

FIVE AVIATORS HURLED TO DEATH

DIRIGIBLE BALLOON EXPLODES IN MID-AIR DASHING TO GROUND IN FRAGMENTS

Leichingen, Rhenish Prussia, July 13.—The dirigible balloon Erbsteoh, recently refitted for passenger service, was destroyed in mid-air today by an explosion of the benzine tank, and the inventor, Oscar Erbsteoh, Herr Toelle, a manufacturer of Barmen, two engineers, Herr Kranz and Herr Heoppe, and the motorman, Herr Spike, dropped to death. The bodies of the aviators were frightfully mangled, and the gondola was torn to bits and the motor itself buried in the ground.

The victims are well-known to all Germans interested in aerial feats, Erbsteoh having an international reputation. In 1907 in St. Louis he won the international cup for the distance race for balloons.

The Erbsteoh was constructed last year and has had a disastrous career, having been in many accidents. It ascended today in a fog and appeared to act perfectly. At the height of several hundred yards a terrific explosion was heard by the few persons who witnessed the ascent, and then came the crash to earth and death to the crew.

SUICIDE PACT OF POLISH COUPLE FAILURE

Woman Is Seriously Wounded and Tells of Her Secret

New York, July 13.—Mrs. Antonette Skora, wife of Karl Skora, formerly a teacher in the University of Krakow, Poland, was found in bed beside her sleeping child, a boy of three, in her home early today with three bullet wounds in her body and a fourth in her hand. The woman's night clothes were burning when the police arrived, but the child had not awakened. Mrs. Skora first told the police she was shot by robbers, but letters found indicated that the woman had a suicide compact on account of a love affair. The letters were from Casimir Maliski, a highly educated young Pole. At the hospital, when Maliski was taken before the woman, she admitted he had shot her, but that when he attempted to take his own life the cartridges missed fire.

LAMBIRTH MAKES TRIP TO POWER SITE

Manager J. L. Lambirth returned last night from a trip to the Northwestern Corporation's power plant site at Vida, where he inspected progress. Very little of the huge structure that will soon be built can be seen yet, for most of it is only laid out with stakes. The crew of surveyors is still working and there is much for them to do yet before actual construction can begin. A force of men has begun the clearing for the big dam. Engineer Nichols is one of these men who says little of his plans before they are actually begun, and even the company officials here do not know when the actual work of construction is to commence.

DAUGHTER KILLED SLAYER OF HER FATHER

Seventeen-Year-Old Girl Uses Shotgun With Deadly Effect

New Orleans, July 13.—In a three-cornered fight, in which two Italian men and an Italian girl participated, in a saloon here shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, both men were killed. The men used revolvers and the girl a double-barreled shotgun. The shooting was the result of Black Hand operations. Joseph Mazzella, proprietor of the saloon and grocery, was shot by a countryman and his death was avenged when his 17-year-old daughter shot and killed the assassin as he was attempting to escape.

ROOSEVELT WANTS BEST MAN FOR GOVERNOR

Asserts That He Will Take Active Hand in Selection of Candidate

Oyster Bay, July 13.—Theodore Roosevelt today gave the first indication of his position as to the nomination of a Republican candidate for Governor of New York this fall. In an interview he said: "My position in regard to the governorship this fall is this: I want to find the best man for the office; the man most acceptable to the rank and file of the Republican party and the independent voters. I intend to do everything in my power to see that such a man is elected." Roosevelt's statement followed last night's conference with Governor Hughes, at which the political situation was discussed. Asked if he thought harmony in the party of the campaign, Roosevelt replied that he thought there would be no difficulty on that score.

HUGHES SAYS NOTHING

New York, July 13.—Governor Hughes said today that he had a lightful visit with Roosevelt, but beyond that he thought there was nothing to say.

