ISEA-TO-SEA AVIATOR IS KILLED BY FALL

Rodgers Plunges Into Surf From Height.

NECK AND BACK ARE BROKEN

Distance Misjudged in Sensational Dip Downward.

FLYING CAREER NOTABLE

Member of Wealthy Family Drawn Into Sport Because He Wanted Fastest Thing There Was. Wife Is Prostrated.

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 3 .- Calbraith P. Rodgers, an aviator of worldwide fame and the first man to cross the American continent in an aero plane, was almost instantly killed here this afternoon, when his Wright biplane, in which he was souring over the ocean, crashed into the surf from a height of 200 feet and buried him n the wreck.

His neck was broken and his body rushed by the engine of his machine. He lived only a few minutes.

Rodgers for a week past had been naking daily flights here and had taken many passengers, both men and comen, up with him. He started to day from his usual place and soared out over the ocean, crossing the pier, and then turned and dipped close to

Sport With Gulls Amuses Seeing a flock of gulla disporting themselves among a great school of sardines just over the breakers, Rodgers again turned and dived down into them, scattering the feathered sea fow; in all directions

Highly elated with the outcome of his dive, Rodgers then flew farther out to sea, all the time gradually ris-Ing until he had reached a height of about 200 feet. Making a short turn, he started full speed for the pier. Then he suddenly dipped his planes and his machine began a frightful descent,

Crowds See Final Crash.

Hodgers was seen by hundreds of persons on the pier to relax his hold the levers and then, seemingly realising that he was in danger, he made strenuous efforts to pull the nose of his machine into a level position. Failing in this, he managed to turn his craft farther inshore and an instant later the huge craft crashed into the edge of the surf, not 500 feet from the spot where on December 10 last he had finished his ocean-to-ocean flight. Lifeguards were the first to reach

the injured man. They said Rodgers' head was hanging over one wing of the machine, the heavy engine on his back and his feet drawn up, nearly doubling over his shoulders. Blood was flowing freely from his mouth.

Neck, Jawhone and Back Broken. As quickly as possible, Rodgers was hurried to the bathhouse hospital, where Dr. A. W. Buell pronounced him

From a hurried examination, it was determined that Rodgers' neck, jawbone and back had been broken. A telegram was at once sent to aviator's widow, who resides in Pasadena, and a cablegram to his mother, Mrs. H. S. Schweitzer, new in London. The body was prepared for burial and sent to Pasadena tonight.

The muchine that Rodgers used to day was the one with which he won \$11,000 in prizes last July at the Chicago endurance meet. It is a total wreck, many parts being swept out to sea by the tide. Rodgers' cousin, Lieutenant John Rodgers, U. S. N., is now attached to the aeroplane section of the Navy, stationed at San Diego.

Close Friends Witness Accident. Rodgers and who came here on the special train that followed the aviator on his transcontinental trip, witnessed the accident. Charles Wiggins, of

the accident Charles Wiggins, of Dayton. O., whom Regers brought here to teach flying, stood on the pier and saw his friend fall.

In speaking of Rodgers' care-free apirit while in the air, Mr. Shaffer, who had taken many flights with Rodgers, said the worst example of carelessness he had over seen was when flying with Rodgers yesterday.

"We had risen to a height of about "We had risen to a height of about 5000 feet," said Shaffer, "Rodgers, feigning he was tired, lay back, folded his hands behind his head and stretched out his feet, seemingly en-joying the scenery. I said to him: 'You better watch out, Cal, the wind might get you"; but he answered, "Oh, we're all right; she's ridden the wind be-fore and she'll ride it now."

Fortune Made in Air. Frank Shaffer, Rodgers' mechanician, who had been with the aviator since he started his transcontinental trip, gaid tonight that Rodgers had made \$55,000 in aviation, and had several

\$50,000 in aviation, and had several good contracts at the time he was killed. One of these was for 15 flights in the East, and Rodgers was to have left for Chicago in three weeks.

Shaffer said he believed that misjudging distance caused Rodgers' death. "Rodgers probably thought he way higher in the air than he really was." said Shaffer, "and turned his planes too far over, causing him to descend an rapidly that he did not have time to right his machine after seeing he was so close to the water."

Bodgers is the fourth aviator to be (Concluded on Page 2)

RAILROAD CHIEF IS HALTED BY COURT

LONE LAWYER'S ACT DELAYS PRESIDENT ELLIOTT DAY.

Even When Northern Pacific Head Gets Chance to Testify, He Shows He Knows Nothing About Case.

