

AUTO PLUNGES THROUGH CROWD

Nine Dead and Fourteen Badly Injured.

Racing Machine Bursts Tire and Leaves Track—President Taft Had Just Left Scene.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Nine persons were killed and 14 injured, some of them seriously, as a result of an accident in the closing miles of a 150-mile race at the State Fair track here when a Knox racing car, driven by Lee Oldfield leaped from the track, crashed through the fences surrounding it, and plunged into the throng that lined the side of the speedway.

Six of the nine persons were killed outright, and three were so badly injured that they died on the way to the hospital.

The injured include Lee Oldfield, driver of the car, and one woman. It is believed that several of the injured cannot live.

The accident came as the fatal termination of a day that undoubtedly was the biggest the State Fair has ever known in point of attendance and attractions.

The honored guest of the day was President Taft. It was but a short time after he had left the grounds that the tragedy occurred. Just before he departed, President Taft took a short ride in an automobile on the track, which was wet to keep the dust from the president and his party. It is believed that the wet track was responsible for the accident. Several of the drivers refused to start in the race until the track had dried off somewhat.

GIANT BUBBLE OF LAVA.

Incandescence Adds to Wonder of Hawaiian Scene.

Los Angeles—Mail advices from Honolulu tell of the most amazing phenomenon ever observed within the crater of a volcano by a white man. It was no less than a tremendous bubble of lava, inflated by gas from the very center of the earth, which supported an island as it floated across a lake of fiery liquid. Frank A. Perret, the scientist who observed it, estimated that it covered an area of 3,000 square feet, and he was fortunate enough to secure a few photographs, although conditions were far from favorable for picture-taking.

"The bubble was a huge, sausage-shaped affair, inflated with volcanic gas and composed of lava glass," says the scientist in his report. "A lava fountain, boiling continuously under the eastern end, gave the appearance of a screw propeller and the amazing contrivance seemed to be navigating the lake like a great whale-back steamer.

"There was an island of black crust, which, when it began to sink, evolved a great quantity of gas, which blew the bubble of lava glass and this in turn sustained the island and prevented it from sinking. It made several tours of the lake before it disappeared from sight at last." All this was observed in the volcano Halemauaua, and Perret and two Japanese assistants were the only ones who saw it. They believe it may never be given to man to witness such a sight again.

CHINOOK JARGON ASKS TAFT.

President to Be Guest of Seattle Press Club on Visit.

Seattle, Wash.—"Copa Yee Taft" was the unusual address on a document mailed here 10 days ago. It was the invitation of the Seattle Press club, written in Chinook jargon to President Taft that he become the guest of the club during his visit here. "For Chief Taft" is the translation. On that slender address the document was taken in charge by Postmaster George F. Russell and was delivered promptly at Beverly, Mass.

The president has accepted the invitation, which was handsomely engrossed. It follows: "Copa Yee copa nesika illahee, Seattle tsum tillicums copa kiaska tyees, delate ticke mika chaco copa nesika illahee, tenas lale mika mitlite yakwa. "Conoway copa Boston illahee mika nanetch tillicums klaxta ticke mash copa mika kloshe tumtum pe nesika wawa delate halo mika isikum conoway elip hiyu khoma."

Road Stops to Aid Tramp.

Denver—In an effort to save the life of Felix Devlin, a 22-year-old tramp who fell into a vat of boiling water in the roundhouse of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad at Limon, 80 miles east, the railroad company Sunday night disarranged its schedule, "laid out" important trains and rushed the boy here on a special. Devlin had been put off a train on which he was stealing a ride and fell into the vat while seeking a place to sleep. He was literally cooked alive, and cannot live.

Any Woman is Too Good,

New York—"Most any woman a man happens to meet is too good for him," was the reply of Mayor Gaynor to a letter from a resident of Arkansas City, Kan., who asked the mayor to find him a wife. "Do you not know the proverb that he who goes far away from home for a wife is apt to be fooled? And then, again, how could I recommend any good girl to you? You may not be as attractive as you think you are."

