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EXPLOSION IN MID AIR WRECKS BALLOON AND KILLS FIVE MEN

AirShip Dashes to Earth and Bring Death to the Crew.

HAD BEEN FITTED FOR PASSENGER SERVICE.

Accident Occurs in Prussia and Was Witnessed By But Few Persons.

(By Associated Press.) LEICHINGEN, Rhenish Prussia, July 12. — A dirigible airship, recently refitted for passenger service, was destroyed in midair to-night by the explosion of the benzine tank, and the inventor, Oscar Erbstoeh, Herr Loelle, a manufacturer, two engineers, Herr Kranz and Herr Hoeppe, and Motorman Herr Spike, were dropped to death.

GIRL KILLS TWO MEN

New Orleans Italians Have Fatal Gun Fight in a Saloon.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, July 13.—In a three-cornered fight in which two Italian men and one Italian girl participated in a saloon here shortly before eleven o'clock this morning, both men were killed. The men used revolvers and the girl a double-barreled shotgun.

ESTIMATE COST CURB POSTS

Electric Company Makes Report on Proposed Plan to J. W. Bennett.

J. W. Bennett, who proposed the idea of having curb lighting posts in the business section of the city asked the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company for an estimate to ascertain the cost of establishing and maintaining such lights. The electric company has made a proposal to Mr. Bennett.

BLAKE ASKS FOR CHANGE

Wants City Council to Alter One Section of Franchise Ordinance.

J. M. Blake appeared before the city council last night and asked that a change be made in the electric street car franchise which was granted him. His request was for an extension of certain conditions provided in the ordinance and he gave his reasons for asking for the extension of time.

The council heard Mr. Blake, but did not take any action. It was the opinion of all of the members that they should wait until City Attorney Goss returned before considering the matter.

Mr. Blake asked specifically that there be a change made in section twelve of the ordinance. This section provides that the franchise is for a term of thirty-five years, that actual and permanent construction work must begin within sixty days after the passage of the ordinance, that within six months \$5,000 must have been expended, that a mile of track must be built within twelve months and that all of the road must be constructed within eighteen months. The ordinance became effective Dec. 10th, 1909.

Mr. Blake said that before he asked for the specific relief that he desired he would explain conditions which had arisen. He told of his effort to get the franchise matter to a vote of the people in North Bend and his failure to do so. He said that when he got the franchise in Marshfield he had no thought but that he would get the matter up to a special election at North Bend, but not having been able to do that he was forced to wait until the regular December election, at which time the proposition for the franchise could be put on the ballot.

Without further promise of a franchise in North Bend and on the strength of the opportunity to bring the matter to a vote at the December election, Mr. Blake said that he felt that he could, and did, go on with the financing of the road. He said still other conditions had arisen. Other parties had applied for franchises and were active in the promotion of their enterprise and brought up the possibility of a competing road in the locality, which would mean a division of the business. Mr. Blake said that he had been under the necessity of waiting to determine what the Coos Bay Rapid Transit Company was doing. Under these conditions, and the fact that he had not yet secured the franchise in North Bend, he, of course, did not feel like spending the \$5,000.

The six months during which time, according to the franchise, the \$5,000 must be expended, is nearly up. Mr. Blake said that he wanted the clause of the franchise changed so that the part requiring the \$5,000 to be spent within the six months be eliminated. He was willing that one mile of track must be built by January, 1911, which would give him time to get the franchise matter before the people at North Bend, or else would give him time to plan some other extension which would give him the use of the franchise in Marshfield as a unit of a system which might extend outside.

In short, Mr. Blake explained that he wanted to use the franchise in Marshfield as a part of a line to North Bend if the franchise in that city could be secured, or, that if the franchise in North Bend was not secured he could use his franchise in Marshfield and extend his line out to some other locality, and to have time to plan and to get the matter to a vote in North Bend he wanted removed the clause requiring the \$5,000 to be spent.

Mr. Blake also asked for another change. The franchise as it now stands requires that within eighteen months...

ASSEMBLY IS ONLY A CONVENTION

Portland Ringsters Revive All the Old Time Machine Tactics—Republicans Are Repudiating Ring Rule.

PORTLAND, July 13.—The Telegram has the following report of the Assembly caucuses held in Portland: "Delegates to the Republican County Assembly, to be held next Saturday night. The call is for 827 delegates and a considerable number of those selected will not be able to attend. The assembly is for the purpose of picking candidates for nominations in the primaries of September and of selecting delegates to the State assembly."

