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COUNCILMAN OF WENATCHEE COMMITS SUICIDE IN HOTEL

FIRE HOUSES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF CITY

Substations to Be Erected--Seventh Street to Stay Uniform in Width

At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday morning, Councilman Hafer moved the appointment of a special committee to select sites for three sub fire stations in various parts of the city...

Seventh Street Protest. The special meeting was called to discuss with property owners the protest filed against widening sidewalks on Seventh street from D to the bridge...

HUSBAND AND WIFE FACE SAME CHARGE. YREKA, Cal., August 5.—Fred Wicks the half breed Indian and his wife, Annie Wicks, who were arranged before Justice of the Peace W. M. Thomas late Saturday afternoon...

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BLOWS OFF TOP OF HEAD

Lawrence H. Belser, Realty Dealer, Takes His Own Life in a Fit of Despondency--Reason Unknown

BELSER WAS MEMBER OF WENATCHEE COUNCIL

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 5.—(Special to The Tribune.)—The report that L. H. Belser, a real estate dealer, had committed suicide in a hotel here, has created the greatest surprise here.

Lawrence H. Belser, real estate broker at Wenatchee, Wash., shot and instantly killed himself last night in his room in the Hotel Nash.

As far as can be learned, there is no reason why Belser shot himself. He had been drinking freely last week, but yesterday he remained in his room in the hotel and had not been indulging.

How the Deed Was Done. About 8 o'clock last evening Belser, who was in the hotel, was seen to go to his room. He was seen to go to his room.

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AIR SHIP IS DESTROYED BY ELECTRIC FLASH

Count Zeppelin's Great Dirigible Balloon Catches Fire in Electrical Storm

BERLIN, August 5.—Count Zeppelin's great dirigible balloon was torn from its moorings on a plateau five miles south of Echterdingen this afternoon in an electrical storm, causing it to catch fire and sail away.

The count escaped injuries. Nobody is known to have been in the ship at the time it disappeared.

The great ship, which was the wonder of the world yesterday, is practically certain to be destroyed, if it is not already burned up or hopelessly wrecked.

The count was forced to bring the balloon down on the plateau at 8 o'clock this morning on account of a defective motor, which was in such bad condition he could not repair it.

Realizing that he had failed in his effort to reach Friedrichshafen within the 24 hours set for his flight, he moored the balloon and dispatched men to Friedrichshafen to get expert mechanics. He then prepared to wait, not hoping to get started again before 6 o'clock this evening.

This afternoon the velocity of the wind increased and the ropes holding the balloon were rent, but soon the storm had become violent, accompanied by lightning and thunder, swept over the plateau with such terrific force that the great gas bag was flapped about like a toy balloon.

The balloon was seen to disappear in the gale and move rapidly away into the clouds, the flames apparently increasing as the wind fanned them.

500 PERISH IN ALGERIAN EARTHQUAKE

Hordes of Wild Bandits Sweep in From Desert and a Reign of Terror Follows

CONSTANT, Algeria, August 5.—Following the earthquake that killed from 500 to 1000 citizens in a score of Algerian towns, hordes of wild bandits have swept in from the desert, looting and pillaging, and a reign of terror has been started which the French troops are trying hard to check.

Scores of dead are removed from the ruins and the work of the searchers and rescuers is frequently interrupted by the fighting.

The victims are almost entirely natives, who lived in mud houses and similar fragile quarters that crumbled under the first shock of the quake.

Manager details of suffering and expense are coming in from Soukharas, Bizou, Raffach, Combe and other small towns in the mountains.

First Shock Worst. The first shock at 9:30 yesterday was the most severe and wrought the principal destruction. Following it there were intermittent shocks until late in the afternoon, when the earth tremors ceased.

Losses \$18,000 and Charged With Fraud Over Fake Fight. Tacoma, Wash., August 5.—Frank H. Pilling, secretary of the Bette Adjustment company, which is a \$600,000 concern, is in jail here today morning for the loss of \$18,000 and facing a charge of fraud as the result of a "fixed" prize fight recently fought in Georgetown.

