

# STEEL KINGS RISE MIDWEST MERGER

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NEW YORK.—(AP)—Banking and steel trade circles believe the new \$350,000,000 Republic Steel corporation may be only a first step.

They see several other great independent steel concerns of the middle west balanced on the edge of the new combine in such a way that a little tug might pull them in.

But judging from comments in New York's financial area, what interests Wall street above all is that a financial and industrial operation of vast magnitude has centered in Cleveland, not New York; also that the merger contemplated several new names into the exclusive group of powerful steel magnates.

Cyrus S. Eaton, a Baptist minister's son, born 46 years ago in Fugwash, Nova Scotia, is the central figure of the banking group that piloted the Republic merger.

The group is known to own a substantial interest in Youngstown Sheet & Tube company and the Inland Steel corporation.

Much of the financing in the present instance was achieved through the Cliffs corporation and the Continental Shares corporation, both of which are understood to hold large stock interests in the country's various steel companies.

If the Youngstown and Inland units were to be added to the new combine the latter would become the second largest steel corporation in the United States instead of the third. At present the United States Steel corporation and Bethlehem Steel are first and second in size.

Something more important, perhaps, than actual size, in the opinion of bankers here, is that the addition of the Youngstown and Inland concerns would enable the Republic Steel corporation to produce rails and heavy structural steel.

The men who will guide the destinies of the new company include a native of England, a man born on a farm in Clark county, Indiana, and a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Frederick J. Griffiths, who came to Cleveland from England when he was 16, will be president of the Republic Research company, a subsidiary. The chemical laboratory and the science of steel production have been his special fields.

Tom M. Girdler, who will be chairman of the board of the Republic Steel corporation, made the transition from boyhood on an Indiana farm to a manufacturer of steel by studying to be a mechanical engineer. He was graduated from Lehigh university 23 years ago.

Elmer T. McCleary, president of the organization was graduated the same year from Penn State college as a metallurgist.

He was born at Pine Grove Furnace, Pa. His career began with steel and steel it has been ever since.