PREMIER STOLYPIN DEAD.

Anti-Jewish Riots Feared and Nation in Turmoil.

Kiev—The Russian Premier, Peter A. Stolypin, died Monday from the wounds caused by bullets of an assassin in a gala performance at the Municipal theater Thursday night. Almost until the last he was conscious.

Towards the end Stolypin suffered greatly. Finally the heart action became weaker and as the body grew cold, the premier realized that death was overtaking him. In a lucid interval, the priest administered extreme unction. The Metropolitan Flavian blessed and consoled him in his last moments. Frequently the dying premier called: "Give the letter. Take it away. Give me a red pencil." His last words were: "Lift me. Light up."

He died peacefully surrounded by several of his relatives and state officials.

All hopes for the premier's recovery was abandoned early Monday morning. Indications were noted Saturday of peritonitis, which became aggravated Sunday. The bulletin issued by the attending physicians early Monday declared that the patient's condition was hopeless.

Premature reports of the premier's death were current for hours before it occurred. Several missions and embassies were misled by these reports and notified their governments. The authorities at first decided to conceal the news of the premier's death until morning, fearing anti-Jewish outbreaks. This was found to be impossible and after the announcement was made, all the attention of the authorities was centered in the protection of the Jews.

The Jewish population was panic-stricken and begged for protection, and 3,000 troops were poured into Kiev to prevent rioting. The city is depressed but calm.

M. Kokovoff, the minister of finance, who was appointed acting premier after M. Stolypin was shot, has sent a peremptory circular to the various governors on the maintenance of order. It is believed that M. Kokovoff will be appointed premier.

Governor General Treppoff has issued a public notice that disorders will not be tolerated and stringent regulations are published forbidding the carrying of arms. It is officially announced that the maneuvers are ended and the troops returning to Kiev.

ANARCHISTS ARE ACTIVE.

Discontent Strengthens Ranks of Russian Revolutionists.

St. Petersburg—According to police reports, the revolutionary bodies are showing signs of recovering from the severe blow dealt them two years ago by the exposure of the dual role of Eugene Azeff, who was at one head of the fighting Socialists and police spy. The revolutionists are closing up their ranks, the officials say, in preparation for a new campaign.

Some time ago Russian agents abroad reported that a new outbreak attended by terrorism was impending. Recent acts of violence have appeared to give some substance to these reports.

The assistant public prosecutor of St. Petersburg, Alexander Skopinsky, was murdered in a train on the Simferopol railroad August 2 by two men who evaded detection. The 18-year-old son of Commander Kurosh, of the cruiser Admiral Makaroff, was murdered at Oger August 12. On the eve of the assassination he received a letter saying that the Riga fighting organization, on the demand of the Helsingfors fighting organization, wished to inform him that he had been sentenced to death, "to expiate the blood which your worthless father spilled Helsingfors."

Pipe Aids Entombed Men.

Lendville, Colo.—A note carved on wood, in the Finnish language, tied to the hoisting cable in the Morning Star mine brought the information to the surface here that three miners were entombed 350 feet below by a cave-in of that shaft. Rescuers set to work immediately and if no unforeseen difficulties are experienced, the men will soon be released. Laborers are working in short shifts, but the work is slow and dangerous. An iron pipe was driven through the cave-in and food and coffee were lowered.

Fire Ravages Oil Tanks.

Los Angeles—Nine immense storage tanks of oil have been destroyed and firemen were fighting desperately to save several others from fire which started Monday night at the Hercules Oil Refining company's plant between Los Angeles and Vernon. The loss so far totals a half million dollars and the officers of the fire department said it was certain the large quantities of oil in the tanks still intact will also be consumed by the unconquerable flames.

Alaska Cannery Collapses.