GETTING ROAD IN SHAPE ABOVE SPRINGS FOR MAZAMA EXCURSION

T. D. Linton, Road Foreman, Writes County Commissioners of Progress

T. D. Linton, who is road foreman at Alder Springs, on the upper McKenzie river, above Belknap Springs and leading toward the Three Sisters, writes to County Commissioner H. D. Edwards that he and two assistants are getting the road in good shape there for the Mazama excursion to the top of the Three Sisters early in August. He says: "We three are still working alone, as we have been unable to secure any help so far. We have made over a mile of new road entirely, besides reopening nearly as much more. I hope to get the worst of this end completed by next week, then will go over to the pole bridge and work between there and the lava, which will take at least a week. I wish you could come up and look at this road, as it is important that the work done should be permanent, as what is done on the old road is only deepening the channels for the water to wash out next spring. What new road is to be made is above the old one and will remain dry, thus saving the washout next spring. By doing this the road will be drained and can be improved and remain good for years."

FAIR WEATHER FOR TOMORROW.
Oregon—Fair tonight and Thursday; cooler east.

JUDGE LACOMBE.
On Federal Bench in New York State.



HITCHCOCK MAY RETIRE.
Postmaster General is Weary of Political Life.



REPRESENTATIVE SIBLEY.
Goes Back to Congress From Pennsylvania.



PORTUGUESE AND CHINESE FIGHT BATTLE

Chinese Have Best of Sharp Contest on Island of Colowan

Hong Kong, July 13.—The Portuguese gunboat, co-operating with troops, today bombarded a pirate settlement on the island of Colowan, destroying many houses and killing many natives. The Chinese retaliated by storming and capturing the Portuguese military post, and Portuguese reinforcements have been sent to the scene from Macao. The island of Colowan is near Macao and its ownership is a matter of dispute between the Chinese and Portuguese. A party of Chinese students was captured by pirates and the governor of Macao sent an expedition to effect their rescue. The pirates resisted and were reinforced by Chinese from the interior, the latter being armed with modern weapons and smokeless powder. In all, two thousand men engaged in the fighting.

EARTHQUAKE IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Munich, July 13.—A severe earthquake was felt here today, and the walls of several buildings were cracked and the people terrified. The shock was felt in surrounding villages, but no casualties are reported.

Berlin, July 13.—Dispatches from Tyrol in Austria-Hungary say that one person was killed and twenty injured by an earthquake in the village of Uttenheim today.

COUNTY DOING MUCH TO PROMOTE FRUIT CULTURE INDUSTRY

Lane county is doing a great deal at the present time to promote the fruit culture industry. New offices have been fitted up for Fruit Inspector Beebe and the growing importance of the inspection work as carried on is illustrated by the action of the county court in authorizing Mr. Beebe to purchase a modern bug laboratory. Scientific cases of all kinds of pests that assail fruit will be on exhibition at the rooms in the White Temple and expert information will be on tap at all times so that horticulturists may keep posted on diseases of trees and specific remedies therefor. The office at the present rate will need by next year considerable assistance. About \$200 a month is being disbursed to promote the interests of the orchards. The report of the inspector for the spring season of 1910 has just been completed and shows 112,000 trees have been set out. These are divided as follows: Apples, 75,000; pears, 30,000; cherries, 3,500; peaches, 3,500. The commercial acreage, not counting what is generally termed family orchards, is close to 1500 acres.