"While the quota of delegates was picked and the county committee is satisfied, there is some complaint over the manner in which the delegates were selected in certain precincts. In several the meetings were not held where they were advertised and voters who strolled to the supposed meeting places found nothing doing, the meeting having been held in some less conspicuous location. A large number of Republicans who turned out to help elect delegates discovered that when they did find the meeting place the delegates had already been selected. There were precincts where typewritten lists of delegates were prepared in advance and these were elected after a brief formal vote before the voters of the precinct appeared. In precinct No. 8, for instance, the selection of delegates was made by a committee of three instead of by balloting. The impression prevailed that there would be balloting at the precinct primaries, but in the majority of cases this method was dismissed. At precinct No. 8 the meeting was held in a private house, although the announcement said it would be in a hall, and when voters showed up later they were informed that the delegates were all picked. In none of these places did the later comers think of holding a meeting of their own and selecting a set of delegates to contest the seats of those previously picked.

Resolutions were adopted by the voters of precinct No. 79 disapproving of the Assembly and saying it is merely an attempt to restore boss rule. The delegates of this precinct were instructed to vote for George McMillan for Sheriff, Frank Bennett for County Judge, Jack Day for Constable and John B. Coffey for Secretary of State. These were the only delegates given instructions by a meeting, but every aspirant for an Assembly endorsement succeeded in having many delegates elected.

AVIATOR MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Hon. Charles S. Rolls Has Fatal Fall With Machine in England.

(By Associated Press.) BOURNEMOUTH, England, July 13.—The first flying tournament of the year in England came to a tragic close with the dramatic death of the most daring British aviator, Hon. Charles S. Rolls, third son of Lord Llangattock. He was flying a Wright biplane, which fell from a height of one hundred feet, smashing the machine to splinters. Before Rolls could be removed he was dead. The accident was caused by the snapping off of the tail piece as Rolls was gliding from a great height to the earth. The machine then plunged straight down at a terrific speed.

HERMANN ELECTED.

Cincinnati Man at Head of Order of Elks. (By Associated Press.) DETROIT, Mich., July 12.—August (Garry) Hermann of Cincinnati was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks by acclamation at the session of the grand lodge here to-day.

of delegates are many office-holders, the present administration being well represented, specially Mayor Simon's Executive Board."

JACKSON COUNTY FIGHTS SHY OF ASSEMBLY CALL.

MEDFORD, Ore., July 13.—The assembly movement appears to be encountering hard sledding in Jackson county, for, though the county is strongly Republican, two efforts have failed completely to even assemble the County Central Committee to consider the proposition of holding a county assembly for nominating local candidates and of sending delegates to the State assembly to get out a State ticket. A week ago Saturday a meeting was to have been held, but only four members of the committee appeared. An adjournment was had to last Saturday, when but three committeemen were present of the 38 members representing the precincts of the county, and these three were from Medford, which, with the adjacent country embraces five precincts. The faithful three, after talking the matter over, decided to make the third trial to hold a meeting of the committee, and to that end issued a call for a meeting to be held in Medford on Saturday next.

ASSEMBLY JOKE IN GILLIAM; ONLY 10 DELEGATES PRESENT.

CONDON, July 12.—The assembly is a joke in Gilliam county. The ten delegates who will represent the county in the State assembly were chosen by seven precinct committeemen. There are thirteen committeemen in the county and because of the small attendance, the first meeting was adjourned to a later date, and a grand effort made to round up and bring in the absentees. The fruit of the effort was a final attendance of only seven, and these in a closed convention selected the delegates who will go to Portland as representing the "voice of the people" of Gilliam. The sentiment here among the masses is constantly growing stronger against the assembly plan, and the manner in which the delegates were chosen will intensify the general view of the movement.

HOOD RIVER ELECTS DELEGATES TO ASSEMBLY.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 12.—Meetings were held in six of the seven precincts of Hood River County Saturday night, and delegates were elected to the Republican county assembly, which will be held in this city next Saturday afternoon. The other precinct at Cascade Locks will hold its meeting to-night and select delegates. The meetings were not very largely attended; in two cases there were only as many voters present as there were delegates to be selected.

MAKE GOOD STOLEN FUNDS

One Million Dollars Raised By Stockholders of Louisville Fruit Company.

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 12.—At the directors meeting of the Fidelity Trust Company to-day it was announced that the stockholders of the concern, which include many of the leading capitalists of the city, made up a fund to meet any loss of losses that have or will come to the company to the extent of one million dollars. This would seem to indicate the exact amount of August Ropke's defalcations, which are thus made good, and which will never be known, although rumors place it at \$400,000 to \$500,000. Ropke, who was the assistant secretary of the company, was arrested yesterday, charged with making false entries and misappropriation of the funds. Ropke has been held for trial in the criminal court Oct. 5th. His bond was fixed at \$25,000. Since his arrest, it has come to light that Ropke's speculations on the New York Stock Exchange and in local brokerage and bucket shops amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

PORTUGUESE GUNBOAT FIRES ON CHINESE PIRATE SETTLEMENT

Houses on Island of Colowan Destroyed and Many Natives Are Killed.