Ketchikan, Alaska—The Ketchikan cannery, built on piling over the salt water of the harbor, collapsed during a furious gale, the whole building, with 200,000 cans of salmon, being thrown into the water, entailing a loss of \$100,000. The cannery was owned by the Fidalgo Island Packing company.

New Liner Brings Silk.

San Francisco—The steadily growing fleet of modern trans-Pacific liners received an addition when the Japanese triple-screw turbine steamer Shinyo Maru docked here at the end of her first voyage. She brought a silk cargo valued at \$2,000,000 and \$375,000 in gold.

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LOSS IN YAMHILL IS HEAVY.

Prunes, Hops and Grain Ruined by Continued Rains.

Newberg—While the apple and pear crops of this section have not been injured to any extent, scores of acres of prunes are molding, and it is estimated that not more than half a crop will be harvested.

Hops have suffered severely and the early jubilation of growers over good prices has in many instances been turned into disappointment over the partial or total loss of their fields. In the vicinity of Chehalem Center and in the direction of Lafayette many yards where picking was begun about September 1, have been abandoned. North of Newberg and around Middleton and Sherwood many of the yards are so moldy that little or no picking will be done.

In grain the most general loss will be felt. Thousands of tons of oats, vetch and wheat, soaked by the continual rains, are rotting in sacks or in the shock. It is estimated that in the valley not more than one-third of the grain has been threshed, while on Chehalem mountain and to the north in the direction of Tualatin scarcely a wheel has been turned in the harvest fields. After the first downpour of ten days ago the sun came out bright and many farmers uncovered their stacks, only to be dismayed by a soaking rain within another few hours. The result is that many stacks which were at first only partially damaged became wholly exposed to the elements and are now total losses.

Local grain dealers say that while Newberg storehouses are in ordinary falls filled to their capacity with oats and wheat, there will be more than room to spare this year.

UMATILLA AUTOS ARE MANY

Motors Popular With Farmers of County—400 in Use.

Pendleton—Though commonly termed a sparsely settled section it is doubtful if any other county in the state can point to so great and rapid development of the automobile industry as Umatilla. Although the farmers were slow to take up automobiles at first, the machines have rapidly sprung into favor on the farm in the last two years and at present by far the greatest number of owners are growers of grain. It is estimated that more than 400 machines are now owned in a county the largest town of which boasts a population of a little more than 5,000.

It is also especially true of farmer autoists as a class that the larger cars are the most popular. The best seems to be none too good for the growers of grain in this section of the state. Their machinery, their horses, and every part of their farm equipment, is the best that money can buy. Thus it happens that when a tiller of the soil comes to purchase a car he does not stop at the price, but picks out the car that seems to him to be the best fitted for his purpose. The one thing that he is particular about is to get the power necessary to take him up the hills and over the roads.

The development of automobiling has also resulted in the development of better roads. A Good Roads association, composed almost exclusively of automobile owners, was organized two years ago and has done much to obtain improvement of the county's highways. Macadam roads have been constructed where this was possible, straw has been used to great advantage in summer, permanent bridges have been built and steps have been taken to make all future road improvements permanent instead of temporary.

GOLD HILL PEACHES HUGE.

Fruit From Sam's Valley Orchards Weigh Three-Quarters of Pound.

Gold Hill—Peaches weighing three-quarters of a pound each have been shown in the local market lately. They come from Sam's valley orchards, and the varieties are Muirs and Chairs Choice. Shipments to the Portland markets have already begun.

The Miller orchard of Sam's valley will ship its entire crop of 1,000 boxes to the Oregon metropolis. The price in the local market for the best peaches has been as high as 5 cents a pound. Grapes from local vineyards have just made their appearance here. While there will not be more than half a crop, the quality is high.

O. A. C. Boy in British Columbia

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—C. C. Clark, Portland, graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College in '70, is superintendent of the large holdings of the British Columbia Land & Water company, Kamloops, B. C., 350 acres of which is planted to fruit. After taking graduate work at the college Mr. Clark became horticulturist for the department of agriculture, British Columbia, a position which he resigned to go to Kamloops.