PAY EXPRESSAGE ON SHIPMENTS OF SILVER

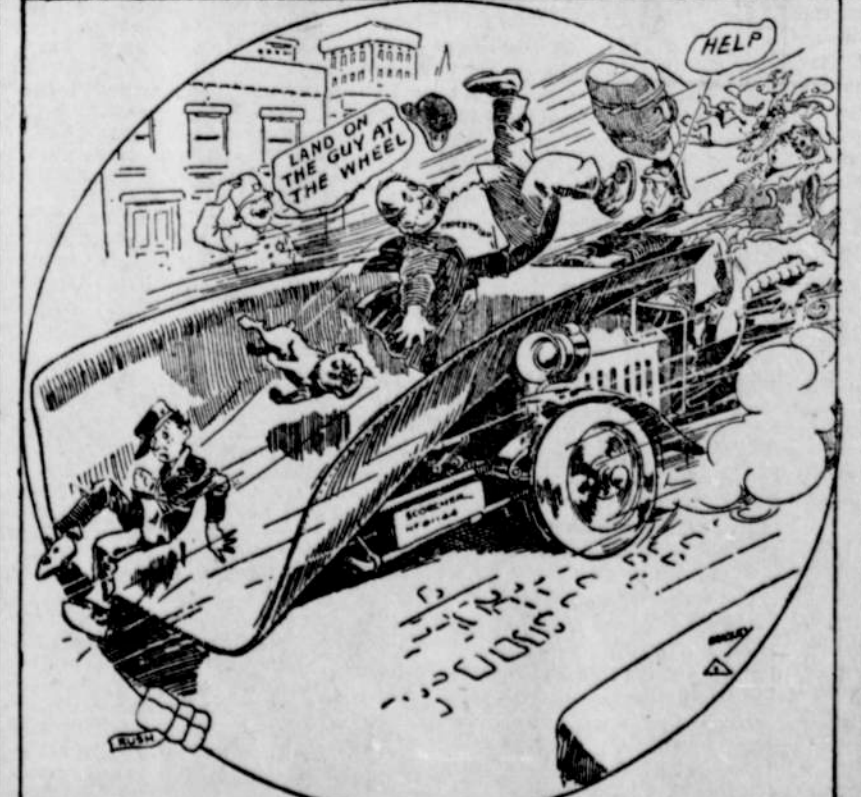
Will Cost \$4.00 per Thousand to Get Silver From 'Frisco

Portland, July 13.—Local bankers have been advised by the United States sub-treasury at San Francisco that hereafter they will be obliged to pay expressage on silver from San Francisco, which will amount to \$4 on each \$1000 shipped. The bankers here will be reluctant to ship silver to other Pacific Northwest cities, after paying \$4 per \$1000 to bring the coin from San Francisco, as the rates of expressage to other cities are comparatively small. For instance, it costs but fifty cents to ship \$1000 to Seattle, and it is argued that it would be unbusinesslike for Portland bankers to pay the expressage from San Francisco, and then turn a portion of the silver over to other banks on demand. It may be arranged that where shipments are made from Portland to outside banks that the recipients pay a premium amounting to the cost of transportation from San Francisco.

SECRETARY KNOX'S PROPOSITION NOT CAUSE OF TREATY

Tokio, July 13.—Marquis Katsura, the premier and minister of finance, denied today that the recently made convention between Japan and Russia was influenced by Secretary Knox's proposition for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways.

LET THE SPEEDER SHARE THE SHOCK.



—Bradley in Chicago News.

NEW EXPRESS RATE ORDERED FOR W. F. CO

Tariff Between Eugene and Various Oregon Points Published

The state railroad commission has by an order prepared by Commissioner West cut all the "merchandise" and "general special" rates of the Wells Fargo Express company about 20 per cent. The order reduces about 30,000 rates between points on rail lines where the Wells Fargo company do business in this state.

This matter has been under investigation by the commission for over a year, and a most exhaustive investigation has been conducted. The history of the Wells Fargo company from pioneer days has been gone into and all old accounts and earnings examined and analyzed. Every express rate in force in the United States was looked up and comparison made.

The rates affected are the "merchandise" and "general special" rates. The "merchandise" rates, about 15,000 in number, are all set out in the order, but the "general special" rates are to be ascertained by a scale which is set forth in, and made part of, the order. The scale is as follows:

When the merchandise per 100 lbs.	The rate on "General Special" matter in cents per 100 lbs. shall be:
\$0.40	\$0.40
.50	.40
.60	.50
.75	.60
.85	.65
.90	.80
1.00	.80
1.10	.85
1.25	1.00
1.40	1.10
1.50	1.20
1.60	1.25
1.75	1.40
2.00	1.50
2.25	1.75
2.50	1.90
2.75	2.10

If a "merchandise" rate named by the commission in its order, is not named above the next higher "merchandise" rate given above is used as a basis in making "general special" rates.

While the order directly applies to only "merchandise" and "general special" rates, it indirectly affects most of the company's other rates. This is due to the fact that most all express rates are based on the "merchandise" rates of the company and as these have been cut by the commission it will result in a reduction of many other rates.