NEW BUILDING IS SUGGESTED

Plan of Having Fireproof City Hall Comes Before the City Council.

The building of a new city hall, which would cost \$20,000, was suggested by a committee at the city council meeting last evening, and a set of plans were submitted. The matter was not discussed at length, but a few of the councilmen expressed their opinions.

The matter came up in the shape of a report of the special committee appointed to look after the providing of some kind of fireproof boxes in which to preserve the city's papers. The report was made by Councilman Albrecht. He said that the committee had found that the safe now in use in the city hall was inadequate and not fireproof, that steel boxes would be fireproof only if they were in such shape that they could be removed from the building in case of fire, and that the renting of safety deposit boxes from the banks or elsewhere would be too expensive a proposition. As a solution of the problem of keeping the city's property in a fireproof place, the committee suggested a new city hall and submitted a sketch and plans of a fireproof building which would cost about \$20,000.

In the same connection, Mr. Albrecht told of the position taken by the fire department. He said the members of the department had been discussing the situation and that it had come to a final issue. They felt that the engine now in use was not adequate and that the department did not have enough hose. They want an engine of greater capacity and about half a mile of new hose. There is on hand 1,000 feet of hose which is new, but the rest of it is old and cannot be depended upon. The matter of a fireboat had been considered but such an apparatus would cost the city three times as much to maintain as an engine and would protect only the water front, while an engine would protect the entire city.

Mayor Straw suggested that perhaps the best thing to do would be for the firemen to decide exactly what they wanted in the way of an engine and have one of the members come before the council and explain the needs of the department and give some idea of how much should be expended. The hose was regarded as an immediate need and the council decided to receive bids for hose from the local representatives of the companies handling such goods.

Regarding the new city hall, Councilman Coke said that he knew the time was coming when the city must have better quarters, but he did not think that the finances of the city could now stand a new building at this time. He thought that in view of the fact that several thousand dollars had already been expended on the present city hall it would be well to make some further repairs and make it do for the time. He suggested that some kind of fireproof safes be put in and that some changes in the arrangement of the building be planned, which would make it more useful.

No definite action was taken regarding the suggestion of the new city hall and the report of the committee was ordered placed on file. All of the bills which had been approved were ordered paid and the contractors and others who had money due them, were also ordered to be paid.

Protest Filed. A long protest against the changes planned for Second street was filed and read by the clerk. It was signed with the initials, "A. D. W." The writer stated that the street could not be made absolutely straight without great damage to property, and enumerated the different items of expense and damage which aggregated \$14,760. As a remedy for this damage it was suggested that the street be

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FIVE THOUSAND MEN ENGAGE IN FIGHTING.

Chinese Armed With Modern Weapons and Have Smokeless Powder.

(By Associated Press.) HONG KONG, July 13.—The Portuguese gunboat cooperating with troops, to-day bombarded the pirate settlement on the island of Colowan, destroying houses and killing many natives. The Chinese retaliated by storming and capturing the Portuguese military post. Portuguese reinforcements have been sent to the scene from Macao.

The island of Colowan, near Macao, and ownership matters makes up the dispute between the Chinese and the Portuguese. A party of Chinese students were captured by the pirates and the Governor of Macao sent an expedition to effect the rescue. The pirates resisted and were re-inforced by Chinese from the interior. The latter are armed with modern weapons and smokeless powder. In all two thousand engaged in the fighting.

MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURG, Pa., July 12.—A powder magazine at Cabot, Pa., the property of the Standard Plate Glass Company, exploded to-day, killing at least one and injuring about twenty others.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT

Severe Shocks Are Reported To-Day From Both Berlin and Munich.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, July 13. — Dispatches from the Tyrol in Austria-Hungary state that one person was killed and twenty injured in a earthquake at the village of Uttenheim to-day.

(By Associated Press.) MUNICH, July 13. — A severe earthquake was felt here to-day. The walls of several buildings were cracked and the people terrified. The shock was felt in the surrounding villages. No casualties are reported here.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

Sacramento and Oakland Defeat San Francisco and Portland Tuesday.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND July 13.—A new series opened in the Coast League Tuesday, Sacramento playing at San Francisco and Oakland at Portland. Vernon opens at Los Angeles to-day. The scores yesterday were as follows:

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