

GERMAN EMPEROR, WHO IS NOW DIRECTING THE OPERATIONS OF HIS TROOPS IN THE GREATEST WAR IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.



THE GERMAN EMPEROR IN THE FIELD.

**CHARLES A. BROWN LOSES LIFE FIGHTING FIRE WHEN LIVE WIRE ELECTROCUTES HIM AT SUNDAY BLAZE**

Charles A. Brown, manager of the Medford Ice & Storage company, met death by electrocution, and the lives of a score of people menaced Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock during a fire on South Front street at Thirteenth street, that destroyed a barn belonging to Jasper Hanna of Trail. The blaze caused a loss of \$200 and threatened other property. An inquest over the death of Brown is being held this afternoon to fix cause and blame for death, if any.

The death of Brown and incidents leading to it were told substantially as follows by Jack Dent to the coroner's jury this afternoon.

When Dent reached the fire, he, as a member of the volunteer brigade, assumed charge, finding Brown and others stretching the ice plant hose. He issued instructions that more hose be connected, and when Brown took off the nozzle he was drenched with water. The fire by this time had burned away the cross arm and the live wire with 2300 volts hung suspended, the end about four feet off the ground. Dent and Brown and others dragged the hose to protect the Hoekersmith barn and were driven back by the heat. They passed the live wire, Dent warning against the danger. As Dent turned around he heard Brown utter a wild cry of agony and crumple head first to the ground. As he fell his hand fumbled Dent's sleeve, giving him a severe shock. He realized the danger and prevented the crowd from taking hold of Brown. Mr. Cole, a brother-in-law of Brown, in desperation attempted to release the body and was burned on the thumb and fingers. Brown in passing the wire struck it and grasped it involuntarily, two fingers being clutched around the carrier of death.

The fatality was marked with a ghastly finale. Rescue of Brown meant death until the electric current was broken. This was accomplished by Superintendent Stoddard and Foreman Loder of the power company cutting the wire on each side of the body. Brown's right hand was burned to the bone, his left arm seared and cooked by the terrific heat, and his back burned black. When finally released, life was extinct. The air was heavy with the scent of scorched human flesh.

Mrs. Brown, close to the scene, was stunned with grief and the swift death of her mate. Brown six weeks ago took out an accident policy for \$5000 in the Penn Mutual, and O. N. Nelson, local agent, telegraphed the claims immediately for early settlement. The Masonic lodge will conduct the funeral services at Grants Pass Thursday.

The fire responsible for the horror is supposed to have originated from the spontaneous combustion of green hay in the barn, a ton of green alfalfa being in the loft. The Frank Bay woodyard was threatened and

sparks ignited a barn three blocks away. A tramp, under liquor's spell, was hauled from the latter place by Russell Edmeades.

The fire auto reached the fire eight or ten minutes after the alarm, due to an accident at the fire station. Highly corrosive acids used in the chemical tank had slopped out and onto the wire leading to the magneto battery, eating away the wire that broke at the start. A new battery had to be installed before a start could be made. The barn was in ruins when they arrived.

Mrs. Wattenburg suffered had burns on her face, rescuing John Orth's cow from the blazing structure.

A crowd of 1000 gathered to see the fire. Very few knew at the time of the tragic death.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Charles Brown by electrocution will recommend, upon advice of Prosecutor Kelly, that the city install a fire alarm in the California-Oregon Power company to the live wire, the same as at the fire station, to safeguard life in the future, and also that the city refrain from arresting power employees racing to fires. Delay was experienced Sunday in reaching linemen. Live wires have long been a menace to the lives of fire fighters.

**PRISONER PRAISES FRENCH ARTILLERY**

PARIS, Aug. 24, 9:30 a. m.—The *Matin* quotes today a German prisoner at Montpellier as follows:

"Your French artillery is admirable. It destroyed in a few minutes entrenchments which we spent three days in making. The greater part of our men were killed, while others rushed to the rear with frightened cries as if some supernatural force had intervened against them.

"I am glad to be a prisoner; it is better than being under the yoke of German officers."

**CLAUDE MILES CATCHES YEAR'S RECORD TROUT**

The record steelhead trout for the year, caught with a fly, was landed Sunday from Rogue river near Elk creek by Claude Miles. It weighed, undressed, twelve pounds, and was a remarkably handsome fish, the rainbow stripes showing brightly.

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**THREE BIG ARMIES OF GERMANS MOVE AGAINST FRANCE**

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 24, via London, noon.—According to the best information obtainable here, the disposition of the German forces in Belgium is broadly as follows:

"The right flank, occupying the entire terrain immediately south of Antwerp, is moving southwest in the direction of Lille. A second force is moving on Maubeuge, 50 miles southeast of Lille, in the Department of Nord, and a third is occupied at the reduction of the Namur forts, which consist of nine defenses of steel and concrete surrounding the city. It is estimated that these three columns together comprise nearly a quarter of a million men.

The main northern German army is advancing slowly with its front extending from Givet, France, to Dieudenhofen, in Lorraine. The French defenses from La Fere to Reims are thought to be the objective of this army, which is believed to number 300,000 men.

The main body to the south is directing its efforts on the Verdun-Nancy line of defenses and now occupies Strassburg.

Travelers returning from Germany say that troop movements in the western part of the empire have subsided considerably and their mobilization evidently has been achieved. The railroads are now principally occupied with the transportation of munitions of war. Most of those are passing through Dusseldorf, Coblenz, Mainz and Rastatt.

