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MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1911.

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## FOREST FIRES FILL VALLEY WITH SMOKE

Four Hundred Acres of Timber Near Brown's Cabin Burns Over but Loss Is Small—Two Other Fires in That Section.

## BEAVER CREEK FIRES NOW UNDER CONTROL

Camping Season Open and Is Said to Be Responsible for New Blazes.

Six forest fires within the national forest the past few days have burned over several hundred acres of timber, but have done little damage owing to the fact that they started for the most part in poor timber and were checked before they had covered much territory. Of the six fires, one is entirely out, four are under control and one will be controlled before nightfall.

The greatest area covered by any of the fires was one at Brown's cabin above Prospect. This one started in lodge pole pine and swept over 400 acres before Ranger West controlled it.

Two of the six fires were in the Applegate district on Beaver creek. These two fires spread rapidly by Ranger Whitney with the help of a large crew of men, controlled them. Last night Whitney let one half of his crew go.

Three of the fires were near Prospect. Of these Ranger West has put one entirely out, has one under control, and will control the third today.

Nothing has been heard from the fire on Elk creek and it is believed that it is under control as no call for help has been received.

The smoke from these fires and other blazes in Josephine county have filled the valley with smoke. It is not as bad, however, as last year.

## GOTHAM MARKET UNSETTLED EARLY

NEW YORK, July 20.—The stock market was unsettled early, most of the active issues opening below yesterday's level. The heaviest losses were in the local traction stocks. Elsewhere the largest decline was in Canadian Pacific, which dropped 1-4. London prices for Americans also were unsettled before the opening here. After some hesitation the list gradually strengthened and at noon most of the active stocks were slightly above yesterday's close. Canadian Pacific and Interborough Metropolitan, however, remained heavy. The market closed heavy. Bonds were steady.

## Senator's Nephew Dies.

OXNARD, Cal., July 20.—Christian Gerberding, nephew of former United States Senator Thomas R. Bard, died today at Ventura of lockjaw. A small blister appeared on Gerberding's foot Sunday and tetanus developed the next day.

## PARSONS CLAIMS TO BE CREATOR OF SUGAR TRUST; NOT HAVEMEYER

NEW YORK, July 20.—That Henry O. Havemeyer, the late sugar king, was not the organizer of the sugar trust but that it emanated from his own brain was the testimony today before the Hardwick house sugar investigating committee here by John E. Parsons, a Wall Street attorney. Parsons maintained that the public idea that Havemeyer was responsible for the trust was erroneous. "I organized the sugar combination," he said, "and I am proud of it. I worked on the problem for seven years. The fact that the sugar trade was most demoralized was brought

## HEINZE MAY BUILD A LARGE CANNERY HERE

Agent Looks Over Valley in Company of Professor O'Gara—Is Especially Interested in the Growing of Tomatoes—Is Well Pleased.

## NO DISEASE HERE TO THREATEN DISASTER

May Establish Experimental Station to Determine Varieties to Be Grown.

"57 Varieties" Heinze the Pickle King, may choose the Rogue River Valley as the site of one of his largest canneries. He has just had an agent in the valley looking over the field and the agent is said to have been greatly pleased with the result of his investigation. He spent the greater portion of his time, while here, with Prof. P. J. O'Gara, who gave him much information regarding the growing of tomatoes, peas, beans, cucumbers, berries and the like in this valley.

If Mr. Heinze should decide to purchase a large tract in the valley for the purpose of growing his own tomatoes and other garden truck he will establish an experimental farm and develop plants to the highest degree of perfection.

Mr. Heinze's agent was especially interested in the growing of tomatoes. For canning purposes the tomato must be large and of an intense red throughout as Uncle Sam no longer permits coloring. Tomatoes with few seeds are also in demand. These can be grown very successfully here.

In the eastern states where Mr. Heinze has his large canneries, tomatoes have been subject to a number of diseases which are not found in this valley, due to local climatic conditions. The prevalence of the "tomato wilt" is what led Mr. Heinze to seek a new location.

If Mr. Heinze should build in this valley it will mean the erection of a large canning factory which assures a payroll and a ready market for garden truck.

## EUGENE JEWELRY STORE ENTERED AND ROBBED

EUGENE, Ore., July 20.—Robbers entered H. D. Smart's jewelry store last night and stole jewelry valued at about \$500. The articles taken included seventy-eight rings, eight watches and a quantity of smaller articles. Entrance to the store was effected by way of the skylight, the robbers letting themselves down a rope.

