be made feasible to oil the Atlantic highway. It is alleged that the oil would reduce the perils of transatlantic passage to a great degree and would render sea sickness almost unknown, except during the most violent storms. The effect of the oil is to quiet the waves, and thus reduce the motion of the ship. It is alleged that the cost of oiling would not exceed \$50 a trip, as little oil is required. There is one great practical objection to the scheme from the point of view of the steamship companies; that is that sea sick passengers eat little or nothing, and that if all passengers were rendered immune from mal de mer, the cost of supplying food would be doubled or tripled. For this reason it is not likely that the suggestion of the scientific gentlemen will be received with any degree of enthusiasm by the officials of steamship lines.

TEDDY HOPES TO TURN THE TIDE AT BOSTON

REPUBLICANS PIN HOPE TO HIS SPEECH TONIGHT.

Most Important Speech in New England's History Due This Evening.

Boston, Oct. 21.—Theodore Roosevelt will deliver the principal address tonight at what is expected to be the greatest indoor political meeting ever held in New England. The Republican club of Massachusetts secured the new Boston Arena, in St. Botolph street, as the place for gathering, and 8,000 people can be seated. Half of the great hall has been reserved for members of the club, and the remainder will be thrown open to the public. Former Gov. Devens, the president of the club, will preside, and Gov. Draper and Senator Lodge will make brief addresses prior to the appearance of Col. Roosevelt.

Col. Roosevelt arrived in Boston this morning and was met by Senator Lodge, whose speech he is during his stay in Boston. The afternoon will be spent in consultation with Senator Lodge and other Republican leaders of the Bay state. It is admitted that the U. S. campaign managers are a little worried over the situation, and fear that the result in Maine may be repeated in this state unless the disaffection of Republican voters is immediately stopped. That Col. Roosevelt will be able to turn the tide of revolt is confident hoped by the Republican state and congressional candidates, who now realize that the progressive spirit among Massachusetts voters is too strong to be resisted.

Previous to his address Col. Roosevelt will be entertained at dinner at the Union Club by a committee of the Republican club of Massachusetts, consisting of Col. Roger Wolcott and Maj. Guy Murchie, the latter one of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. Among other guests will be former Gov. Bates, Senator Crane, Senator Lodge, Gov. Draper and Lieut. Gov. Tyng.

CRIPPEN'S CASE RESTS, SCORING BIG POINT

TESTIMONY SHOWS THAT SCAR WAS NOT A SCAR AT ALL AND DEFENSE IS PLEASED.

CRIPPEN IMPRESSES JURY

Defendant Withstands Fiery Cross Examination With Perfect Composure—Cannot Explain How the Flesh Reached His Cellar—Would Be Easy Away—Give Case to the Jury Saturday for anyone to do it.

London, Oct. 21.—Crippen's testimony was concluded today and defendant impressed the jury favorably. Through the ordeal he remained calm and took Prosecutor Muir's cross examination almost perfectly. Muir's efforts to force Crippen to admit that there was none but himself could have buried the body in the cellar was a failure.

"My wife and I were often away on the continent," said Crippen. "It would have been perfectly possible for some one to have placed the flesh where it was found. I have no idea whatever how flesh came into the cellar. It is a great mystery."

Defense Scores Big Point.

The testimony of medical experts are to the effect that the scar on the body was not a scar at all, was a decided victory for the defense and Crippen showed his pleasure as each testified. The scar was being played strong as a means of identification.

After the examination of medical experts the defense closed its case. Barrister Tobin will sum up for the defense and prosecutor Muir for the Crown.

In all probability the judge's charge will be delivered Saturday.

SWISS BALLOON LANDS SAFELY IN QUEBEC

HAS BROKEN WORLD'S RECORD FOR SUSTAINED FLIGHT IN A BALLOON.

ALARM FOR OTHERS FELT

Believed American and German Entries Have Landed but Pilots Can't Find a Telegraph Office in the Wilderness—Swiss Entry Landed Safely and Parties in the Air Craft Were Well—Balloon Seen at Hallesburg.

