

## MONSTER AIRSHIP COLLAPSES AT OAKLAND, FATALLY INJURING MANY

Largest Aerial Craft Ever Made Explodes When 300 Feet High.

SIXTEEN WERE MAKING TRIAL TRIP IN IT.

Berkeley and Oakland Residents Victims of Effort to Solve Problem.

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, Cal., May 23. — The Morrell airship, the largest ever constructed collapsed on the trial trip when about three hundred feet from the ground and dashed its sixteen occupants to the earth. None were killed but all were seriously hurt, suffering broken limbs and other injuries.

It is believed that several will die. Thousands of people had gathered to witness the trial. The giant ship is 450 feet long, 36 feet in diameter and is a combination of the aeroplane and the dirigible aircraft. It was driven by six gasoline engines generating two hundred horse power. On the start, it rose successfully from the ground and all thought aerial navigation had been solved.

The sixteen men interested in the invention had agreed to take the trial trip before buying stock in the machine. All are residents of Oakland and Berkeley.

Suddenly the big gas bag, containing five hundred thousand cubic feet of illuminating gas burst. The airship began to settle slowly as the gas escaped and appeared as though it would make an easy descent. However, when 75 feet from the ground, it suddenly shot downward with a terrific force.

The occupants were caught under the wreckage.

Among the thousands of spectators many were women, some of whom fainted.

When the great gas bag burst, there was a panic in the immense crowd watching the ascension. When the big craft, which altogether weighed five tons, settled to the ground, hundreds of men rushed forward and ripped the silk which held the little gas that remained so that the fumes would not asphyxiate the injured.

The heavy engines were responsible for the injury of most of the occupants. The injured were immediately placed in automobiles and express wagons and taken to Roosevelt hospital.

The Morrell airship was built at a cost of \$90,000 dollars. It was designed primarily to enter the contest with the various aerial craft in the east.

The cause of the collapse of the big gas bag has not been ascertained, but probably a weak spot gave way under the tremendous pressure.

### PETER DAILEY IS DEAD.

Famous Comedian Succumbs at Chicago After Week's Illness.  
(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, May 23.—Peter Dailey, who for years has enjoyed the distinction of being one of the best comedians on the American stage, died at the Auditorium today after a week's illness.

### GERMAN EDITOR WINS.

(By Associated Press.)  
LEIPSIK, Germany, May 23. — The Supreme Court of Germany has set aside the verdict of the lower court in the case of Maximilian Harden, the Berlin editor who was found guilty of libelling Count Von Moltke. The Supreme Court orders the case retried in the lower courts. Harden was charged with libel on account of the stories of wrong doing among prominent military officers which he printed in his paper. While he was found guilty, subsequent developments show that the stories were correct.

160 ACRES, one million feet cedar and fir timber. Good house, barn and orchard. Shingle mill in good working order and now in operation. 3 miles from Coquille river, 7 miles from Coquille, same from Myrtle Point. Capacity of mill, 15 M. per day. Ready sale for all shingles cut. Inquire P. O. Box 206.

## OIL DRILLING TO START SOON

R. F. Crittenden's Machinery Will Arrive Here Next Week Ready For Work.

R. F. Crittenden yesterday received a telegram announcing the arrival at San Francisco of the boiler for his drilling machinery and that it would be shipped to Coos Bay on the M. F. Plant which will arrive here a week from today or tomorrow. Mr. Crittenden will leave on the Alliance for Portland Monday to arrange for the shipment of the other machinery from there to Coos Bay on the Alliance next week. Unless something extraordinary interferes with his present plans, all of the machinery will be here and drilling for oil will start within ten days.

Mr. Crittenden during the past week has gone over the grounds again and has closed up preliminary work so that everything is in readiness for the drillers to begin work as soon as the machinery arrives. His recent investigations have convinced him more strongly than ever that there is oil here in paying quantities.

### Drilling in Curry County.

Oil drillers are still working in Curry county but no announcement of their accomplishments have been made. Parties interested in the test have intimated that the prospect is very flattering. Their test is being made near Langlois.

It is understood that a vein of paraffine five inches or more thick was encountered in one test hole in Curry county. This ordinarily would have meant a big oil strike, the oil in this vicinity being found on the paraffine base. However, owing to the broken geological formation of the country, the oil bed had evidently been broken and the petroleum allowed to run off to some other strata.