## Denies Robbing Hotel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 20.—Denial of the charge of having held up and robbed the clerk of the Carlson Hotel was made today by Ross P. Odell, said to be the son of a wealthy Spokane real estate and mining operator, who was arrested last night and arraigned in police court today.

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to my attention by developments in Washington. After I had worked out a plan to combine the warring elements I brought Henry Havemeyer and his brother Theodore into the scheme and we put it through." Parsons is under indictment in connection with the gobbling of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company by the trust. He said that in the old days every director and official of the trust wanted the public to regard him as the real brains of the organization, adding: "But when we began to be criticized for our business methods, every single one of them ran to cover."

## ALDRICH SAYS HINES' STORY IS FALSEHOOD

Flatly Denies That He Ever Declared That Lorimer Was Administration's Choice for United States Senator From Illinois.

## SAID HE AND TAFT ONLY WANTED A REPUBLICAN

Former Boss of the Upper House Tells of Conversations With Hines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—Flat denial of the story of Edward Hines to the extent of declaring he had ever authorized the Chicago lumberman to say that William Lorimer was the administration's choice for United States senator from Illinois was made today by former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island before the Lorimer senate investigating committee.

Taking the stand before the senate inquirers, the former king of the upper house declared that he and President Taft were only interested in the Illinois senatorship to the extent of wishing to see a republican elected. He denied that he personally had ever expressed any preference for Lorimer.

## Tells of Conversation.

Aldrich declared that he could not recall on whose initiative his conversations with Hines were brought about. He added: "Our first conversation was in April, 1909. Hines then said that in his judgment Hopkins could not be re-elected. I said the president desired the republican senator from Illinois; that he was friendly to Hopkins because the latter had received the largest vote in the primary, but that he would take no part in the contest. We did not discuss the tariff."

Attorney Marble then asked Aldrich: "Did you tell Hines that several tariff schedules were endangered and that it was most important that a republican vote be furnished from Illinois."

## Boutell Agreeable.

"I did not. In a second conversation Hines told me an effort would be made to unite on Boutell and wanted to know what the president thought of Boutell. In our next conversation..."

## TRAIN ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT

Bandits Flee in a Racing Automobile—Sheriff Not on Trail—All Avenues of Escape Are Believed Closed—Engineer Shot.

BUFFALO, N. D., July 20.—Fleeing in a racing automobile to the southwest, three masked bandits who held up the North Coast Limited No. 2, of the Northern Pacific at Tower City, are being trailed today by a big posse and sheriffs for 100 miles around are speeding to cut off all avenues of escape.

## A Daylight Robbery.

The robbery, which yielded a large amount of booty from the Pullman passengers of the train, occurred at 10 o'clock this morning. When the train neared Tower City, the robbers, who had boarded the train at some earlier stopping place, got into action. One of them, pistol in hand, climbed across the tender and ordered Engineer Sam Olson to stop. Olson refused, whereupon the bandit fired several times, two of the bullets hitting Olson but not inflicting fatal wounds.

Meantime the other bandits were rifling the sleepers and searching every passenger at pistol point. They first went through the day coaches shooting recklessly and lined all the occupants up in one end of the car.

## JOHNSON TO FIGHT; PURSE IS \$1,000,000

Reported That Champion Is Planning to Lay Down to Wells in Order to Let Englishman Have Title—Jack Is Disgusted With Americans.

## STADIUM WILL SEAT OVER 200,000 PEOPLE

Published Contract Gives Johnson \$30,000 and Wells \$10,000—Said to Be a Blind.

LONDON, July 20.—That Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, is planning to "lay down" in his coming match in England with Bombardier Wells and permit the Englishman to win the heavyweight title is openly charged here today in sporting circles.

It is only declared that the preliminary negotiations for the match are suspicious, and that Johnson, sore on American sports and realizing that he is getting older, wants to clean up big money in one lump is willing to drop the title to "get the dough."

## Purse of a Million.

That Johnson, if he does lay down, will get a big cut of \$1,000,000 for doing so, is generally reported. The promoters of the fight except to hold it in the Stadium, where fully 200,000 persons could see the fray. This, at an average of one pound a head, would result in gathering in \$1,000,000 and the clean-up on the side, if the reported deal is consummated, would be enormous.

A big syndicate, of which James White of Manchester is the alleged head, is to pull off the battle. The identity of the members of the syndicate is carefully guarded, but it is authoritatively learned that its real backers are Terah Hooley, the famous promoter who is now in bankruptcy and H. Bottomley, editor of John Bull's Weekly, which is also in financial distress as the result of liberal verdicts against him for illegal promotions which aggregate \$475,000. Both the promoters, it is said, hope to recoup their fortunes through the Johnson-Wells match.

