

DR. LOWELL FAMOUS ASTRONOMER DIES AT OBSERVATORY

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Nov. 13.—Dr. Percival Lowell, founder and director of the Lowell observatory here, and an astronomer of international reputation, died here last night from a stroke of apoplexy suffered yesterday morning.

Dr. Lowell apparently was in good health when he arrived here recently from a lecture trip. For ten years much of Dr. Lowell's effort had been devoted to study of the planet Mars and he made many interesting announcements of his observations on the life and topography of that world.

Dr. Lowell's home was in Boston, where he was born March 13, 1855, but he came here at certain seasons for his studies at the observatory he established here in 1894, because of the clearness of the atmosphere.

Several astronomical expeditions were organized by him. Among them were an eclipse expedition to Tripoli in 1900 and an expedition to the Andes mountains to photograph Mars in 1907. For ten years prior to 1913 he made a number of trips to Japan. In 1902 he was appointed non-resident professor of astronomy of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was the author of many works on astronomical subjects and a contributor to scientific publications.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 13.—Dr. Percival Lowell, whose death at his private observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., was reported today, was best known as the principal exponent of the theory that Mars is inhabited.

Astronomers generally, while expressing regard for his ability and enthusiasm, regarded many of his theories as radical and all of them were not accepted.

Dr. Lowell was a brother of A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard university.

It was from the observatory at Flagstaff that he announced his discovery of vegetation on Mars, with the inference that the planet was inhabited, and his observations of the canals as being so regular in form as to indicate that they were artificial. A colleague of Dr. Lowell said today that while many astronomers did not agree with his theories, they were confirming his observations very frequently.

Dr. Lowell is survived by his widow who was Miss Constance Savage Keith of Boston and by two sisters and a brother.

FIND VILLISTAS AMERICAN CAMP

FIELD HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION, Mexico, Nov. 13.—Followers of Francisco Villa have been discovered in headquarters camp.

Thus far, none has been molested or placed in the stockade with the score captured during the southward drive of the punitive expedition. They go about the camp openly and even receive American gold, at the rate of about a dollar a day, which is wealth for a peon.

These Villistas, however, harbor no evil designs against the American troops. Neither do they talk about their affiliation with the bandit leader. For they now are pacific and declare that half of the poor people of the southern republic would do just as they are doing, work in a desultory fashion for the army from the north, if given an opportunity.

But few of the laborers stay long in camp. Their fear of Villa is too great. The threat Villal has made, to kill every man and woman who turns a hand for the invaders, strikes a chill to their hearts.

POSTAL CLERKS PROTEST HOURS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—In a letter to President Wilson, made public today, Thomas F. Flaherty, secretary and treasurer of the National Federation of Postal Clerks, entered a protest against working postoffice clerks more than eight hours a day. The letter calls the attention of the president to the fact that a law passed by congress provided that clerks shall not be required to work more than eight hours a day within ten hours, and for working in excess of this, are to be paid overtime in proportion to their salaries.

GERMAN OFFICIAL PAPERS STOLEN BY BLACKMAILER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The German embassy has reason to believe that a number of highly confidential dispatches, at present missing, were in the packet from which Karl Armgard Graves extracted letters he is charged with having used in an alleged attempt to obtain \$3,000 from Countess Von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador.

The nature of the dispatches is unknown. The German government has been sent all available information regarding the packet's contents and investigation, it is said, will immediately be made in Berlin with a view of ascertaining what, if any, secret papers are missing, as well as the identity of the messenger from whom Graves secured the letters.

It was made plain today that Prince Hatzfeldt, counselor of the embassy, through whom Graves attempted to get \$2,000, may testify against him, but would prefer not to. If his testimony is deemed essential to the prosecution of Graves, permission for him to appear in court will be asked of Emperor William.

It was learned today that the packet from which Graves obtained the letters addressed to Countess Von Bernstorff had been officially sealed by the German foreign office. The letters which have so far been seen by embassy officials are dated early in September.

All details of the story told by Graves last night in New York were ridiculed today at the German embassy.

ASHLAND TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION

ASHLAND, Nov. 13.—The city will hold two elections in the near future. The first is a special one, Nov. 24, passing upon the merits of two proposed charter amendments. The first refers to abolishing the two mineral springs and park commission and merging both into "The Mineral Springs and Park Commission" of three members, to serve one, two and three years, respectively. The election of such a board carries with it by implication the levying of from a 3 1-2 to a 5 mill tax on the city's assessed valuation, the amount so raised to be expended in a general way for the upkeep of the parks and springs system. This amendment, if carried, does away with the dual boards and conflicting authority. It also broadens the scope of the second amendment on the special election ballot authorizes the city council, in its discretion, to make reassessments of property wherever previous ones have proved to be defective. This is a new departure here but it has been adopted in other towns, Medford included, and has stood the acid test of supreme court decisions.

The city election proper will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19. The officers to be elected are mayor, recorder, treasurer and three councilmen. The present mayor is O. H. Johnson, recorder; C. H. Gillette, treasurer, G. E. Eubanks. The councilmen whose terms expire are R. P. Cornelius, 1st ward; P. L. Ashcraft, 2d ward; A. L. Lamb, 3d ward. Lamb is up for re-election, Cornelius also "if the people want him." Ashcraft not having made any public announcement. For mayor, Johnson is a passive candidate for re-election, and C. W. Banta, councilman from the third ward, is an avowed one. For recorder, Gillette is not a candidate, but there are many others, including H. C. Gale, J. B. Wimer, W. H. Gosdy, R. P. Campbell and C. L. Cunningham, all of whom have made formal announcements. It is expected that G. E. Eubanks will have no opposition whatever for re-election as city treasurer.