## DRAWNS GUN ON NIGHT WATCH

Attempt to Rob Schooner Coquille at Old North Bend Mill Frustrated.

An attempt to loot the schooner Coquille at its moorings, near the old mill, at North Bend, was frustrated last night by the timely arrival of Captain Saubert's night watchman. When the night watchman returned to the Coquille after a brief trip up town, he was met near the Gangway by a masked man who covered him with a gun and ordered him to "Get." The night watch did get but he hastened for the city marshal and returned a few minutes later with reinforcements. The burglar evidently anticipated their return and made his getaway in a boat as they could barely make him out retreating in the distant darkness.

They found several bundles of stuff that he had gathered up on the schooner evidently for the purpose of taking it away. The timely return of the night watch, however, spoiled his plans. Sometime ago, the launch was robbed in a similar manner. An effort will be made to apprehend the thieves who are evidently familiar with the schooner.

### FRIED CHICKEN DINNER at Mother's Sunday.

### BIG CHICKEN DINNER at Smith's Cafe tomorrow.

FOR 5 acre fruit farms, near Marshfield and some good business investments, see Title Guarantee and Abstract Company.

HENRY SENGSTACKEN, Mgr.

### FOR RENT—Flats No. 3 and 8, in the new O'Connell Building.

## FORTY THOUSAND STARVE TO DEATH

Severe Famine Prevails in Africa as Result of Extraordinary Drouth—Government Tries to Relieve the Suffering of Thousands of Natives

(By Associated Press.)  
MOMBASA, British East Africa, May 23.—Over fifty thousand deaths have occurred in the vicinity of Ugo, in the province of Uganada, as a result of the awful famine prevailing there.

The government is rushing in rations as rapidly as possible, but it is a hard point to reach. More than

fifty thousand natives are now being fed by the government.

The famine is the result of the extraordinary drouth that has prevailed there the past year and resulted in a total crop failure.

Pathetic and ghastly stories are told of the depths resorted to by the starving natives who were thought to be nearly civilized. Hunger has driven them back to cannibalism, human lives being sacrificed to provide food for others.

Nearly all of the animals and wild beasts in that section have died from hunger or thirst and there is nothing left to sustain the population aside from what the government has been able to import.

## MANY LEAVE FOR PORTLAND

Regular Travel Augmented By Approach of Rose Festival at That City.

The Breakwater sailed this morning for Portland with a heavy cargo of freight and a large number of passengers. A number of the passengers were planning to attend the Rose Carnival in Portland and also to visit friends there. Among those who sailed on the Breakwater were: Miss Maxwell, F. DeLano, H. B. Hall, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Roberts, F. A. Ferry, W. A. Kribbs, Mrs. D. W. Barnes, Mrs. W. M. Kelly, Fred Stora, Tom Stora, H. S. Kinney, Horris Kinney, Matt Stora, Mrs. Stora, Mrs. Ortschild, A. Skiff, Wm. Schroder, L. S. Park, A. E. Geer, W. H. Arthur, Miss Lillie Smith, Miss Clara Moore, J. Grosvenor, Nelson Stello, Geo. Cranson, W. H. Bomcer, A. Helms, W. H. McVey, Chas. Carlson, L. Lanstell, C. M. Lorence, B. Burney, A. H. Derbyshire, F. Powers, A. M. Bobell, Mrs. Bobell, Mrs. C. A. Strickland, Mrs. Spooner, D. P. Bradley, J. D. Goss, A. L. Strickland, F. W. Stevens, C. Lyle, Mrs. Lyle, Mr. Orth, Mr. Allehoff, S. Goldsmith, Mr. Skiff, S. E. Heaton, O. Carlson, E. J. Diers, J. Carlson, Frank Debeny, W. P. Lynch, Bert Watkins, I. S. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Bert Ory, M. L. Day, John Munson, C. F. Williams, John Malfeck, E. E. Ingerman, L. D. Dickson, E. D. Shelton, J. M. Montgomery, Joe Mackay, Louis Annetto, N. Costello, Jno. Ellis, B. Corodess, D. Mincoss, I. Abe, J. Coats, H. C. Maxwell, Robert Cameron, Chas. Ashley.