SPOKANE, April 3.-Though read; and anxious to be called to the witness tand, President Howard Elliott, of the Northern Pacific Railway, was kept waiting in the Superior Court here from 9:30 this morning until 6 o'clock tonight before being allowed to testify in a case about which he knew noth-

President Elliott was served with a subpens last week while visiting Spo kane. The paper was accompanied by witness fees and there was no alterna-

tive but to appear, The attorney for the plaintiff re fused to call Mr. Elliott to the stand until just before court adjourned and then asked him various questions con cerning his residence, time of service with the railroad company, to what he attributed his rise in railroad service, and asked him to trace a freight ship-

ment which he did. Asked concerning the shipment of 20,000 cement sacks, for the loss of which the railroad is being sued for \$1700, Mr. Elliott said: "There are about 7,000,000 freight transactions a year and I do not think I recall this particular one.'

testimony was interesting but threw little light on the whereabouts of the lost sacks of Joseph Zirngible. the plaintiff in the case.

NEW ARCADE IS OPENED

Many Attractive Features Offered Please Large Audience.

The new Arcade moving-picture the-ater opened last night to a large audience. The playhouse is now absolutely fireproof with two large entrances and exits on Washington and Seventh streets. The carpeted aisles, beautiful decorations, perfect ventilation and a ne pipe organ are valuable assets such appreciated by patrons. The programme included music, ren-

dered by Messrs. Carney and Metcalf on the organ and plane, Pathe Weekly, "The Seventh Son," containing a char-acter sketch founded on the life of Lincoln, besides a number of other pic-tures, the Four Shannons, a dancing

and musical mixed quartet and Ar-thur Elwell, baritone singer.

The Peoples' Theater has, in the
"Last Rites of the Maine," the most
imposing moving-picture ever offered
to the public. The audience, which
scarcely stirred during the presentation scarcely stirred during the presentation

scarcely stirred during the presentation of the long, selemn picture, burst into prolonged applause at the close.

The Maine is shown in the cofferdam at Havana harbor during the process of raising, and then bulkheaded and ready for her last voyage. A picture of the funeral procession for the "unknown" patriots in Havana follows, continuing until the coffins are deposited on the cruiser South Carolina. The Maine, looking very towed out to sea, carrying a huge American flag on the remnant of a mast. Later the vessel is shown slowly sinking, pitching slightly forward, into the sea, while in the distance, cannons boom forth a parting salute.

SLOUGH TO BE DREDGED

Ship Canal Would Cost \$500,000, It Is Estimated.

The Peninsula Property Owners Association is the name of the new organization which is being formed of the owners of land on Columbia Slough, whose object is to dredge the slough from its mouth at the Willamette River as far east as possible, to form a ship channel, and to receive the sewerage from the Peninsula.

from the Peninsula.

At a meeting of owners of about 1500 acres of land in the district Tuesday night at the fire hall. Albina avenue, John B. Laber said it would cost about \$500,000 to dredge the slough from its mouth to Vancouver road, and ex-pressed the opinion that the Federal Government will assist.

DEATH PENALTY REMAINS

Arizona House Votes Not to Abolish Capital Punishment.

PHOENIX, Ariz. April \$.- The bill proposing that capital punishment be abolished in Arizona was recommended not to pass by the lower house of the Legislature, sitting as a committee of

the whole today.

The bill proposing to submit the equal suffrage amendment to the state constitution to the people at the next general election, was recommended to pass today by a two-thirds vote of the sembers of the lower house sitting as committee of the whole.

DRUGGISTS DISCUSS EVIL Trade Would Suppress Sale of Habit-

Forming Druss.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Methods of suppressing the sale of habit-forming drugs were discussed at the midyear meeting of the officers and executive committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists held here today.
Federal legislation will be sought
prohibiting illegitimate interstate
traffic in cocaine and similar drugs.

Hospital Left for Prison.

Patrick Lewis, alias William Lawence, by his own confession an escaped convict from the Waila Walla Penlienconvict from the Waila Walla Penitantiary, was arrested yesterday forenoon
at Second and Burnside streets by
Patrolmen Sherwood and Miles. He had
been pointed out to them by John E.
Smith. Lewis expressed a willingness
to return. Lewis was serving a 17year sentence, of which it years yet remain. After getting out of the penitentiary Lewis went to work in a logging camp, and in that employment he
met with an accident in which his legs
were broken. He was taken to the
tiood Samaritan Hospital here, and had
left there only last Saturday

MEXICAN FEDERALS WIN FIRST VICTORY

Attacking Rebels Are Driven Back.

GAMPA LOSES ONE BIG GUN

Madero's Men Reinforced for Engagement Today.

