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VICTORIA HAS A FIRE COSTING MILLION

PROMINENT SECTION OF THE CANADIAN CITY DESTROYED WITH CHANCES OF BIG LOSS.

SOLDIERS AND FIREMEN

Many Large Business Houses Wiped Out of Existence—High Wind Makes Fire Fighting Uphill Task—Fifteen Hundred Telephones Out of Commission. Most of Loss Covered by Insurance.

Victoria, Oct. 27.—It is estimated that a million dollars worth of damage was sustained from a fire which started last night destroying the entire block bounded by Government, Broad and Fourth streets of this city. It took heroic work to save the Victoria Times building which was badly damaged by water and smoke.

The fire started in Spencer's department store and a high wind soon spread it to adjoining buildings. Soldiers and firemen fought hard to keep it from spreading. Fifteen hundred telephones are out of commission today. The new office of the Western Union was destroyed, likewise the largest office building in the city. The Victoria book store, Young's department store, Savannah art galleries and other smaller businesses are included in the list. Most of the losers carried good insurance that prevents heavy loss.

"BAT" NELSON TO COME BACK.

Ex-Champion Has Method of His Own To Regain Title.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Battling Nelson, who has his eye on the light weight championship title which he lost to Wolgast, is trying to come back by slow and easy stages. Anton Lagrave, a local lightweight, has been picked as his next opponent, and the battle will be staged tomorrow by the Broadway Athletic club. The men will fight fifteen rounds at catchweights. The Durable Dane holds that Jim Jeffries made the big mistake of his coming back program by taking on Jack Johnson in his first battle since his retirement. If Jeff had tried himself out with some of the lesser lights before going up against the big black, Nelson thinks the result might have been different.

According to reports received here, there is some doubt whether Wolgast will ever be able to regain his old form, owing to the injury he received in his scrap with Tommy McFarland. If Wolgast should have to retire, Nelson hopes to be in a position to claim the title and defend it against all comers. If possible, however, he will force Wolgast to a return match.

The Dane holds that he put up a strong enough fight with Wolgast to entitle him to another try at the title. He points out that he gave return matches to Gans, Britt, Corbett and Heerera, and was always willing to meet any man who looked good enough to have a chance. In any event, Nelson does not expect to meet the champion before next spring, and in the meantime he will probably take on a number of second raters in order to be in shape for the battle of his life.

Contests are on Today.

Belmont Park, Oct. 27.—The Wright entries are favorites in the betting on the result of the cup International. Elimination contests for the big race started today and six Wright aeroplanes entered. French aviators decided to enter the elimination contest after all. Latham will drive his 100-horsepower Antionette which arrived today. Besides the elimination contests, altitude, distance and endurance contests are scheduled for this afternoon.

CHILDREN ARE SAVED.

Portland School Building Burns But No One Is Injured.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 27.—While fire raged on the roof of the Sellwood school building today 800 children marched out in perfect order within fifty seconds. Many of the children merely thought it was one of the regular fire drills, but older students on the top floor saw the smoke and fire streaming into the upper passage way. Several shouted, "It's a real fire," but none of them lost their nerve. Firemen responded at once and within twenty minutes had the blaze under control. Two rooms were damaged. The fire presumably started from a chimney spark.

Big Corn Exposition.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 27.—From the rate entries are coming in, the New England Corn Exposition, opening here a week from Monday, will be among the greatest expositions of its kind ever held in the eastern part of the country. The object of the show is to encourage corn culture in the six northeastern states of the Union, and in this purpose it promises to be extraordinarily successful. Five thousand dollars in prizes will be distributed among the exhibitors.

RESCUED WHILE IN THE GRASP OF DEATH

CAPTAIN OF DESERTED SHIP IS PICKED UP BY STEAMER.

When All Had Fled Captain Well Stayed With His Craft.

Galveston, Oct. 27.—Almost dead from hunger and exposure, Captain Well of the schooner Holliswood, has been rescued after helplessly drifting for 84 hours on his ship which was abandoned by all except himself. The Holliswood sprung a leak two weeks ago and the crew took to the boats taking all the fresh water supply on board. Well refused to leave and remained on board until picked up by the steamer Packwood and brought to this city.