SUMMER SUNSHINE like Mother's smile is mighty pleasant. But unlike mother's smile it injures the fair complexion.

McArthur's Cold Cream applied at night renders the skin soft and beautiful!

Remember McArthur's Hand Lotion.

### TODAY'S PERSONAL GOSSIP.

MISS ESTHER JOHNSON has taken a position in the office of F. S. Dow.

GEORGE GOODRUM, Al. Courtney and a party of friends enjoyed a launch ride on the Bay and the Inlets last evening.

J. T. HALL will be one of a fishing and pigeon shooting party to go up Coos River tonight to spend Sunday.

MRS. DUNHAM and daughter of Coquille, are expected to visit friends on Coos Bay for a few days before going to Portland next week.

MRS. M. A. MITCHELL and daughters, Blanche and Gertrude, will go to Portland on the Alliance Monday to attend the Rose festival.

S. J. DEPREZEE of Allegany, was in Marshfield today with his stepfather who is going to San Francisco on the Plant to visit a daughter there.

FRANK HOGUE has returned from a week's trip to Ten Mile, during which he spent considerable time fishing. He says that the trout are biting fine.

CHIEF CLERK WARNER of the Blanco hotel, will leave tonight via Drain for Oakland, Cal., where he is called by the serious illness of his father, James Warner. Mr. Warner, Sr., contracted a severe cold while witnessing the demon-

## DURETT MAY BUY PHONE

Independent Telephone Said to be Negotiating With Pacific States Company.

It was stated today that R. T. Durett, who recently secured a franchise at North Bend for an independent telephone company and has made a request for a similar right in Marshfield, is in Portland negotiating for the purchase of the Pacific States Telephone Company's exchanges in Marshfield, North Bend and Myrtle Point. Owing to no one here being closely associated with Mr. Durett, so far as known, it was impossible to verify the report which, however, comes from a reliable source.

As Mr. Durett announced his plans, he proposes to handle local telephone business in Marshfield, North Bend, Empire City and Coquille with a toll line service between the towns. With the exception of this toll line service, his deal with the Pacific States Company is likely to be to leave the general toll line business in their hands. His negotiations with the company are probably with a view of eliminating the competition that he would have to meet in case he should put in an independent system in addition to the one now in operation.

As Manager L. R. Robertson of the Pacific States Company announced to the city council that Coos Bay capitalists were likely to become interested in his company, probably by purchasing the local exchanges, there is liable to be rivalry between Mr. Durett and them for the purchase of the property.

In case Mr. Durett's negotiations with the Pacific States Company do not materialize, it is not known whether he will go ahead with his proposition to install an independent service here. The Marshfield city council will not take up his application for a franchise for another thirty days at least.

## SAILORS KILLED IN BELLINGHAM DURING FESTIVITIES OVER FLEET

## ANANIAS CLUB GROWS LARGER

President Roosevelt Says Story of Trouble in Cabinet Is Fake.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 23. — The White House today made an official denial of the stories of serious difficulties between President Roosevelt and Attorney General Bonaparte on the question of bringing suit against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. The story was going so far as to say that Bonaparte had threatened to resign. The White House statement, which goes into detail, is corroborated by personal statements of the cabinet officers.

## WILL TRY TO GET \$5000,000

OREGON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WIRES THEY WILL URGE BILL NOW ASK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DREDGE.

Secretary Walter Lyon received a telegram today from members of the Oregon Congressional delegation stating that owing to the Democratic filibuster, it would probably be impossible for them to secure the passage of the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the improvement of Coos Bay harbor and channel. They stated that they would do what they could, though, and asked when the dredge now building for work here would be done. Mr. Lyon replied that the dredge now building would be ready for service in August and that the additional fund of \$500,000 was badly needed.

## NORTH BEND NEWS

E. R. Hodson of South Coos River, was a North Bend visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nowlin of Pony Inlet, are rejoicing over the birth of a son. Mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. I. Lando and Miss Nannie Lyons of Marshfield, attended the play at Eckhoff hall in North Bend last evening.

Mrs. E. R. Hodson and daughter, Erma, are spending a few days with Mrs. Robert McCann.