PARRAL TO BE ATTACKED

Country Chosen for Battlefied Is Extremely Rugged and It May Require Several Days for Ultimate Conclusion.

JIMENEZ, Mexico, April 2 .- The troops of Madero gained their first forts will be directed in several lines, victory in Northern Mexico when they defeated the liberal General, Campa, at Parral and sent him scurrying back to cially in making life as pleasant as the base at this city.

Instead of finding a handful of defenders at Parral under General Pincho Villa, Campa was met by deadly fire from a force which he estimated at Mrs. W. L. Biott is president of the under the command of Generals Villa, Tellez, Urbina and Soto.

Campa opened the fight at dawn yes terday, firing at long range with his artillery. Attempting to press closer, he was met by a withering fire and retreated, having lost three killed and 12 wounded, according to his own report today, and having lost one of his big

The presence of the federals in force at Parral and the knowledge that another government force is approaching Escalon seem to indicate that the rebels must abandon their campaign against Terreon and defend themselves in decisive battle in the neighborhood of Jimenez.

The government troops apparently have been strongly reinforced and re-organized and determined to retrieve their recent defeat, brought about largely by blunders and accidents, and to press the fighting. General Pascual Orozco now faces an enemy on his flank at Parral and another coming from the south, presumably under General Huerta, with 2000 men, who was hurried north from the City of Mexico a week ago, but too late to avert de feat at that time.

Federals Pursue Enemy. Campa left here Monday with 600 men and met no opposition until, in front of Parral, he was allowed to take seemingly advantageous position without opposition. No sooner had he posted his men, however, than he dis-

EASTER BONNET **OUEST IS BALKED**

FLOODS DELAY MISS CROCKER'S

San Francisco Society Woman Travcis in Private Car in Search of Latest Fashion.

FREMONT, Neb., April 2 .- (Special.) -That she might buy an Easter hat of the latest style, Miss Jennie Crocker everal days ago climbed into her rivate car and started from San Prancisco to Ave.

Prancisco to Francisco to New York, where she ex-

But Miss Crocker \$1AON\$1 Apugut of 26 hours while its occupants and o and fussed. Finally Miss Crocker announced it made no difference if the train never got started again, as it was then too late for her to reach New York in time to get the hat trimmed for Easter.

When the blockade was raised, howver, her car continued its eastbound

BURNS WOMEN ORGANIZE

Civic Improvement League Will Aid Newcomers Now.

BURNS, Or., April 3.- (Special.)-The women of Burns have organized a Improvement League, whose efsuch as cleaning up yards and streets, bettering sanitary conditions and espepossible for newcomers by extending to them a cordial welcome, getting them acquainted and bringing them into the home and society of the community. league and has an able corps of assistants. They will work in conjunction with the Burns Commercial Club, the Merchants' Association and the city

BURROUGHS IS 75

Naturalist's Last Year's Work In Greatest He Has Ever Done.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 3.—
John Burroughs, the naturalist, is celebrating his 75in birthday at his home near Hyde Park today. He was born on April 3, 1887, A message sent by him to frienda here says:

"My 75th birthday finds me in good heart and health, my interest in life unabated, and with more work to my credit for the last year than for any other year in my life."

Kelso Club Elects Officers.

KELSO Wash, April 2.-The Kelso Commercial Club held its election Mon-day night, the following officers being chosen: A. Maurer, president; C. A. Peters, vice-president; George C. Coch-rane, secretary-treasurer; Frank J. Sardam, assistant secretary; board of directors, J. L. Harris, B. M. Atkins, W. P. Ely, P. P. Brush and C. A. Peters, A Today, Memphis is without gas. telegram was forwarded to Congress-man Humphreys, at Washington, D. C., protesting against the bill now before the House which will do away with rafting at sea. The passage of this bill will be a heavy blow to the timber in-terests of this county and this section of the state. The matter of road work was taken up and a petition will be covered, in a rain of bullets and shell, that the federals were concealed on a commanding hill known as La Prieta (Concluded on Page 3.)

was inken up and a peritton will be day it was possible the mississippi presented to the County Commissioners to build a road through the Clark Creek Logging Company's holdings opening a large tract of land for settlement.

day it was possible the mississippi River flood crest stage at Cairo would be little, if any, above 54 feet. The stage at Vicksburg, Miss., was 46.5 (Concluded on Page 3.)

"YOU ARE ON TRIAL, NOT I."

CAPITAL ALARMED BY GREAT FLOODS

Government Is Aiding Distressed Cities.

SUPPLIES ARE GETTING SHORT

lents of Kentucky Town Rescued From House-Tops.