Orchard Land Brings \$15,000.

Portland—W. A. Bowers and associates, of Elwood, Ind., have purchased the 100-acre farm of Lorenzo Sleepy, near Talent, in Jackson county, for \$15,000. The tract is located in a well known fruit district. It is the intention of the new owners to develop the land and plant it to a commercial orchard.

Hops Nearly All Picked.

Brooks—Hops are nearly all picked in this section, but a few yards are still unpicked, and mold has appeared.

LANE CROPS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Hops and Prunes Not Damaged, So Growers Report.

Eugene—In spite of the recent unprecedented hail storm and the unusually heavy rain of the last ten days, Lane county's hop and prune crops have not suffered disastrous damage. In many of the hop yards the storm blew down the poles and vines, but by quick picking the crop can be saved.

The hail apparently shattered very few hops from the vines, more damage resulting from the blowing down of the poles.

The chief difficulty confronting the hopmen is to keep the pickers in the yards. Large numbers of them are breaking their camps and leaving for their homes because of the extremely disagreeable weather. Growers will probably have to offer bonuses to the pickers, as under the weather conditions rapid picking is imperative.

The amount of damage done in different yards varies. At the old Neis yard just above Springfield, the unpicked crop is virtually ruined. At the Campbell & Walker yard, between Eugene and Springfield, the damage was heavy, the vines being blown down and badly damaged. At the Seavy yard on the McKenzie, the largest in the county, the damage was slight.

Seventy acres of vines fell to the ground when the rain first began, but most of the hops were saved. The Bushnell yard, just north of town, has suffered little damage as yet, and the Thornsbury yard on Patterson island is only slightly injured.

Prunes and peaches have so far been little damaged, owing largely to the fact that the season is very late and the crop has ripened slowly.

BENTON COUNTY WINS.

Gets Prize for Best County Exhibit for Fourth Time.

Salem—Benton county, for the fourth time in succession, walked off with the capital prize of \$300 for the best county exhibit at the State fair. The display was collected and arranged by W. F. Groves, and the exhibit was financed by the Corvallis Commercial club. The other winners in the order of award were: Clackamas, \$250; Polk, \$200; Columbia, \$150; Clatsop, \$100, and Coos, \$100.

The display of the winning county is largely of fruits and vegetables. Mr. Groves says that in considerable degree the award was the result of the great care taken in arranging the fruits and vegetables so that the colors harmonized, making it easy for the judges to pick out their good points. I. L. Smith, of Spokane, judged the exhibits.

MAY TALK TO 1,000,000.

Oregon Will Have Chance to Get Settlers From East.

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LOSS AT LEBANON IS \$10,000.

Crops Injured, Gardens Wasted, Windows Broken By Hail.

Lebanon—Lebanon and vicinity were visited by the worst hail storm ever seen here. The damage done in this city by the wind and hail will amount to at least \$10,000. Hardly a house in town escaped without broken windows, and there are ten broken panes in the home of Mayor Reeves alone.

Melons and tomatoes were just beginning to come into the market, and all those that were in the line of the storm were destroyed. The telephone lines are so badly crippled that it is hard to tell the extent of the damage in the country.

Prune Crop Not Injured.

Albany—Prospects are good for an average prune crop in this part of the state. The prunes have suffered slightly from the recent rains, but unless heavy rains continue the loss will not be great. Aside from the damage from the rain the hop crop in the few yards in this part of the state is about 25 per cent short. What hops have been picked are said to be all right, but the rain may seriously damage those yet in the yards.

Dead Grouse Penalty Big.

Pendleton—The sum of \$87.50 is the price George Mottet, a prominent Walla Walla resident, was compelled to pay for the privilege of killing a grouse in Umatilla county, Oregon, before the season opened. A few minutes before Tom Vaughan, a well-known Umatilla Indian, paid \$78.50 for the privilege of killing a deer before the season opened.

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