Mrs. Frank Spooner who has been visiting her son, Langdon Spooner, at the depot for the past week, left on the Breakwater today for her home at Jennings Lodge, near Portland. She was accompanied by her grand daughter, Miss Vivian, who will visit there for a time.

"Ye Village Skewl of Long Ago," which was presented by the North Bend High School students at Eckhoff was largely attended and the excellent program warmly applauded throughout. All of the participants did well. Quite a sum was secured for the benefit of the North Bend High School Athletic Association.

B. S. Burney of North Bend, yesterday received a telegram announcing the death of his sister in Portland. The news came as a great shock to him. Miss Dora Burney was about twenty years old and had always enjoyed excellent health until a few days ago when she was taken sick with typhoid fever. She grew rapidly worse until a sinking spell early yesterday proved fatal. Judge Burney of Portland is her father and the family is one of the best known in Portland. Mr. Burney left on the Breakwater today to attend the funeral. Besides the parents, two brothers and sisters mourn her loss.

Two Seamen From Battleship New Jersey Crushed by Street Car.

ACCIDENT DUE TO THROG ON STREET.

First Division Proceeds to Rendez-Vous at Port Townsend Today.

(By Associated Press.)  
BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 23.—The first division of the fleet sailed today for the rendez-vous of the entire fleet at Port Townsend, from whence the reunited Atlantic fleet will sail for Seattle.

The hospital ship Relief did not proceed up the Sound, remaining here to take on the bodies of the two seamen of the New Jersey, J. J. Staub and F. Lulinski, who were killed last evening in a street-car accident.

The men died almost instantly from their injuries. The accident was due to the immense crowds on the street to participate in the welcome of the sailors. The accident has cast a gloom over the entire city.

### BRIEF CITY NEWS.

No Baseball Tomorrow. — There will be no baseball game Sunday although it is likely that a number will practice on the North Bend grounds.

Enterprise In and Out.—The Enterprise brought in a load of salmon from Wedderburn to North Bend yesterday. She sailed on the return trip late in the day, laden with merchandise.

Alliance In Monday.—The Alliance will sail from Portland tonight for Coos Bay, reaching here early Monday. She will sail from here on the return trip at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Bank Will Move.—The officers of the First Trust and Savings Bank expect to complete the removal of the institution to its handsome new home so that it can open for business in the new quarters Monday morning.

Frank Davis Leaves.—Frank Davis has severed his connection with the Davis-Schultz Wholesale Grocery Company of North Bend, and has departed with his family for Portland. He has not announced his plans for the future.

Has Scarlet Fever.—Amelia Robertson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Robertson came down with scarlet fever yesterday. She contracted the disease from her four-year-old sister who is just recovering from a mild attack.

Orders New Yacht.—Wm. Eckblad is having a fine new launch built. It will be about twenty feet long, open, propelled by a four and one-half horse engine, accommodate six people and be one of the speediest of the smaller crafts on the Bay. It will be ready for service in about two weeks.

Small Fire Today.—Slight damage was done in the residence of W. H. Mulloy on 'C' street, a block east of the Masonic Opera house, at noon today by a fire originating from a defective chimney. The terra cotta chimney broke, allowing a large cinder to get on the shingles. Geo. Goodrum saw it in the distance and called the fire department but passerby succeeded in extinguishing the flame before serious damage was done.

### LUTHERAN SERVICES.

The Lutheran church services Sunday will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:30; morning and communion services in Swedish at 10:30, and communion services in English at 8 o'clock in the evening. At the evening services, the Rev. C. Renhard of Portland, Rev. C. A. Tolin of Portland, and Rev. G. Rydquist of Astoria, will assist. The visiting ministers will go to North Bend to conduct services there at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRESH HALIBUT at Ellerby's Fish Market.

FOR RENT—Five-room house close in. Apply first house north marble works.

A CARD.  
To the Republican voters of Coos County: I hereby announce myself as the regular Republican nominee for coroner of Coos County, subject to your approval, at the coming election, June 1, 1908.

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework. Good wages. Mrs. I. S. Kaufman.

WANTED — Housekeeping rooms. Couple want suitable rooms furnished for housekeeping, small cottage preferred. Address 'G' this office.