Alps Tunnel Nearing Completion.

Geneva, Oct. 27.—At the meeting today of the stockholders of the Loetschberg Tunnel Construction company, it was announced that the \$10,000,000 "tunnel of tragedies" which will provide a new railroad passage through the Alps is now nearing completion. When completed, the tunnel will be over eight miles in length, and will shorten the time between London and Paris and Italy by four hours.

Tragedy has marked the excavation of every foot of the great project. At one time a quarter of a hundred men met death by an avalanche. Scarcely a week has passed since the work began without the tunnel claiming a victim.

Rennon of Methodists.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 27.—November 30 next has been definitely decided upon as the date for the meeting in this city of commissioners representing the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal church, South and the Methodist Protestant church, with a view of effecting an organic union or close federation of the three bodies. Since the war, when the Methodists split on the slavery question, the northern and southern organizations of the denomination have been entirely separate organizations. Gradually the breach has been healed, however, and it is not improbable that the November meeting will lay the foundation for a new church structure which will include nearly all of the Methodists of the country. The Methodist Protestant church separated from the parent body on differences regarding church government, and this quarrel is also in a fair way to be settled satisfactorily to both parties.

LONGEST FLIGHT EVER MADE BY A BALLOON

AMERICA II TRAVELS 1355 MILES BEFORE HER CREW ALIGHTS.

Finally Alights in the Extreme Northlands and Men Grope in Forests.

Quebec, Oct. 27.—Armed with affidavits showing that he really broke all records, landing 1355 miles from St. Louis, Hawley, of America II, left here today for St. Louis. The balloon landed near Lake Tsishigama and the crew fought their way through the forests for four days before reaching the camp of Jack Matthias at St. Ambrose. They lived on short rations meanwhile. It was their hope to reach Labrador but a snow storm Wednesday night was too much for them and they landed and spent the night in the balloon basket.

St. Louis, Oct. 27.—America II gets the first prize of a thousand dollars and the James Gordon Bennett cup. Dusseldorf gets the same money, also the Germania. Helvetia finishes fourth and gets \$500. Hamburg III is fifth and gets \$250. America II has been officially declared the winner of the race and the world's record. The accredited distance is 1355 miles, which is 162 miles over former record.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEGUN.

Los Angeles Disaster Hearing Begins This Morning.

Los Angeles, Oct. 27.—A grand jury is investigating the Times dynamiting case today and assembled for the sole purpose of hearing testimony from witnesses who have been captured in different parts of the country. The first witnesses called was W. H. Mulholland chief engineer of the Los Angeles aqueduct, who was a member of the commission that reported the Times had been dynamited. Deputy District Attorney Maccamus will examine the witnesses assembled in the court room were scores of relatives of those who were killed in the disaster.

PAVING COSTS ARE REDUCED

WARREN PEOPLE REDUCE TWO CENTS YARD ON 4TH STREET

Routine Matters Transacted at Council Meeting Last Evening.

The Newport Construction company was not paid the balance due it on account of the fact that the Second street 18-inch main has not been thoroughly tested. There is not a very large balance, but it was held up until the next meeting.

Cheaper Bitulith Secured.

On account of the fact that the company already has its plant here, the Warren Construction company was able to cut its bid for Fourth street from west Adams to O avenue to \$2.12 cents a yard. The bid was accepted and a council committee was appointed to look after proper water and sewer connection before the paving goes in.

There were no bids on hand for the proposed construction of 900 feet of sidewalk on North Ash street. This is board walk.

A long list of routine matters were transacted during the long session.

Chicago Is Very Cold.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—Freezing weather has held the Mississippi valley all day today. From the time the first fall of snow which occurred a few hours ago the thermometer has been going down. The cold wave extends over Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Colorado.

WORKMEN KILLED AND INJURED TODAY

ACCIDENT CAUSED BY FLAT CAR LEFT STANDING ON TRACK.