MEMPHIS IS THREATENED

War Department Dispatches Army Tents to Persons Without Shelter, but Difficulty Lies in Getting Goods Through.

WASHINGTON, April 3. - Floods in the Mississippi Valley have now caused damage running into the millions, so halted business and caused such widespread distress that the Federal Gov ernment has taken steps to relieve the Under instructions from President Taft, the War Department has sent Army tents to New Madrid, Mo., and other inundated centers.

The trouble has been, however, in getting supplies of any kind into the

Many Rescued From Roofs. Two thousand persons driven from the factory district in Hickman, Ky., are being cared for by townspeople at

great personal sacrifice. The leves broke opposite Hickman yesterday at Dorena, Mo. A thousand residents of the community were rescued, many from the tops of their homes, and taken to Hickman.

Hickman's food supply is dwindling. Trains bearing tents and provisions cannot reach the flooded town because of railway washouts.

From 14 to 20 blocks is the area covered by the flood in the northern section of Memphis. From 700 to 1200 persons have been driven from their The water continues to rise in the Bayou Gayosao, a small levee protecting which gave way Monday.

Heroje Fight Is Made.

A heroic fight of two days and nights was made by laborers to save the Memphis gas plant, but the force of the flood was too great, and the

Near Vicksburg, Miss., the water is rising. Farmers are leaving lowland homes, taking their goods and livestock, after the example set by thousands of persons in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas.

The weather bureau announced today it was possible the Mississippi

17-CAR MAIL TRAIN LONGEST IN WORLD

FLOODS IN NEBRASKA HOLD UP SAN FRANCISCO'S LETTER.

Thirty-Four Clerks Toil With 350 Tons of Matter as Long, Lean String Threads Prairie.

OMAHA, Neb., April 3 .- (Special.)-In the longest mail train ever operated in the United States, 350 tons of mail matter left Omaha last night for the Pacific Coast on a 17-car special over the Union Pacific. The mail had been accumulating in Omaha since last Friday, when the transcontinental line became blocked by floods in the Platte River. Thirty-four mail clerks are in

charge of the shipment. The big train will be split into three sections as soon as the flooded districts are passed and will run at five-minute intervals.

No mail will be picked up between Omaha and San Francisco, but closed pouches will be thrown wherever necessary. The train is given right of way against all other trains of what ever charater and the tracks are cleared for it. No stops will be made except to change locomotives or take water and fuel.

HOME VISIT MEANS DEATH

Portland Woman Passes Away While on Trip to Montana.

GREAT FALLS, Mont, April 3,-Special.)-Death at a hospital here tonight made a most pathetic ending to the home-coming of Mrs. True Pruden, of Portland, Or., who arrived in the city but a few days ago for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Ocelia Paulson, It was Mrs, Pruden's first visit here since she married a few years ago following graduation from the high school in which she was one of the most conspicuous girls of the class, being a leader both in standing and socially and her friends among the best families had planned several happy little social functions for her, but within a ouple of days after arrival she was stricken and declined till death today. Her husband was summoned and was present at her death. Mrs. Pruden's family here are well and favorably

INJURIES MAY BE FATAL

Burns' Saloon Affray Results in Wounding Book Agent.

BURNS, Or., April S .- (Special.)-Herman Scott, the book agent who was mentioned in yesterday's dispatch as escaping indictment by furnishing evidence upon which three men were indicted for gambling, is lying dangerously wounded now as the result of a cutting affray following his release from fail. The knife was wielded by John Osborne, who has lived in this section several years and has been recognized as a quiet, peaceable citizen. It appears that several men were in a sa-loon, drinking, about 2 o'clock in the morning and a quarrel was in progress between Scott and a man named Jen-kins, a friend of Osborne's, when the latter interfered and when Scott resented it. Osborne began slashing him with a large-bladed knife, inflicting several bad wounds, two of which may

be dangerous.
Scott's home is in Knapp, Minn., where his mother and a brother, Thomas, reside. Osborne is in jail, awaiting the result of Scott's injuries.

BOY, HIT WITH BAT, DEAD Lexington Lad of 10 Killed While Playing Ball at School.

LEXINGTON, Or., April 3.—(Special)—While playing ball with several of his schoolmates at Lexington, Eric Carmichael, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carmichael was struck on the head by a bat thrown by Everett Zink, aged 15, and son of A. M. Zink. The smaller boys were playing ball at the afternoon receas when the older boy taking up a bat made a pass at the ball, missing it, whereupon he threw his bat in a careless way among the boys. Not stopping at this, how-ever, he took up another bat and threw it also, with the result that the Carmichael lad was hit on the head.