Beautiful Girls Elopes With Los Angeles Youth. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., August 4.—John P. Dohl, a wealthy merchant of this city, is today looking for his daughter, Laura, counted one of the most beautiful girls in southern California.

Unpaid Warrants. City Treasurer Jacobs called the attention of the council to the fact that \$2475 were warrants against the three sewer districts to an amount of about \$2000.

COAT OF MAIL SAVES LIFE OF SULTAN FROM ASSASSIN

MERRICK ONLY CASTS VOTE FOR TOUGH SALOON

Votes Against Orderly Places--Much Routine Business Transacted

LONDON, August 5.—The attempt on the life of Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey was confirmed today in dispatches received here from Constantinople.

It was the regular monthly meeting. A vast amount of routine work, such as the payment of regular bills, reports of city officers and like matters, were disposed of. The entire council was present.

Progress of City Work. The city engineer reported that during the month of July the Warren Construction company had laid 2201 linear feet of street curbing and 2016 square feet of concrete sidewalks under the Seventh street contract.

Saloon Licenses Asked. Four applications for saloon licenses were received and three were granted. Rifer, Hafer, Oswald and Reddy voting yes, and Merrick, Townbridge and Wortman no.

Fire Department. Eugene Amann, chief of the fire department, tendered his resignation to take effect August 1. The resignation was laid on the table until such time as the committee will have a chance to confer with the fire boys to learn who they would have for chief.

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STEEL SHIRT SNAPS KNIFE

Turkey's Monarch Said to Be in Abject Terror and Now Goes About Heavily Armed

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Extra precautions are being taken about the palace, and the already triple guard has been multiplied by three again.

Think Him Insincere. The attack on the sultan was the result of the belief of the Young Turks that he is insincere and that the reforms he is making will not be permanent.

GENOVA, Switzerland, August 5.—Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey was stabbed in the breast by a minor official of the palace in the apartments of the ruler Monday, according to a dispatch received here today from Constantinople.

Fire at Smelter. KENNETT, Cal., August 5.—A fire occurred at the Mammoth smelter Saturday night that necessitated the closing down of the entire plant for several hours.

New Sewer District. An ordinance was passed providing for a new sewer district in the south west portion of the city.

Bids for Water Taps. Bids were received from William Alton, Jacobson Bude company and Robert King for tapping the water mains of the city and laying service pipes.

WORKMEN ON CANADIAN LINE GO ON STRIKE

Bitter Industrial Contest Precipitated Which Ties Up Road

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 5.—Promptly on scheduled time, the men employed in the shops of the Canadian Pacific laid down their tools and quit.

No spectacular incident marked the inauguration of what may prove to be the bitterest industrial fight in the history of the line and which, if persisted in even for a week, will do incalculable damage to every important interest and every prospect of the Canadian west.

Stripped of all technical points involved, the strike resolves itself into a battle between the company and the men as to the status of the unions on the Canadian Pacific system, for the men claim that that is what they are fighting for and point out the recent course of negotiation under the Lemieux conciliation act as proving their point that the efforts of the company have been concentrated on breaking up the unions by setting one against the other and by curtailing opportunities for joint action.

So far the company has said nothing and is resting on its position, assuming when the customs and western management accepted the majority award of the conciliation board. The men, though quiet, express themselves as confident of the issue. They have behind them the international organizations.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS ARTICLES ARE LEGAL. A clause in the agricultural appropriation bill affecting the forest service has been the subject of a recent opinion by the attorney general.

The question was submitted to the attorney general by the secretary of agriculture, whether this provision of the law prohibited the sending to newspapers, writers, and others of such statements as it has been distributing in the past. To this inquiry the attorney general replied:

You express the view that in distributing such information as is compiled and sent out by the forest service, especially to persons engaged in the practice or study of forestry and generally to the public at large through the newspapers and magazines, you are fulfilling the primary and fundamental duty imposed upon the department of agriculture by section 520 of the revised statutes. Information thus given out will be accompanied by a notice that it is sent in accordance with the proviso to the appropriation act of 1904.