**GERMANS ATTACK MUELHAUSEN AGAIN**

BASEL, Switzerland, Aug. 24, via Paris, 10:22 a. m.—According to reports received here from different points in upper Alsace, the German troops are making another offensive movement against the French army occupying Muelhausen, and environs.

LONDON, Aug. 24, 4:25 a. m.—The Ostend correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says that German columns are marching southward Valenciennes on the Scheldt, 31 miles southeast of Lille, one proceeding by way of Ninove and Grammont and Lessines, Belgium, and the other going by way of Hal, Braine-Comte and Mons, Belgium. They are moving with great speed.

**BELGIAN LOCOMOTIVES ARRIVE AT PARIS**

PARIS, Aug. 24, 3:40 a. m.—Three hundred locomotives from the railroads of Belgium were brought to Paris today to prevent their being used by the Germans.

**HOTELS AT VICHI USED AS HOSPITALS FOR WAR WOUNDED**

VICHI, Aug. 24, via Paris, 6:05 a. m.—The presidential palace and all the hotels have been converted into hospitals and are now filled with wounded. All branches of the service are represented, the patients including artillerymen, infantrymen, Chasseurs, dragoons, and hussars.

They are a cheerful lot for men who have been carried from the fighting line. Many make light of their wounds, joke about their experiences and all are said to be eager to go back to the field.

"Isn't that hard luck," said one with four bullets in his thighs, "to have hooked all four? Still, that may mean three comrades left in the fighting."

Another was greatly exercised for fear fragments of a shell which had struck his arm had obliterated a tattooed butterfly, of which he was extremely proud. A gunner who was in the battle at Bonhomme Pass, told this story of a comrade: "He was a marvellous pointer and got the bull's eye every time, but they got him at last. His legs were crushed, but he asked to be carried to another gun point for one last shot."

In the court of one of the hospitals three infantrymen with their heads swathed in bandages were found by a visitor to be playing marbles with bullets extracted from their wounds.

**GENERAL PAU HERO OF HOUR IN PARIS**

LONDON, Aug. 24, 3:45 a. m.—A dispatch from Paris to the *Daily Mail* says:

"Former Premier Clemenceau continues his campaign against the government's policy of withholding from the public the whole truth in the war. General Pau is the hero of the hour. He is 70 years old and has only one arm, having lost the other in the war of 1870. He was recalled to active service in an advisory capacity and appeared with the army in Alsace. He seems to have taken personal charge of the operations at Muelhausen."

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**JAP CONFESSES TO STRANGULATION OF GIRL ARTIST**

SALINAS, Cal., Aug. 24.—George Kodani, a Japanese photographer under arrest here, confessed to Sheriff Nesbit today that he had murdered Helena Wood Smith, a New York artist, who had been living in the colony of writers and painters at Carmel-by-the-Sea. He told four conflicting stories of the murder, none of which the sheriff believes.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Aug. 24. The body of Miss Smith was found yesterday buried in a sand dune near here.

Before confessing Kodani admitted that he knew the young woman was dead, saying he had seen her jump into the bay. According to his inquisitors he said that he had taken a moonlight walk on the beach with the young woman and that she had cried because the laws of California stood in the way of their marriage. "We quarreled," he is said to have asserted. "She attacked me with a knife. She was crazy, and I guess I was crazy too."

Kodani's statement is bitterly resented by friends of Miss Smith, who deny that she entertained any affection for the Japanese.

According to Sheriff Nesbit, the

motive for the killing of Miss Smith was a check for \$252, which she had in her purse at the time of her disappearance August 12. Physicians say Miss Smith was strangled to death with a cord.

**CITY WATER O. K. SAYS DR. PICKEL**

According to Dr. E. B. Pickel, president of the state board of health, who has had an analysis of the city water made at the state board of health at Portland, the water is absolutely pure and can be drunk without fear. Although it is pure Dr. Pickel advises that people use filters in their homes as a means of draining the water. The analysis of the water showed that it contained no germs and is entirely healthful.

**CONGRESSMEN ARRESTED FOR SKIPPING SESSION**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Speaker Clark issued another batch of warrants of arrest today for absentee members. Sergeants raided the baseball park, cool cafes and other resorts to bring in enough congressmen so that the house could go on with business.

**Manufacturer's Sale of Samples.**

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a manufacturer's sale of samples in the store room at corner of Main and Fir streets, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 27, 28, 29. They will have all kinds of groceries, candies, some dry goods, and a great variety of articles on sale. Come and see the display. They will also have home cooking. 132\*

**AID AMERICANS IN SWITZERLAND TO LEAVE COUNTRY**

PARIS, Aug. 24, 12:20 p. m.—Ambassador Herrick spent today at the foreign office arranging for special trains from Switzerland to Paris and then from Paris to Havre to facilitate the movement of Americans to the coast. He is making arrangements also for two more French steamers to take Americans home. He has sent to Pleasant A. Stoval, the American minister to Berne, and to various American consuls in Europe, the following telegram:

"Arrangements have been made for 10,000 passengers to leave Geneva Wednesday, August 26, for 1000 more on Thursday, 27th, for 500 on Friday, 28th, and 500 more on Saturday, all probably with a reasonable amount of baggage.

"These passengers must be made to understand that France is at war, and Paris under military law. The government is showing especial consideration for Americans, not only in permitting them to traverse France in such large numbers, but in providing them with transportation by land and sea when all means of transportation are required for military purposes."

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