## Johnson Hates America.

It is alleged they have offered Johnson not only the entire purse to "lay down," but also a large percentage of the moving pictures, the

## MARTIAL LAW ALONG BOUNDRY

No One Permitted to Cross International Line into Douglas as Result of Mutiny of Madero Insurrectos Against Being Disarmed.

AGUA PRIETA, Mexico, July 20.—Martial law was enforced here today. No one was permitted to cross the international line into Douglas, Ariz. The order was a result of mutiny of Madero insurrectos against being disarmed. Bloodshed was threatened when the soldiers refused to surrender their arms to Lieutenant Colonel Rafael Romero, the officer detailed to superintend their discharge. Romero was taken prisoner by the mutineers but was released after a promise to increase their pay.

## CHISHOLM CONVICTED OF KILLING POWELL

SANTA ROSA, Cal., July 20.—Convicted of having killed John D. Powell in a tent near Fort Ross, Dr. C. L. Chisholm today paces a cell in the local jail here awaiting sentence by Judge Seawell. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

Mystery still surrounds the identity of the murdered man. Chisholm declared on the stand that Powell was an assumed name and that the dead man's right name was John Wilson.

## RECEIVER FOR LEWIS' FAKES IS APPOINTED

Court Declares That If Small Percent of Allegations Are True, Woman League Organizer Is One of the Most Gigantic Frauds.

## SOUTH SEA BUBBLE BEATEN TO A FRAZZLE

Indictment Contains Twelve Counts—Charges Lewis With Obtaining Millions Fraudulently.

ST. LOUIS Mo., July 20.—United States Judge Dyer today appointed the St. Louis Union Trust Company general receiver for all the E. G. Lewis corporations here. Walter Cole, referee in bankruptcy, was appointed master to take an accounting of all the Lewis enterprises, chief of which is the Lewis Publishing Company.

Judge Smith McPherson also sat in Lewis' case. He and Judge Dyer, in making the order, declared:

"If this bill recites the truth, or a small per cent of the truth, then we have here one of the most gigantic frauds perpetrated in many a day. If the recitals of the bill are to be believed, and they are as yet uncontroverted, the South Sea Bubble, of which Irving beautifully wrote has been well nigh equalled, if not eclipsed by the schemes of the defendant during the last decade. If the story told of his activities is worth credence, the Panama Stock and Bond scandal in France, 15 years ago has been equalled if not surpassed."

The indictment against Lewis contains twelve counts. It charges that he, by issuing long time debenture paper, tried to recover securities of his different companies, most of it due soon, to the amount of more than \$7,000,000. It is also charged that he obtained several million dollars by fraudulent use of the mails. Lewis' enterprises centered in University City, a suburb of St. Louis. There he published the Woman's Magazine and the Woman's National Daily, and it is charged that the sale of their securities and of liens on the University City land and buildings were the means he adopted to defraud the public out of huge sums.

Lewis denies any criminality in his transactions and declares his downfall due to malicious persecution by the United States postal authorities.

## LINCOLN-TAFT LEAGUE AT WORK

Thousands of Political Circulars Sent Out From Salem to Help Carry State for Taft—Hal Patton Leads the Hosts for "Greatest President."

SALEM, Ore., July 20.—Thousands of political circulars are being sent out by the Lincoln-Taft republican league of Oregon today for the complete organization of the republican party in this state to re-nominate Taft and spread the doctrine of protection and reciprocity along the lines advocated by the administration.

State Senator Patton, member of the state executive committee, says the efforts "to organize the party on progressive lines and to uphold the laws enacted by the people," are meeting with cordial response.

"There is no reason," says Patton, "why Oregon should not be safely for the return of the greatest president the country ever had."

## SACRAMENTO WILL ABOLISH ITS MAYOR

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 20.—According to the tentative plans of the board of 15 freeholders who are framing a commission form of charter to be voted on this fall, Sacramento will be a mayorless city, its governmental functions being entrusted to five commissioners vested with the same power.

## IMPROVEMENT IN COAL WITH DEVELOPMENT

Prof. J. S. Diller of Geological Survey Finds Quality of Coal Mined Near Medford Improves as Coal Vein is Sunk Upon.

## ROGUE RIVER COAL FIELDS HUNDRED MILES IN LENGTH

Coal is Lignite With Chances of Becoming Semi-Bituminous in Character With Development Work.

"Coal in the Medford coal field improves in quality with the amount of work done, the further the tunnels run into the hill, the better the grade of coal and the cleaner it is from interlacing veins of shale and clay," states Prof. J. S. Diller, chief geologist of the United States geological survey, who spent Wednesday inspecting local coal mines, particularly the Cascade, where a force of men are now engaged in development work. He was very favorably impressed with the showing made, though non-committal on account of his official position.