Grand Rapids, Oct. 21.—The world's distance sustained flight in a balloon was broken by the balloon Helvetia of Switzerland today which landed at St. Idor, Que. She had traveled 1500 miles from St. Louis and the other two are still unheard from.

The Helvetia landed without mishap and Pilot Schaeck and Aide Paul Armbruster were well. The Helvetia was supposed to have landed at Villa Marie fifty miles from Hallesburg, yesterday, but it proved to be the balloon Germania. It is believed the Dusseldorf and America II have landed but the pilots can't find a way to a telegraph office in the isolated country.

Alarm Felt for Pilots.

St. Louis, Oct. 21.—There has been no word from the balloons America II, Dusseldorf and Asuria. So far today. Though there is hardly any doubt but that the world's distance record of 1193 miles is broken there is alarm felt for the safety of balloonists. The American record previously was 876 miles. A balloon sighted at Hallesburg, Ontario but which one was unstated.

Elkins Not Seriously Ill.

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 21.—Senator Elkins' condition is not serious according to his secretary. He will take a rest on account of overwork.

RAIN CAUSES POSTPONEMENT OF THE FOURTH GAME OF THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Chicago, Oct. 21.—The game between the Cubs and Athletics has been postponed today on account of rain which continued last night. The day is cold.

Chicago fans are discouraged on account of yesterday's third defeat to the tune of 12 to 5 and that the Athletics will probably win the series four straight. Likewise it means that

there will be some changes in the Chicago team next year with an infusion of new blood.

Fat Purses for the Winners.

Meanwhile Philadelphia is smiling. Their per centage amounts to \$20,000 and if they pull down \$15,000 the next game the winners will divide at least \$44,000. This is almost \$2,000 for each player.

WALLA WALLA FARMERS MEET TO DEMAND RATE REDUCTIONS ON WHEAT SHIPMENTS

Walla Walla, Oct. 21.—Hundreds of farmers and members of the Farmers' union met here today for the purpose of formulating demands for rate reductions on wheat shipments consigned to the coast or eastward by the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company lines.

They will demand of the railroad officials this afternoon the following: That the rate on wheat shipments to the coast be reduced to the rate on the Northern Pacific.

President-grow of the Union insists the rates be kept prohibitive.

PORTUGAL TO BE RECOGNIZED.

All Powers Seem Willing to Announce New Republic Simultaneously.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—Germany affirmatively replied to the suggestion made by England that all powers simultaneously recognize the Republic of Portugal. It is believed that all powers will do so by the end of the month.

A RAINBOW BY MOONLIGHT

VERY RARE PHENOMENON WITNESSED BY LOCAL RESIDENT.

Brilliant Rainbow at Night Seen Just South and West of the City.

Portland may have discovered a new comet during the past week, but it was up to a La Grande family to find one of those rare phenomena known as a rainbow by moonlight. As far as the Observer is able to discover, such occurrences are very rare and occur at very infrequent intervals.

The strange, yet beautiful sky phenomenon was seen a few evenings ago—at the time of the last shower at night to be precise. J. T. Williamson saw it and perhaps others too, but Mr. Williamson's son discovered it shortly after darkness had fallen. He called his parent's attention to it and a careful note of its location was made. One end appeared over Deal's Canyon west of La Grande and the other appeared to touch the horizon on the mountains south of La Grande. Its curve was perfect and was distinctly seen. The moon at the time, was shining through a small aperture in a densely clouded heaven, concentrating the rays apparently. Astronomers agree that these sights are unusually rare and many savants of the skies in this city would have enjoyed the spectacle.

STEAMER GIVEN UP AS LOST.

New Orleans, Oct. 21.—Vaccaro Brothers, owners of the steamer Bluefield, four days over due in this port, have given it up as lost in the hurricane.

INNER RUSSIA TO BE TAPPED BY BIG CANAL

WILL PROVE GREAT BENEFIT TO INLAND FARMERS.

Solid Gold Spade Used by Czar in Throwing First Spade of Dirt.