There are set forth below a few of the old and new merchandise rates which will give some idea as to the cut made by the commission:

Between Eugene and	Merchandise cents per 100 lbs. Old	New
Ashland	\$2.00	\$1.60
Medford	2.00	1.55
Grants Pass	1.60	1.35
Roseburg	.90	.75
Albany	.75	.60
Salem	.90	.70
Portland	1.00	.80

GOTCH WILL NOT FIGHT JOHNSON

Fort Dodge, Ia., July 13.—Frank Gotch, whose name has been mentioned as a possible opponent of Jack Johnson for the world's championship, says he has no desire to enter the boxing game, being well satisfied with the honors won on the wrestling mat.

LANE COUNTY ASSET CO. OFFICIALS INVITED TO FLORENCE

A petition from the leading residents of Florence and the lower Siuslaw has been received by the Lane County Asset Company, asking the officials of the proposed road to visit them and lay their plans fully before the people there. Substantial encouragement to the enterprise is promised provided the plans of the company are endorsed, after they have been made plain. President Svarverud, Secretary Baird and several other members of the company expect to go to Florence next week in response to this request. Location and right-of-way work on the road is proceeding steadily, and good progress is being made in both departments, so the officials say.

THE WHEAT MARKETS

Chicago, July 13.—July, 103 1-2; September, 102 1-8; December, 103 1-2; May, 106 3-8.
Portland, July 13.—Wheat is unchanged.

M'KENZIE FOREST FIRE CAUSES MUCH LOSS

Over 2,500,000 Feet of Logs Burned Near Doyle's Camp

BLAZE IS NOW UNDER CONTROL

Should Strong Breeze Come Up However It Will Spread Again

A forest fire that has been raging in the slashings near Doyle's camp, five miles above Deerhorn on the McKenzie, has destroyed over 2,500,000 feet of cut logs ready to be sent to the mill and is now spread over 300 or 400 acres. The fire started presumably by blackberry pickers Monday night, and by yesterday morning was tearing through the brush up the side of the hill that had been logged off. The Booth-Kelly logging camp crew and many people living in that vicinity, numbering thirty or forty men, are fighting the fire, endeavoring to get it under control. If there is no wind up there it is under control by this time, because the timber is too green to burn unaided, but if a strong breeze should come up today it would prove serious. It was thought to have been under control yesterday morning but the breeze that came up yesterday afternoon carried the flames farther, and the logs awaiting to be sent to the river that represents the winter's cut in this camp have been burned. Dixon Makes Hurred Trip.

In response to a telephone call last night, A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly company, drove up there in his automobile. He got there about 10 o'clock, but found that the men again had the flames under control, and returned at once. The blaze is so hot that it is impossible to get anywhere near the fire, and it is difficult to learn the amount of damage done. It may run well up into the thousands. Telephone messages have kept the company's office here in touch with the progress made against the flames, and the company is ready to double the force of firefighters at a moment's notice.

The fire is within 250 yards of the road and is a beautiful sight, but the heat is so intense that it is very uncomfortable to pass even at that distance. The flames are spread over 400 acres on the side hill and the whole valley was lit up by the fire last night. It is fortunate that this has happened as early in the season as it is, for there would have been almost no stopping if the timber around there had been dry. The fire is being watched by hundreds of campers, to many of whom it is a novel and awe-inspiring sight.

FIFTH STREET FRANCHISE MATTER AT TONIGHT'S SESSION

The city council will hold an important meeting tonight to discuss the application of the P. E. & E. electric railway for a franchise on Fifth street. The Lane County Asset Company already has a franchise on the street named, and is opposing the later application on the ground that it will "bottle" them up, so that it will be impossible for them or any other line in the future to reach the S. P. depot. Representatives of both companies will be in attendance at the meeting tonight to present their respective cases.

RAISE IN FREIGHT RATES IS AGAIN SUSPENDED

Interstate Commerce Commission Takes a Hand in the Matter

Washington, July 13.—Suspension of the recent general advances in freight rates has been determined on by the interstate commerce commission. The tariffs were to become effective Aug. 1, but the commission decided the proposed rates should be suspended until a formal inquiry into their reasonableness can be had.

The annual convention of the druggists of Oregon began at Gearhart per 2 today. A pure drug law in Oregon will be the issue, patterned after the United States law.