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ALLEGED COAL LAND GRAB ATTACKED

POINDEXTER STARTLES SENATORS WITH DEMAND FOR INFORMATION FROM TAFT AND FISHER

Washington, June 27.—Demanding that President Taft immediately produce all records of the alleged attempt by the Morgan-Guggenheim forces to monopolize Alaskan coal by grabbing Water Front and Controller Bay, Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, today introduced a sensational resolution in the senate. He desires all records bearing on the filing on the bay by James Ryan and others connected with the Controller

Bay Railroad and Navigation company. He is convinced that if the grab goes through the Guggenheims will control the only feasible outlet for coal, thus dominating the Alaskan railroads, and thus clinching a hold the same as though the Cunningham claims hadn't been denied. Poindexter's resolution demands information from the president, the departments of the interior and secretary of war.

CARNIVAL OF NIAGARA OPENED

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 27.—Large crowds of visitors have been attracted to this picturesque city to witness the second International Carnival, with which the summer season at Niagara was formally opened today. The carnival, which is planned to last two days, opened this morning with a military parade. The evening program of the first day includes an "illuminated" automobile parade and a reproduction of the burning of the steamer Caroline. On the second day will be held the parade of the school children and there will be aeroplane flights and other attractions.

Poss, J. W. Langmuir, chairman of the Niagara Falls Park commission, and others. Laura Ingerson Secord, in commemoration of whose deed of devotion and daring the monument has been erected, lived with her husband near Niagara-on-the-Lakes, the ancient capital of upper Canada. In the war of 1812 her husband took up arms to protect his home and country. Wounded in battle, he was taken to his home to be nursed by his devoted wife. One day two American officers called at the Secord home and demanded food. While serving them, Mrs. Secord caught a few words of their conversation which satisfied her that the American contemplated a surprise attack on the British army which was stationed in the vicinity of Beaver Dams.

SIX HORSES DIE IN BARN FIRE

UNION EXPERIENCES SEVERE FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Destruction of Livery Barn and Other Properties Result.

UNION'S FIRE LOSS.	
Livery barn valued at	\$1,750
Hay valued at	300
Six horses valued at	750
Mis. property loss	270
Loss to adjoining property	750

Union, June 27.—(Special) — Fire of unknown origin did \$3,110 worth of damage here last night when the Union livery barns were burned down, six horses cremated, and adjoining property quite severely damaged. Lack of pressure created a condition where the fire department was taxed to its limit of endurance to prevent a general spread of the fire. The outcome was, however, that only the barn was burned—smaller buildings suffering but little. The flames started in the rear of the building and got under good headway before being detected. The insurance was about \$1,000.

MONA REES ON THE STAND

REFUSES TO ANSWER POINT-BLANK QUESTION.

Admits Purifying Meetings Were Held at Commonwealth.

Chicago, June 27.—Mona Rees resumed the stand today in the See case. She was nervous. When asked if "purifying" meetings were held in See's "junior commonwealth," she replied, "We purified ourselves of the sense of shame." Attorney Durham asked, "Was it not a custom for you and others of the commonwealth to disrobe, and stand nude before each other in order to purify yourselves of the sense of shame?"

The witness flushed, and replied: "I won't answer that at all." She also refused to answer questions as to relations between herself and Mildred Bridges and Arthur See.

CLOSING ON THE FOURTH.

Most of the large merchandising establishments have decided to close their stores at noon on July Fourth. Some of them will be open for an hour in the evening.

times by American soldiers, but she told them she was looking for a lost cow and they permitted her to pass. She succeeded in reaching Captain Fitzgibbons, one of the British commanders, and conveyed to him the important information. Being thus warned of the proposed attack, the British army was prepared and consequently was enabled to win the important victory of Beaver Dams, July 24, 1813.