Several are Injured and Were Taken to Different Hospitals in Portland.

Portland, Oct. 27.—Five workmen, Thomas Galoria, Kalkas, Nick Arlick, M. Mustakus, George Jimature, all Greeks, are dead. Three men, including Brakeman C. Pratt, are fatally injured, and twenty-five people are slightly injured as a result of a plunge down a grade and collision with a flat car that was standing on the track last night.

The accident occurred near Tualatin Hill on the Burlington extension of the United Railways just outside this city. The injured were taken to St. Vincent's and Good Samaritan hospitals.

The construction car had been left standing on the trunk grade while the engine which was to draw it to a new construction camp, switched in a flat car with thirty-five persons. The car got away and dashed down the hill and crashed into the standing flat car.

Oregon Boy and Wife Killed.

Seattle, Oct. 27.—Dispatches received here today say the Philippine tribes have killed Earl V. Geer and his wife, both of whom were well known in Oregon and Washington. Mrs. Geer was formerly Vashli Crocker and they were married last fall. They sailed immediately for the Islands. Mr. Geer is a relative of ex-Governor Geer of Oregon.

Egg Laying Contest.

St. Louis, Oct. 27.—Ambitious hens anxious to capture the egg-laying championship of the world should lose no time in engaging passage for Mexico, Mo., where the big contest is to be pulled off next week. Hens all over the country are entered and the struggle for the title promises to be an exciting one.

LINE-UP FOR BIG GAME OUT

EXCEPTING GUARD, PLAYERS ARE WELL ESTABLISHED.

Last Heavy Practice Indulged in This Evening—Rest Until Saturday.

With the exception of one guard position, the lineup of the La Grande team which will face the College of Idaho here next Saturday afternoon has been determined. Three or four guardsmen have been running a close race for left guard and it is uncertain just who will be found in that post when the whistle blows for the kickoff. The lineup as announced now is:

Left end, Garrity, left tackle, Gauntt, left guard, Little, center, Bohnenkamp, right guard Bangs, right tackle, Grout, right end Irwin (Captain), quarter Currey, left half, Lottes, full back, Rice, right half, Bolton, utility, Watson Ralston, Rush, Reynolds, Grimmer and Frawley.

The last heavy practice will be held tonight and the team will rest on its oars until tomorrow night when Coach Zimmerman may run through light signal drill or he may allow the team to rest without any practice until the following afternoon when the biggest game of the season transpires. While there still will be a game here Thanksgiving likely it is doubtful if it will be a team from without the county, and as the game Saturday is the only real big game this year, a large attendance is anticipated.

LOOKS LIKE WAR IS CERTAIN.

England is Preparing for What Seems Sure to Come.

London, Oct. 27.—Preparations for meeting with arms the wide spread revolt in Egypt is being made quietly by the foreign office. They do not conceal fears that the revolt will come soon. All leaves of absence of officers of the British Egyptian army have been cancelled a week ago and officers have been ordered back to their commands. It is believed that a holy war preparation by Mohammedans will be the signal for the outbreak.

Buy Big Steamer.

New York, Oct. 27.—An 8,000 ton steamship has been purchased by the Bermuda-Atlantic Steamship company and will be put into the service between New York and Bermuda. The Quebec Steamship company and the Royal Mail Steam Packet company, which operate routes to Bermuda, ended their rate war this month and simultaneously announced a considerable advance in both freight and passenger tariffs. The new service is expected to bring on another war from which the people of Bermuda and tourists will largely benefit.

FRUITGROWERS MEET THIS EVENING

ST. JOE, MO. MAN WILL MEET WITH LOCAL FRUITMAN.

Decided Interest Being Shown in Organization by Grande Ronde Men.

Thoroughly convinced that organization for the purpose of bettering fruit conditions in this valley is necessary a number of prominent men interested in orchards will meet this evening in the Commercial club rooms for the purpose of considering a number of questions that bear directly on the situation.