# WILD DOG SOUGHT AS SHEEP KILLER

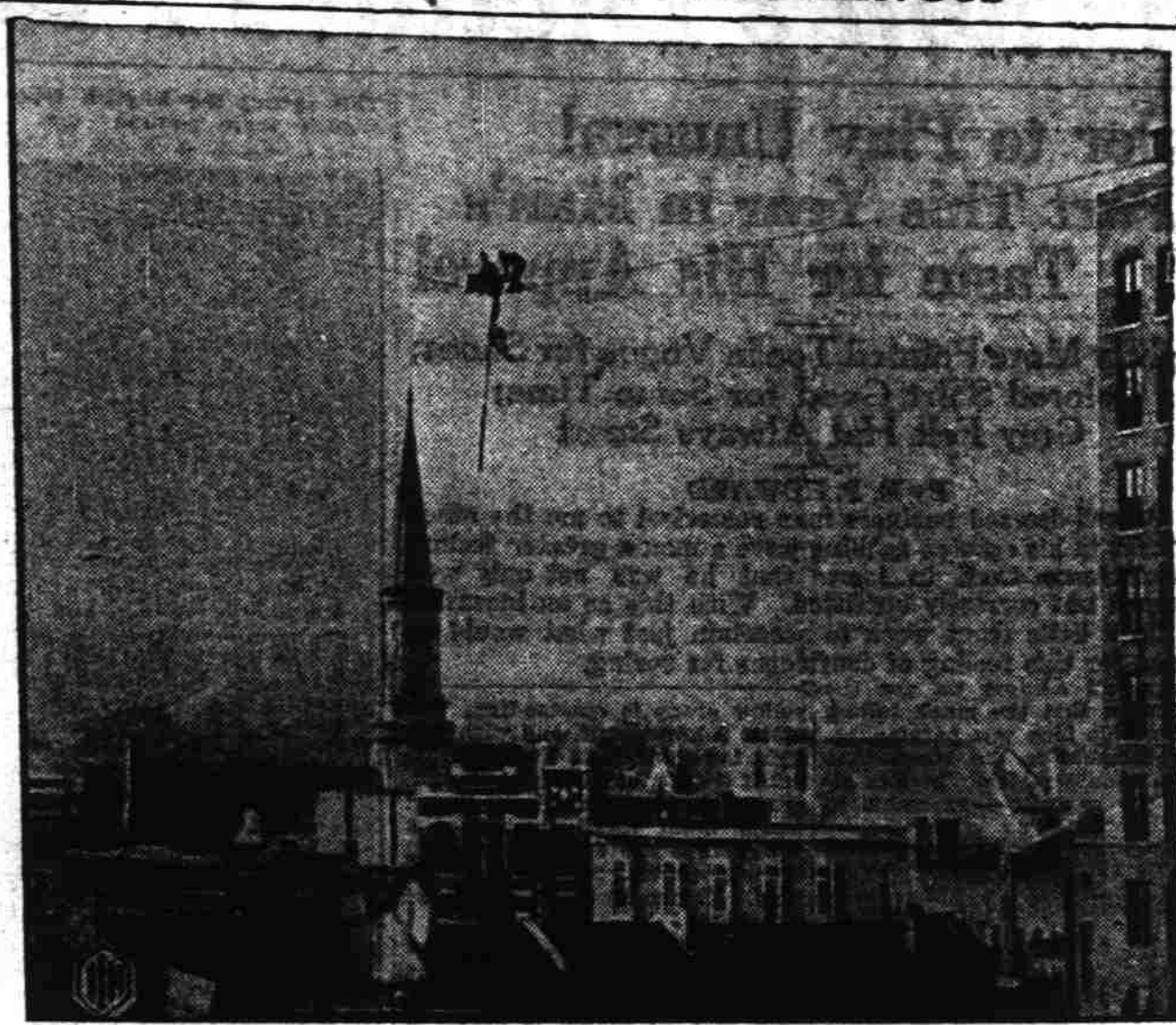
ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)—Stockmen in the Oakland vicinity have offered large rewards for the hunter who kills a female fox terrier dog which has been causing a great deal of damage among sheep and goats in that district for the past year.

The dog reverted to wild life and is far more elusive and cunning than a coyote or wolf, according to hunters. She is also tending other dogs to participate in kills and a raid on a flock of sheep belonging to Charles Ewing recently resulted in the loss of nine ewes and lambs in one night.

Numerous others have lost from one to half a dozen sheep as a result of the dog's activities. She has been seen on several occasions and shots have been directed at her but without result. Several hunters have tried to run her down with hounds but have not succeeded. One resourceful hunter put a bell on his dog's neck thinking it might lead him to the sheep killer, but this failed.

A hunter recently killed one of her pups but the mother escaped into the thicket.

# DON'T TRY THIS IF YOU'RE NERVOUS



While crowds below watch with bated breath, Norman J. Terry, noted daredevil, at Macon, Ga., calmly pushed a human load over a slack wire strung from one of Macon's tallest buildings to the other. The man in the wheelbarrow showed not the slightest qualm as he was pushed over the perilous route where a slip meant almost certain death.

# Roseburg Murder Case Is Complete Mystery With Police Officers Baffled

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)—Although interest in the George M. Hess murder case has been revived by the posting of a \$1,000 reward for the apprehension of the murderer, no new evidence has been produced and the case remains as mystifying as ever, according to District Attorney Guy Gordon. It was the hope of the district attorney, grand jury and county court that new information might be received through the offering of a reward but so far there have been no developments.

Lacking any apparent motive, simple and yet baffling, the Hess murder case is one of the most difficult the officers of Douglas county ever have faced.

George Hess, 56, devout, mild mannered and industrious janitor of the federal building at Roseburg, was shot down at his little farm home two miles west of this city in the early morning of May 4.

So far as known he had no enemies, owed no one, was not argumentative and was a kind and thoughtful husband. No trace of domestic difficulties could be found for use as a motive.

Mrs. Hess was the only witness to the tragic event.