GOVERNOR WHITMAN TO INSPECT MILITIA
NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 13.—Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York, accompanied by Mrs. Whitman, was in New Orleans today en route to McAllen, Tex., where he will inspect several thousand national guardsmen of the empire state. The governor and his wife planned to rest here until Wednesday.

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NO RACE FOR HAND OF BEAUTY: MISS HARRIMAN IS ENGAGED



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SWITCHMEN ASK EIGHT HOUR DAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—With the prospect that questions involved in the Adamson eight hour law controversy will be brought up, proceedings in arbitration were begun here today which may settle the demands of switchmen on thirteen railroads east of the Mississippi for an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime labor.

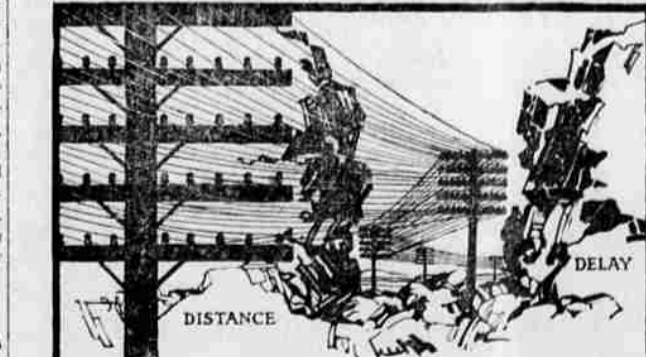
The Switchmen's union of North America, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, demanded an eight hour day after congress enacted the Adamson statute. The railroads would not make the concession and arbitration is now sought under the Newlands act.

LABOR FEDERATION OPENS CONVENTION

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 13.—The thirty-sixth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor opened a two-weeks session here this morning. Cardinal Gibbons delivered the invocation and President Samuel Gompers of the national organization responded to the addresses of welcome.

SUFFRAGE SPEAKER SLOWLY IMPROVING

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13.—Slight improvement was reported today in the condition of Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissavain, New York suffrage leader, who is gravely ill of anemia at a hospital here. She passed a fairly good night, her nurses said, and showed a little more strength following the third transfusion of blood into her veins, made Saturday.



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NO REPLY FROM GERMANY ON THE MARINA SINKING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Secretary Lansing laid before President Wilson today a summary of information regarding recent submarine attacks on vessels carrying Americans but reported that sufficient evidence was not yet at hand on which to base action. He said no information had been received from the Berlin government in response to an inquiry sent through the American embassy there concerning the sinking of the Marina when six Americans lost their lives.

While the state department officials consider the submarine situation as serious, no decision had been reached today as to whether Germany has violated pledges given to the American government after the attack on the channel steamer Sussex.

All recent submarine activities including the raid of U-53 off the New England coast are being considered at the state department together in an effort to determine whether a new submarine policy has been adopted by Germany.

No developments of vital importance in the Mexican situation were reported to the president by Mr. Lansing. While it is understood Mexican relations are not in a satisfactory state from the viewpoint of the administration, the commission meeting at Atlantic City will be given a further opportunity to report a conclusion.

AMERICAN SAILORS FIGHT MEXICAN FIRE

PUERTO, Mex., Nov. 13.—Sixty men on the gunboat Wheeling were ashore yesterday to fight a fire caused by lightning which struck two tanks of crude oil, with a capacity of 55,000 barrels each. Five adjoining oil tanks were threatened, but eventually the fire was checked.

When there is more than one way of doing a thing, 19 to 1 a fellow does it the wrong way.

FRENCH CLAIM BRITISH SHIRKING BURDENS OF WAR

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Express features an article in today's issue by a French military writer, Captain Philippe Millet, calling on Great Britain to take over more of the western front and relieve the French.

Captain Millet says it is necessary to speak plainly, that the alliance of Great Britain and France cannot be based on a mere exchange of compliments and that all Frenchmen are wondering whether the English fully realize what is happening in France. He says the French recognize gratefully what Great Britain has already done, but feels that the time has come for the British army to relieve the French more efficiently.

The writer cites utterances of French deputies to support his claim and remarks that the British are holding only 150 kilometers of the front, compared to the French 580 kilometers. He adds:

"There is not one village in France where the people do not expect our friends to enable us, after twenty-seven months' hard struggle, to have some rest during the third winter and prepare for an advance next year without having to exhaust ourselves. This is what our people feel. They have put their trust in Great Britain and they all expect the relief of a good bit of the French line to be made soon."

SALONIKI REVOKES GIFT TO KING CONSTANTINE

ATHENS, Nov. 11, via London, Nov. 13.—The municipality of Saloniki, in which was launched the movement to take Greece into the war in opposition to the wishes of King Constantine, has formally revoked its gift of Villa Alatini and Ninousa forest, made to the king after the Balkan war. The reason assigned is the "ingratitude" of the king.

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LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan departed today for Miami, Fla. Rumors that the Bryans were going to make their permanent home in the south, presumably North Carolina, were denied today by Mayor C. W. Bryan, brother of William J. Bryan. It was stated that the Bryans will spend the winter in Miami, but that they will consider Nebraska their home.

FLOUR REACHES RECORD PRICE IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13.—Flour retailed in Portland toores today for \$9.89 a barrel, said to be the highest price ever reached here. Since October 28 flour has sold for \$9.40, but increases in the prices of wheat brought the raise, dealers said.

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