Mr. Allen, of the "Fruit Grower", a national journal published at St. Joe, Mo., is in the city and will attend the meeting. He will answer any question that is asked him relative to organization and packing of fruit and he will give the assembly the benefit of his wide travels and observation among fruit growers.

It is expected that attendance this evening will be large for this valley is fast being transformed into a fruit country and every grower is thoroughly interested in obtaining all information that is of benefit to the industry.

Motor Trucks in Contest.

New York, Oct. 27.—All the leading manufacturers of motor trucks in the country now have entries in the commercial motor vehicle contest which starts here tomorrow. Many improvements have been made of late in this class of vehicles and the coming test will afford a first class demonstration of their utility.

British Horsemen Coming.

London, Oct. 27.—A party of British horsemen, including several officers of the army, sailed today for America to take part in the National Horse Show in New York and the International Horse Show in Chicago, both of which will be held next month.

Manbird Is Dead.

Nome, Alaska, Oct. 27.—An aeroplane in which Lieutenant Saglaett was maneuvering fell to the earth today carrying its only occupant to death. He was starting earthward when the machine overturned and crushed him.

Last Vessel from Alaska.

Seattle, Oct. 27.—The steamer Umattila is the last vessel to arrive from Alaska this year and is no wasafely in port with a heavy passenger list and \$126,000 in gold on board. The passengers include doctors, laborers, merchants and their families and musicians.

EACH SIDE SURE OF SUCCESS, IS CLAIM

NEW YORK IN THROES OF WARMEST CAMPAIGN FOR MANY YEARS PAST.

DEMOCRATS ARE CONFIDENT

Teddy Has Pressed All Cabinet Officers on Stump to Follow Him in Closing Days of the Campaign—Says he Has Wall Street and Tammany Licked, But Democrats Refuse to Admit It.

New York, Oct. 27.—With both sides claiming victory leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties are planning a brilliant finish for New York's campaign. Cabinet officers will follow former President Roosevelt on the stump for Republican congressmen. Champ Clark of Missouri will lead a number of democratic senators in a tour of the state.

Roosevelt has confidently asserted, "I believe we have Tammany and Wall street on the run. I feel that Etimson's election is certain."

The Democratic state chairman predicts Dix as the next governor. He does not stop here but asserts also that the next senator will be a Democrat to succeed Chauncey Depew.

TACOMA GETS NEW CENSUS.

Dorrard Decides That Work Must All Be Done Over.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Following a second conference with Tacoma's commercial representatives sent here to investigate the claim that Tacoma had sent in a bogus census, Director Durand issued an order to the effect that Tacoma's census must be taken over.

Meets Cold Wave.

Montreal, Oct. 27.—"The weather is the coldest that I have ever experienced," said Hawley, the aeronaut, today in a telegraphic report of his experiences to a Montreal newspaper. "I know nothing of the country around us. We were hampered on our tramp back to civilization by heavy blankets and provisions and many times we waded in streams up to our waists. We shouted with joy when we were overtaken by trappers three days later."

More Dynamiters at Work.

Pasadena, Cal., Oct. 27.—The chief of police here believes dynamiters wrecked the cupola of the Pasadena foundry last night. The damage will not exceed two hundred dollars. No clue is obtainable although they leave that it is the work of a discharged employe.

Crippen's Attorneys Appeal.

London, Oct. 27.—Crippen's attorneys filed an appeal for a re-hearing of the case for which Crippen has been sentenced to death.

Vocation Conference.

Boston, Oct. 27.—Plans are nearing completion today for the first national conference ever held to consider the question of the choice of vocations by the young men and women of the country. Boston will be the scene of the gathering and Nov. 15 and 16 have been selected as the dates. Miss Jane Adams, Samuel Bowles, Dr. G. Stanley Hall, Senator Lodge, Prof. Graham Taylor and Prof. H. C. Metcalf are among the movers in the matter.

At the meeting here a bureau will be organized to supply the young people of the nation with reliable figures and statistics and sound advice on the choice of a profession, business or trade. The demands of various occupations and the conditions of attaining success in them and other useful information will be supplied free of charge to all seekers for a life work.