According to her story, given officers immediately after the murder and on several subsequent occasions to special investigators, the grand jury and others, Hess returned from his work at the federal building about 11 p. m., his usual time. He sat down for a few minutes to read his Bible, and then retired shortly before midnight.

About 1 a. m. Mrs. Hess said they were awakened by a shot fired through the bedroom window, the glass being shattered. A gruff voice commanded them to turn on the bedroom lights. After a short hesitancy during which they were threatened with immediate death unless the lights were turned on, Hess snapped on the switch. He and his wife backed into the kitchen which adjoined the bedroom and there decided to run to a neighbor.

Mrs. Hess said she could see a man's face, partly masked, at the window, but could not identify him.

They ran out of the house, the woman leading. As Hess turned the corner of the building he was met by the attacker, who fired another shot which struck Hess in the heart, causing instant death.

When officers arrived they found that the light in the bedroom had been turned out, while the kitchen lights had been switched on. The shade over the shattered bedroom window had been drawn. Outside were found the footprints where the man had stood. Across the road from the

house an old .32 calibre revolver was found in an apple orchard, and it was later proven that this was the weapon with which Hess was slain.

No motive could be uncovered as Hess' pocketbook was untouched on the dresser and his keys to the federal building were untouched. Attempts were made to break down the story of Mrs. Hess, but she remained unshaken in her statements and no domestic trouble could be shown to cast suspicion upon her.

E. O. Heinrich, criminologist, who obtained evidence that convicted the D'Autremont brothers, was called to assist in the investigation, but aside from helping with physical evidence, his work proved fruitless. He became so interested in the case that he made a further investigation at his own expense, but equally without results.

Every rumor was carefully traced, but the case has continued

involved. The grand jury in February reviewed all evidence and information gathered by officers, but was unable to reach any conclusion.

It was then recommended that a reward be posted in the hope that the inducement might obtain new clues, but now hope is beginning to dwindle and it is feared that the murderer will remain uncaught.

# Silverton Church Devotion Service Held on Sunday

SILVERTON, March 26 — The Thirteen Hour devotion was held at St. Paul's church Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of rose-pink carnations and gold-rod narcissi. Dozens of candles were also used in the decoration scheme.

Three priests officiated during the day. These were the Rev. Father Goetzinger of Iowa, the Rev. J. Scherbring of Silverton and Msgr. Zagan of Adrian, Minnesota.

A procession of 14 flower girls and 14 altar boys added to the dignity of the services.

# Anne Gives Good Luck To Airplane

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DEL MONTE, Cal. (AP)—A smiling, youthful blonde glider enthusiast has flipped into the air. Interested spectators following Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's motorless plane experiments have observed that Anne Lindbergh never fails to approach his sailplane and touch its wings before the frail craft is catapulted.

He has always come down safely. But Anne didn't touch the pole pony before the colonel mounted and was thrown for his first fall: America's premier aviator has been soaring on the Monterey skyline of the Pacific ocean waiting favorable winds to carry him on an extended experimental flight to Santa Barbara, 240 miles southward.

Monterey peninsula, with its many hills and wooded knolls, was selected by Lindbergh as a takeoff point because of its usually favorable winds and weather conditions.

If Lindbergh makes his glider hop to Santa Barbara he will top or circumvent 172 peaks according to the coast geodetic survey and constantly changing air currents will aid him.

A wind of eight to 35 miles velocity is required, glider pilots de-

clare, to make a successful journey in a motorless craft.

On one occasion Lindbergh carried along four turkey sandwiches and some water, believing there was enough wind to carry him south, but the breeze failed as did others during his weeks awaiting the opportunity to negotiate the hazardous mountain country.

Lindbergh is not the first to make use of the warm breezes that normally come in off the Pacific to conduct sailing experiments.

A quarter of a century ago at Leonard's ranch near Santa Cruz

these air currents were pioneered by John J. Montgomery, a 212 month professor at Santa Clara university.

Montgomery would have his glider hoisted by a balloon and then cut loose and then rely on air currents for navigation. He himself made many flights and a professional parachute jumper using his machine made a soaring landing from a height of 3,000 feet.