Vitebsk, Russia, Oct. 21.—A mighty project which is expected to revolutionize the commerce of Russia had its inception today when, with elaborate ceremony, the first shovel of dirt was thrown to begin the canal which will connect the Drina river with the Dnieper at this place and Orsha. The Czar was represented by members of his personal staff and a spade of solid gold was used in the ceremony. In addition to uniting the Drina with the Dnieper, the project will eventually involve the joining of the Drina with the Volga, by means of Canals and Obsha, Mesh, Moskva, Oka and Warusa rivers. This with the Black and Caspian seas on the south and affording cheap transportation from St. Petersburg and Moscow, the commercial center of the empire, to all of the rich and important provinces. All of central Russia will be connected with seaports both north and south. At present Russian farmers are connected with seaports north and south. At present Russian farmers are deprived of the fruits of the soil by excessive transportation rates, while at the same time the people of the cities are forced to pay exorbitant prices for bread and other food stuffs. The new transportation system is expected to solve both problems, and bring peace and plenty to the empire of the Great White Czar.

No private capital will be used in carrying out the plan, the Russian government having provided the funds. The total cost is expected to reach \$75,000,000. Up to this time Russia has spent little on waterways improvement, although the Volga, with its 2200 steamers and 2,000 other boats, carries more than half of the Russian commerce.

WEST ACCUSED OF GRAFTING MILEAGE

CONNECTIONS WITH HERMANN TRIAL BRINGS OUT CLEVER MOVE TO GET MILEAGE.

SEVERAL HUNDRED INVOLVED

Story of West's Trip to Washington to Lobby for Siletz Bill and Recall to Act as Witness in Hermann Case Brings Out Clever Scheme to Collect Mileage From Government Coeffers—Federal Officers Say Graft.

Spotlights have been thrown on the "records" of Oswald West candidate for Governor of Oregon on the Democratic ticket, by an article in the Portland Telegram in which West is openly accused by federal officers with being a grafter. The Telegram story reads:

For his trip to Washington last January Oswald West, railroad commissioner and Democratic nominee for governor, collected from the United States government at total of \$618.30.

For the one round-trip West gathered money for both, and then when federal officers referred to him as a grafter, he turned over to the state treasury all of the mileage and fees he had demanded from the government, except \$50. From the government he claimed and was paid \$365.30 and from the state he received \$253. Mr. West was thrifty.

Vouchers at the state house at Salem shows that West's trip to Washington was "In re Wells-Fargo Co. rates, old reports and car demurrage rules." Actually, West went to Washington lobby for the Siletz bill and to confer with Chamberlain regarding West's candidacy for governor. Having been subpoenaed in Portland as a witness in the Binger Hermann trial, West then demanded fees and mileage from Washington, a claim which ran up to \$365.30.

When West was called a "grafter" by the federal officers who resented his holding up the government, West turned into the state treasury \$315.20 of the money obtained from the government. Then he used his action for a "grandstand play." Similar plays to the gallery were made by West when he donned rough clothes and rode with a car of cattle through the Willamette valley, under the pretext of wanting to know actual shipping conditions, and when, in spectacular costume, he tramped over the tracks of the west side and announced he would compel the railroad to better its road. The railroad, months before, had decided to make improvements.

Even now the federal officers question the right of West to have collected that mileage from the government. They say that he was served in Portland, the most mileage he could have collected would have been between Portland and his home in Salem. Instead, however, West insisted on mileage for the round trip to Washington, when the state was paying for the trip. As much as West's case was by the state and the government is considered as unwarranted.

And in his campaign platform, West says he could have pocketed this money and no one would have been the wiser—\$365.20 from the government, clear "velvet." The federal officials called it "graft."

PAPAL NUNCIO RECALLED.

Pope Shows Displeasure at Action of Portugal in Driving out Priest.

Lisbon, Oct. 21.—Monsignor Tomé, the papal Nuncio at Lisbon, departed today although he gave no reason. It is believed he was recalled by the Pope on account of an action of the Portuguese government in driving out the Nuncio's secretary.