The blow rendered him unconscious for a time but he recovered sufficiently to walk home, a short distance from

the school grounds. He apparently was recevering from the injury but during the night lapsed into uncon-sciousness again and died on Saturday of hemorrhage of the brain. COMMISSION FORM SAVES

Centralia Finds City Is Gainer by

\$379 a Month.

CENTRALIA, Wash, April 3 .- (Spe cial.)-City Engineer Macomber's report submitted to the Centralia City Council today showed that the city's cost of engineering for the month was a little over \$21.

Under the Councilmanic form of government the engineering bill averaged \$400 a month.

Schools to Observe Mothers' Day. SALEM, Or., April 3,-(Special.)-Mothers day in the Oregon schools will be observed Friday. May 10, preceding the Sunday when Mothers day will be observed in the churches of the will be observed in the churches of the state. Superintendent Alderman will write to all of the teachers asking that Mothers' day be observed on the day named with appropriate exercises.

Taft Spoils Range Monopoly.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—In the in-terest of small cattle and sheep-grow-ers, President Taft issued an order today designed to break up the monopoly maintained by cattle and sheep kings springs and small streams in the great Sait Lake Desert in Western Utah. The order sets aside these cases and streams as public watering places.

WOMAN SURPRISE IN COURT-MARTIAL

Divorced Wife Pleads for Her Affinity.

BIG NAVY SCANDAL IS AIRED

Jealous Husband's Acts Are Cause of Separation.

'ANOTHER WOMAN" IN CASE

Refusal to Sign Note for Money for Polly Stewart, Sald to Have Brought on Quarrel Which Precludes Reconciliation.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 3.-Mrs. Margaret McReynolds, divorced wife of Lieutenant Charles S. McReynolds, the marine officer who is the complaining witness against Lieutenant Chandler K. Jones, U. S. N., on trial by courtmartial at the Puget Sound Navy-Yard, accused of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, went on the stand in behalf of Licutenant Jones today.

The appearance of Mrs. McReynolds was a complete surprise, as the procution had announced that she could not be found and it was generally believed that she was in Baltimore

Frank H. Kelley, of Tacoma, counsel for the defense, prefaced Mrs. Mc-Reynolds' testimony by a statement in which he asserted the defense would undertake to show that deutenant Jones, who is charged with breaking up the home of Lieutenant McReynolds was, in fact, acting in the honorable role of a gentleman who had responded to an appeal from a virtuous wife to protect her from the brutalities of an insanely jealous hus-

Quarrel of Long Standing. He declared that Mrs. McReynolds and her husband had quarreled years before coming to Bremerton and that in Cuba Lieutenant McReynolds was under surveillance for a time as to

his sanity. Mr. Kelley said that Mrs. McReynolds' good name had been attacked and that it was to defend her honor that she had come from the East to

The attorney declared Lieutenant Jones had offered to protect and care for Mrs. McReynolds only after she had promised to marry him after she became divorced from her husband, with whom, she said, a reconciliation was impossible.

Woman Witness Nervous. Mrs. McReynolds was plainly nervous when she took the stand and frequently spoke so low that her replies

were inaudible. She said that a little more than a year ago she had a serious quarrel with her husband and that he told her if she did not obey his every command she would have to leave him.

The cause of the quarrel, she said, was her refusal to sign the renewal of a note for \$500 held by John Armstrong, an enlisted man at headquarters, from whom her husband had borrowed money. She said she refused to sign the renewal because her husband would not tell her why he borrowed the money.

New York Woman in Case. 'i was led to beffeve it was to pay the hospital bill of a woman in New York named Polly Stewart," added the

witness. Mrs. McReynolds testified that Lieutenant Jones was in no way responsible for the separation and said that after she left her husband she asked the Naval officer to accompany her East on her trip.

She said her husband gave her \$75

to go to her nome in Kentucky, but that he knew it would take \$85 or \$90 and that this made it necessary for her to get financia, assistance before she could make the journey.

Mrs. McReynolds was on the stand

when court adjourned.

Former Bank Official to Serve 12 Years for Embezzlement.

GEORGE HAM SENTENCED

MEXICO CITY, April 3. - George I. Ham, president of the defunct United States Banking Company, was sentenced today to 12 years' imprisonment on three counts of the indictment against him, charging misappropriation of the funds of the institution. Has has been confined in the federal district prison since the failure of the

NOME DEFEATS SOCIALISTS

Republican Mayor Elected by Vote of Two to One.

NOME, April 3,-William A. Gilmore. Republican nominee for delegate to Congress, was re-elected Mayor of Nome resterday by a vote of 2 to 1, over the socialist candidate.

The old council was re-elected with the Mayor.