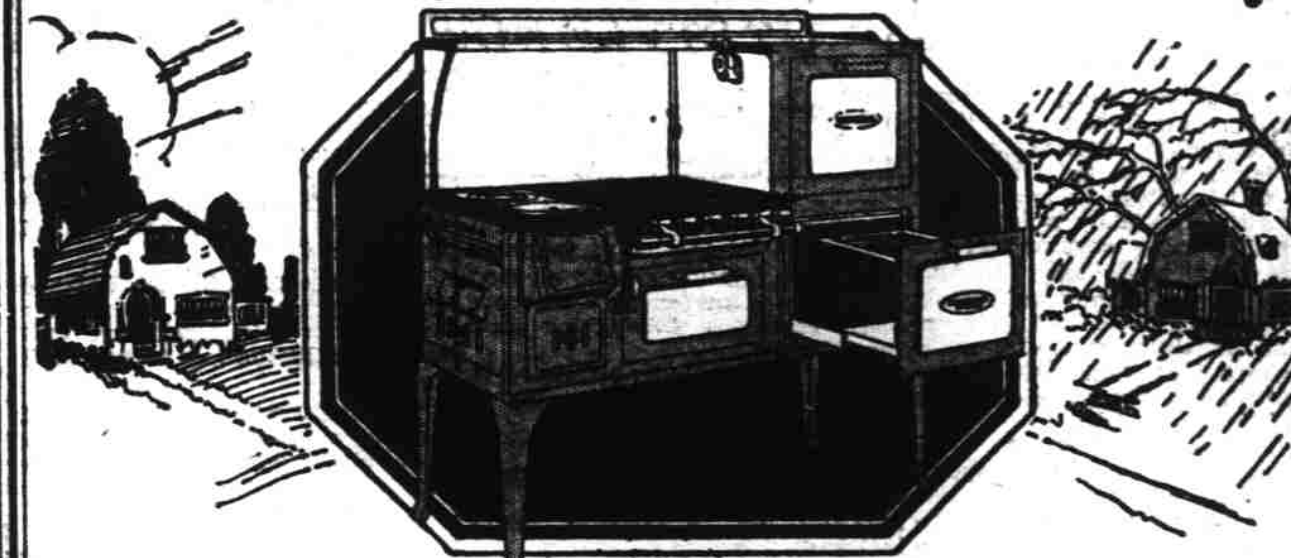
Balked by falling winds, Lindbergh turned instructor to society folk of the peninsula.

A primary glider, towed across the fields at a speed which did not permit it to rise, was brought in from his pupils. Under the aviator's tutelage the novices were taught to handle the controls as the craft sped-over the ground.

As they progress higher speed is attained by the towing car and finally they are launched into the air to fly alone.

Master of the air, in motored and motorless airplanes, competent motorcyclist and pilot of his honeymoon launch, Lindbergh has not become an equine enthusiast.

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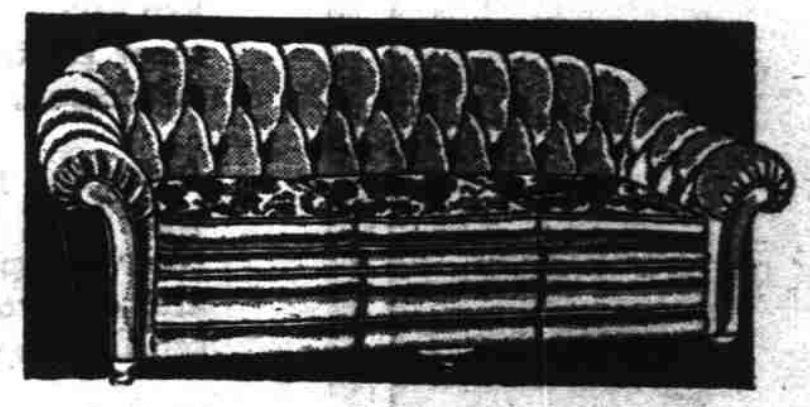
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