The monument to be unveiled next Thursday is in the form of a granite pillar about 12 feet high, and is located close by the memorial to Sir Isaac Brock. On one side of the memorial is inserted a bronze medal of Laura Secord, with inscription, and on the opposite side appears a record of the death of her husband. Above the medallion is carved the following inscription:

"This monument has been erected by the government of Canada to Laura Ingerson Secord, who saved her husband's life in the battle on these Heights, October 13, 1812, and who risked her own in conveying to Captain Gibbons the information by which he won the victory of Beaver Dams, July 24, 1813."

PEDESTRIAN DUE IN LA GRANDE

Object in View Is to Win Wager from German Companies.

About tomorrow, Gottfried Rodriguez, who is attempting to circle the globe on foot, is expected in La Grande. With wood shoes, Dutch pantaloons and a flannel shirt of the "Helvie" type the pedestrian walked into Walla Walla two days ago. He is bound for Salt Lake City, according to the Union and may be expected in La Grande therefore within a short time.

Dollar Dinner to Gov. Wilson.

Newark, N. J., June 27.—Preparations have been nearly completed for the "Dollar Dinner," which the Woodrow Wilson league of Essex county has arranged for tomorrow night in honor of Governor Wilson, in appreciation of the work done under his administration and in recognition of the "dawn of a new era" in the politics of this state under his leadership. The Krueger auditorium dining hall, in this city, which has a seating capacity of 800, has been elaborately decorated for this occasion in orange and black, the Princeton university colors. Gov. Wilson will be the chief speaker of the evening.

To Discuss Commercial Problems.

Temple, Tex., June 27.—Secretaries of Commercial clubs from all sections of the state are in attendance at the third annual institute and school of instruction of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' association, which opened here today for a two-day session. The discussion of commercial problems and the best means to meet them, the best means of broadening the work of commercial clubs and of making their activity more efficient will be among the most important features of the instructive program mapped out for this session of the institute.

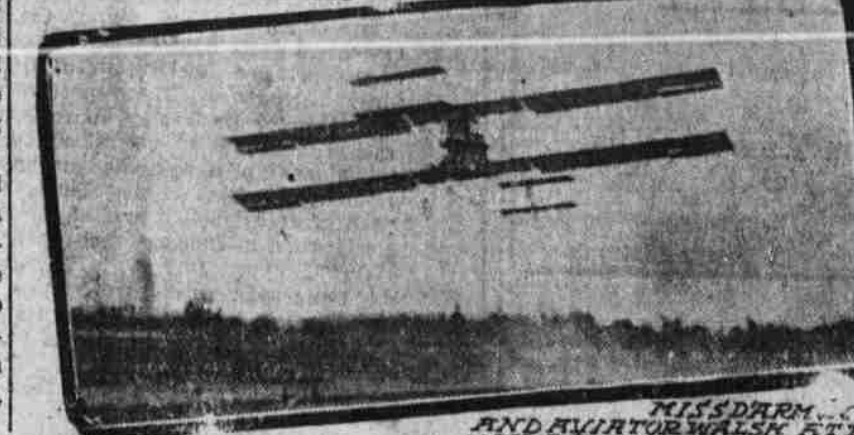
RAIN DELAYS TRIP.

Commercial Men Do Not Leave on Long Junket as Planned.

The proposed trip into Walla Walla county by Union County Commercial club men has been postponed until Thursday morning because of the heavy condition of the road resulting from the heavy rains last night. It was deemed impracticable to start this morning and Mr. Duncan came over from Cove to join the delegation but found the roads in very bad condition. None of the other delegates assembled. The trip will now be made on Thursday and Friday, weather conditions permitting. The downpour did some damage to alfalfa, in the swath and shock.



MISS ISABELLE DARNOLD, AVIATOR WALSH AND MISS LITA FERRIN, POSING BEFORE THE FLIGHT



MISS LITA FERRIN AND AVIATOR WALSH IN THE HIGHEST POINT OF FLIGHT



Scenes showing the daring Walsh making flights such as will be attempted in La Grande July 8th and 9th when he comes to La Grande for a two-day performance at which he must fly or money will be returned to the spectators. Walsh is one of the youngest yet most reckless with death of any.