"The Medford coal is a lignite though the vein may develop into a semi-bituminous coal, as in the Coos Bay region. The Medford coal is similar to the latter. The amount of coal available, or the extent of the deposit, can only be determined by development work. The tunnel at the Cascade is in quite a ways and shows no obstruction in the coal bed," said Prof. Diller. "The coal resembles that at the Sunnyside." "Coal occurs at many localities," he continued, "in the Rogue River valley. A long narrow coal belt stretches to the south and southeast, east of Medford and Ashland and continuing from Evans creek through the Siskiyou mountains to Ager, Cal., a total of nearly 100 miles in length.

"Prospects have been opened at six localities between Evans creek and Ashland, a distance of 40 miles. The evidence does not indicate the continuity of the same coal beds throughout that distance, but rather the development of small beds a few miles in extent, parallel to the old

## BROWN TAIL MOTH FOUND NEAR SEATTLE

TACOMA, Wash., July 20.—The brown tail moth, a tree pest for whose destruction the government is spending annually \$300,000, has been discovered in the Rainier Valley, near Seattle. F. A. Huntley, state commissioner of horticulture, was notified and today laid out a campaign to fight the pest. Quarantine of the infected district embracing an area of twenty acres was ordered. A crew of men, under the leadership of an inspector, will begin today to destroy all the vegetation within the infected circle.

Look at the ads for the chance to buy the property you need at a "right price."

## HOUSE OF LORDS HASTEN DOOM BY AMENDING COMMONS VETO BILL

LONDON, July 20.—The house of lords this evening passed the bill taking from that body the veto power on financial legislation but amended so that it is almost certain to be rejected by the commons when it reconvenes on Monday.

It is believed the house of commons will send the bill back to the lords next Thursday with the demand that the upper house's amendments be removed. This will precipitate the crisis which has been gathering for many months and either lords or commons must back down.

## LOUIS STRANG CRUSHED IN AN AUTO WRECK

Man Who Set New World's Record for Fifty Miles on Motor Speedway Is Killed While Riding With a Party of Friends.

## WAS ONE OF THE OLDEST RACING DRIVERS IN COUNTRY

Held Many Records—Was in Employment of Case People and Was Killed in Their Car.

BLUE RIVERS, Wis., July 20.—Louis Strang, dare-devil automobile racer, was instantly killed here this afternoon when the car in which he was riding carrying the technical committee of the annual endurance tour of the Wisconsin Automobile Association careened and crashed over an embankment.

Strang was driving the car at a lively clip. The accident occurred when he endeavored to avoid an approaching wagon.

Strang was driving a Case car when the accident happened. He was regularly employed by the Case people, representing them in a number of races recently. For the few months previous to his becoming a driver for them he had been driving independently, and before that had been driving for the Buick people.

Strang was one of the oldest drivers of racing cars in America and held a number of records.

Strang, on August 20, 1909, set the world's record for 50 miles on a track. The half century was covered at the Indianapolis motor speedway in 46:04 3-5.

In the car with Strang at the time of the accident were three passengers, one of whom was Joe Jaegersberger, also a driver for the J. H. Case Company of Racine, Wis. Lester Clark of Richland Center was

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## NO CLUE AS YET TO GIRLS WHEREABOUTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 20.—Puzzled by their failure to find Mary Gertrude Ilg, a pretty 23-year-old girl, who vanished from her home here Monday evening, police, Pinkertons and the girl's family today are running down every possible clue to the strangest disappearance mystery San Francisco has had in years.

From San Jose today came a story which caused the family to immediately dispatch detectives to that town. H. T. Anderson of San Jose declared positively he saw the missing girl pass his residence late yesterday in company with a young man. This information was the second alleged direct clue to Miss Ilg's whereabouts since she disappeared. It was alleged she was seen in Fruitvale yesterday.

R. H. Gripp, the girl's fiancé, and he relatives so far have scouted the police theory of an elopement, and fear she has met with some darker fate.

## HOUSE OF LORDS HASTEN DOOM BY AMENDING COMMONS VETO BILL

It is declared unofficially today that it was exactly this contingency which Premier Asquith has been preparing for, and that if the lords do not at once accede to a preemptory demand by the government to pass the commons' bill without amendment King George will be asked to make good his promise to the premier and flood the hereditary house with more than 300 new peers.

Should the king at the last moment refuse to comply with Asquith's wishes, it is admitted that the gravest situation will result in England since the days of Oliver Cromwell.