

DESPITE PRECAUTIONS FOURTH WAS SALESLESS DAY

ACCIDENTS IN MANY BIG CITIES

Two Deaths in New York
and 50 Minor Mishaps—
Pittsburg Cracker Maims
Man—One Dead and 54
Hurt in St. Louis.

Washington, July 5.—A firecrackerless Independence day celebration was held here today. The sale of fireworks was forbidden by the authorities and no explosives were allowed within the city limits.

New York, July 5.—The Independence day celebration in New York opened today with two deaths, a dozen serious accidents and 50 minor mishaps as the result of explosives. There were several accidents yesterday, but the merry-makers did not start their real celebration until today.

Pittsburg, July 5.—A firecracker thrown through the window of a tenement house today caused a fire which menaced the lives of many people and which was controlled only after two hours' hard work fighting by the fire department.

St. Louis, July 5.—One boy is dead and 54 persons are suffering serious injuries today as the result of Independence day celebrations. The boy was drowned in the Mississippi river. The injured are expected to die.

Indore, Ind., July 5.—A German, 18, among the most seriously injured. He was hurt last night when he mistook a cannon for a Roman candle. Grasping the huge cracker in his right hand, the German waved it about his head. The explosion of the cracker blew off his arm and he will probably die from his injuries.

DRIZZLING RAIN HELPS EFFECT SAFE AND SANE FOURTH

Rain, rain, rain, how beautiful is the rain in summer! The drizzle from the poet, Trowbridge, finds an echo in the hearts of thousands of Portlanders who started to celebrate the country's birthday 24 hours late, because yesterday was Sunday. For the rain and the drizzle were a relief to the city, which was a quiet one on the Fourth. The celebration was a success, and the city was a happy one.

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LAKE CHAMPLAIN TERCENTENARY

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Indian Pageant.

Port Henry, N. Y., July 5.—Governor Hughes of New York and Governor Hoadley of Vermont today joined in opening a series of celebrations in honor of the terti-centenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain. The main event was a sham battle within sight of the walls of Fort Amherst.

Crown Point, N. Y., July 5.—With crowds decorated with the French, English and American colors and strains of martial music resounding through the streets from early morning, the Champlain terti-centenary celebration commemorating the discovery of Lake Champlain by the French explorer, Samuel de Champlain, began in earnest in historic Crown Point today. Although President Taft and many of the other notables who are to take part in the week's festivities will not arrive

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CHIEF GRITZMACHER TELLS STORY OF HIS LONG SERVICE



Charles Gritzmacher, Retiring Chief of Police.

Beginning service as a patrolman on the Portland police force in 1872, when the men did the work required in a wild west town of 8000 people, Gritzmacher reached the top step by step until he reached the post, when 170 men are required to protect the lives and property of the citizens of a modern city of 250,000 population; and then retiring to private life among the men he has known so well for 37 years. In brief, the story of the public career of Charles Gritzmacher, who, shorn of authority, is today enjoying the privilege of a plain American citizen in the celebration of the anniversary of the nation's birthday.

Chief Gritzmacher is known to every citizen of Portland. For 37 years he has resided in one house at the corner of Taylor and Tenth, and he well claims the distinction of being a pioneer citizen as well as one of the few remaining members of the early police organization.

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M'CORMICK LUMBER PLANT BURNS; LOSS PUT AT \$200,000

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., July 5.—News was received in Chehalis this morning of the destruction of the McCormick Lumber company's plant, situated about 30 miles from here on the South Bend branch of the Knappe, by fire. The blaze started in the boiler house and when first noticed was trivial, but the company did not have enough steam up to

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EVANS RES LAWYER AT TACOMA

Portland Man Involved in
Peculiar Case Prepares to
Straighten Out Affairs in
This City—Purdy Writes
Letter.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., July 5.—The letter written by Will E. Purdy to The Oregon Daily Journal and published yesterday is mostly tommyrot and

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TAFT'S WELCOME TO SUMMER HOME

Mayor of Beverly, Mass.,
Speaks for Townspeople
—Taft to Norwich.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Beverly, Mass., July 5.—Assurances of the intention of the people of Beverly to make pleasant the summer visit of the president and his family, and to afford the chief executive protection from "undesirable citizens," were delivered to President Taft today by Mayor Norwood and a large delegation of citizens.

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ASTORIA STILL URGES RATE CONVENTION

City Believed to Have Chance
of Securing Equal Footing
With Puget Sound
Ports—Palouse Wheat to
Tacoma Markets.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pullman, Wash., July 5.—The promise of R. B. Miller, general traffic manager of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation, that his road will accept shipments of grain from Palouse country points for points on Puget sound at Portland rates will have a noticeable effect on the handling of grain in the Palouse country and secure much grain for that road that would otherwise go over the Northern Pacific. The promise of Mr. Miller was made to the executive committee of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative union and that organization, which has been offered a number of favors by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, will try to secure as much of the grain as possible for that road.

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JUDGE VAN ZANTE RELEASES OFFICE

Former Judge John Van Zante,
who has just turned over
his office to Judge Frank S. Bennett
after one year of service, is strongly
convinced as a result of his experience
that the parole system should be
extended to the municipal court. He
believes that great improvement would
result if the two justices' courts were
abolished and the civil business transacted
were taken over by the municipal court.

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NAMPA, IDAHO CELEBRATES ON RUINS

While Smoke of \$300,000
Fire Envelopes City
Notices Are Sent Out That
Fourth Will Be Observed
According to Program.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Nampa, Idaho, July 5.—Nampa is celebrating the Fourth of July today on the ashes of a \$300,000 fire. The event is doubly significant, for it will be commemorated as an exemplification of the "spirit of the west." While the city was still enveloped in a pall of smoke notices were sent broadcast Saturday night that "the grand Fourth of July celebration advertised by Nampa for July 5 will be held according to program." Merchants who were victims of the fire are opening up in temporary quarters and announcing future rebuilding plans. The fire will result in a business district much larger and finer than the old one.

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RIKSHAW STRIKE AT NAIROBI LEAVES EUROPEANS GASPING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Nairobi, July 5.—Nairobi is in the grip of a rickshaw strike. It started Saturday night and has been growing more and more effective ever since, until now the streets are almost deserted. The situation is really serious. The police are unable to maintain order. The Europeans are gasping for breath.

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HELPLESS WOMAN BROTHERLY BATEN

Farm Hand Clubs His Em-
ployer and Lands in
County Jail.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Stevenson, Wash., July 5.—Mrs. Fields, an aged lady living 21 miles west of Chehalis, was brutally beaten yesterday by Jack Donovan, a farm hand employed by her on the ranch. Sheriff Knox was notified and on going to the place found that the woman had been beaten and bruised in a horrible manner. The police are looking for the man.

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