CAMPBELL ONLY CHANGE SOON TO FIRE VICTIM COME

CITY AGITATED IN EFFORT TO REMOVE OIL TANKS.

Funeral Services Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon.

Portland, June 27.—As a result of yesterday's Union Oil company's fire, agitation was started today to compel the oil company to remove storage tanks to the city's outskirts. Fire Chief Campbell was the only one killed. His funeral will be held from the Elks' club of which he was a member.

FIRE OFFICIAL CALLED HOME.

Chief of Portland Fire Battalion Hurries to His Post Last Night.

Portland's terrible fire yesterday afternoon in which Chief of Fire Department David Campbell was cremated, resulted in cutting short the visit in this city of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens of Portland spending the week with Mrs. Stevens' father, C. A. Lenhart, the bakery proprietor. Mr. Stevens is battalion chief of the Portland fire department and was called home last night in haste by a telegram, his presence being needed because of the disaster. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens departed last night on the late train and reached Portland this afternoon where the officer of the department will assist in paying tribute to Mr. Campbell's memory and also participate in the temporary re-arrangement of the companies. Mr. Stevens is one of four battalion chiefs in the department. His companion officer, Young, was hurt at the fire.

PRES. J F SMITH TAKES STAND AS WITNESS

TELLS SUGAR INVESTIGATORS HE KNOWS NOTHING OF SUGAR BUSINESS.

BELIEVES COMBINE LEGAL

Seven Per Cent Accruing From the Shares in Utah-Idaho Sugar Company Used to Further Interests of His Church—Hardwick Investigation Committee Insisted on His Presence.

Washington, June 27.—Joseph F. Smith president of the Mormon church appeared today to testify before the Hardwick Sugar Trust committee. As a prelude to his testimony Smith said he knew nothing of the sugar business.

Mr. Smith testified he owned, personally, 5,000 shares in the Utah-Idaho Sugar company and 49,815 shares for the Mormon church, which is paying seven per cent dividends and which is being used for the church.

He said he believed the combination with the late Havemeyer was legal.

President Smith appeared before the committee in response to threats after the church leader has explained his physical illness. He was first asked to appear and later threatened with force unless he did as requested. He eventually decided to go to Washington from Salt Lake without further efforts to resist the trip.

TAKE LANE TO PORTLAND.

Injured Man Will Be Rushed to St. Vincent Hospital This Evening.

Arrangements complete to take the fast mail to Portland tonight, Dr. C. T. Bacon will leave La Grande tonight with H. Lane, the man hurt yesterday afternoon at the sand house in the railroad yards. He was crushed quite badly, one leg being broken. Complications have set in that give the case a serious aspect.

Gov. Montague to Address Lawyers.

Bedford Springs, Pa., June 27.—Today was the opening day of the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Bar association, which will be in session here until and including Thursday. The attendance is unusually large and the program arranged for the three days' sessions includes many features of interest to members of the bar. The list of speakers is headed by Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia, who is scheduled to deliver the principal address of the meeting.

Kentucky Educational Association.

Owensboro, Ky., June 27.—How to create schools, best fitted for educating the rural population of the state of Kentucky will be the most important and interesting topic to be considered during the three days' session of the Kentucky Educational association, which opened here today with a large attendance and under the most favorable auspices. Many distinguished educators from all parts of the state are present and Prof. T. J. Crates, of Richmond, the president of the organization, Thos. B. McGregor, of Frankfort, the third assistant attorney general of Kentucky and several other distinguished speakers will address the gathering.

Royal Garden Party.

London, June 27.—The royal garden party was held at Buckingham palace this afternoon and proved one of the most brilliant social events on the long list of coronation festivities. Nearly all of the foreign ambassadors, the colonial representatives and other distinguished guests of the coronation attended. The dresses of the women, as a rule, were most magnificent.