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## NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN IS BURNING

### HASKELL SUES HEARST FOR \$600,000 DAMAGES

### SHERIFF OUTWITS EDITOR

### BURSTS IN DOOR TO STATEROOM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Omaha, Neb., Oct. 16.—William Hearst was served with papers in suit for \$600,000 damages brought by Governor Charles N. Haskell of Oklahoma, as he was passing through this city early today. A deputy sheriff with the papers burst in the door to the stateroom, but found the door to Hearst's stateroom locked. He knocked on the door and Mrs. (Continued on page eight.)

### TAFT NOT URGED BY ROOSEVELT

### LETTERS PUBLISHED BY MAGAZINE

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Oct. 16.—The announcement was made today by "Hampton's Broadway Magazine" that it will publish in the November number a letter from Roosevelt to Taft and another from Taft to Roosevelt, relative to the presidential nomination in which the president declined to advise Taft as to what course he should take. (Continued on page 4.)

### KING PETER HAS GIVEN UP THRONE

### REPORTED LEAVING SERBIA

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Oct. 16.—King Peter of Serbia has secretly abdicated his throne and is leaving Serbia, according to a report received here today. Efforts to verify the report have so far proved futile. The members of the national assembly and of the King's cabinet profess ignorance of King Peter's whereabouts. It is known that Peter has been unpopular with his people for several years and when he refused to declare war on Austria-Hungary recently on the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the populace was enraged.

### COUNTY ROAD BUILDING MUST BE REVOLUTIONIZED

### METHODS MUST BE IMPROVED

### VERDICT OF JUDGE BUSHEY

There is going to be a revolution in road building in this county or the county treasury and the taxpayers will go into bankruptcy, is the verdict of County Judge Bushey. He is not satisfied that the present system of helping localities out of the general fund will work out in the long run. Judge Bushey says the way 'tis done there is no telling what it will cost in any given undertaking to build a road, and the county court has no basis for levying a county tax. He says he is compiling the figures for the fixed charges of county government, and then proposes that the expenditures for road purposes be brought in some way home to the people themselves. He says he does not see how the present system can be continued without breaking up the county and running it into debt and he does not want to be a party to any such proceedings. This will be a shock to some of the good road enthusiasts, but a dash of the cold water of cold truth is sometimes better than the unlimited expansion of political hot air that is founded upon theories.

### NUMBER OF DEAD UNKNOWN

### HUNDREDS HEMMED IN BY FIRES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Alpena, Mich., Oct. 16.—The whole of northwestern Michigan is burning. The flames already have swept four counties and the loss of life is heavy. It is believed that if reports could be obtained the results of the fires would be the most appalling in the history of this part of the country. Fourteen women and children are known to have been burned to death at Metz. There is practically no hope for the two hundred refugees who left the city on the relief train that was wrecked in the burning forest. One refugee who arrived from Metz today says that very few escaped and that he believes practically the whole population of the town, numbering more than two hundred, was lost. The total number of dead, however, can only be estimated by the wildest conjecture. Among those known to have lost their lives on the relief train were John Kinveln, engineer; Arthur Lee, fireman and William Lee, brakeman. These three men stayed by the train and tried to get it back on the tracks, while the passengers fled before the roaring fires. How many of those people, who, frightened out of their wits, started wildly through the burning woods, could have escaped death, it is hard to understand.

### DEADLY RIOTS IN LISBON

### TWENTY-THREE ARE KILLED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lisbon, Portugal, Oct. 16.—Twenty-three men were killed or mortally wounded and 40 were seriously injured in a great riot at Azambuja between the Monarchists and Republicans at the municipal election primaries today. The Republicans outnumbered the Monarchists and were the aggressors in the fight. After a struggle in the streets, the Monarchists were put to flight and took refuge in a church, barricading the doors and windows. The Republicans then obtained heavy posts and timbers, with which they made battering rams. With these, they battered down the doors and with stones they broke all the windows that were exposed. When the doors were broken down, the mob rushed into the church and attempted to massacre the Monarchists. A bloody battle was fought under the roof of the sanctuary, in which knives and guns were used with deadly effect. The Monarchists, having no means of retreat, fought desperately until the arrival of the troops. The soldiers arrested a number of the leaders and finally restored order. The town is under martial law as the authorities fear further trouble.

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### COLUMBIA TO TEACH AERIAL NAVIGATION

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Oct. 16.—It was announced today that the University of Columbia has added a course in aeronautics, the first of its kind to be given in any American university, to its curriculum. Only one student is enrolled in the new course at present, but it is believed that others will avail themselves of the opportunity to study the fascinating science of navigating the air.

Dr. Charles C. Trowbridge of the physics department, who has spent many years investigating the flight of birds, has charge of the new branch. Grover Cleveland Loening, an A. B. of the university, has begun work as the first student for his master's degree.

His first year is to be spent in studying everything that has been written on the subject and he will then turn to original research in the laboratory, using models.

### GIRL SUBDUES MASHER WITH UPPERCUTS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Or., Oct. 16.—Miss Leona Davis, pretty, small and plucky, is a heroine today in the eyes of her friends because she used her tiny fists quite freely last night in subduing a young masher and turning him over to a policeman.

The prisoner gave the name of Eugene Wilson and said he was the representative of a theatrical show. Miss Davis said she was passing along Park street when the young man stepped from a doorway and seized her arm.

"I tore away from him," she explained today, "and struck him on the chin. I guess it was one of those upper cut things. Then I gave my right hand a rest and poled him with my left. I was still hitting him awful hard when a policeman happened along."

Wilson secured bail and was released, but will be given a hearing in court.

### BOY DROPS GUN AND IS KILLED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Spokane, Oct. 16.—Clifton Warner, 17 years old, is the latest victim of a hunting trip.

Accompanied by companions, the young man was hunting in the vicinity of Colville, his home, yesterday and was standing on a log looking for game when his rifle slipped. An instant later a cartridge in his gun was exploded and young Warner fell forward, exclaiming: "Boys, I'm shot." These were the last words he spoke. A bullet had pierced his heart, killing him instantly.

The match to have taken place yesterday between the freshmen of the University of Oregon and the O. A. C. was called off by the latter, because the men could not be spared.

### An Unjust System.

Judge Bushey says the present system is unjust to a large portion of the country because the distribution of the funds is inequitable and causes dissatisfaction. The present county court has tried for the past few months to carry out the contracts which the county had already entered into, and has been able to help a little here and there where there seemed to be an absolute necessity. But the present county court will not undertake to do any more on these lines until the matter has been thoroughly investigated and seen where the trouble lies. County Judge Bushey expressed himself to a Capital Journal reporter that he thought it was wrong to spend such large sums helping just one neighborhood. It was not just to the general tax-

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### GETS SEVEN YEARS FOR FELONY

For criminally assaulting little 12-year-old Louise Zollinger, Britten Bennett will serve seven years in the penitentiary according to sentence passed upon him by Judge Burnett this morning. J. G. Walker was sentenced to two years for burglary and Ed Sweeney got 30 days for petty larceny.

### EASTERN FOOTBALL SEASON ON IN EARNEST

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Haven, Conn., Oct. 16.—The Yale eleven will meet their first real antagonist of the football season to-day in a gridiron match with the United States Military Academy at West Point. Hundreds of admirers of Old Eli will go to West Point to witness the contest.

Tomorrow will also see a football struggle between the university of Pennsylvania and Brown, which is a game next in importance to the Yale-West Point match.

S. A. D. Pater has returned from Washington and proposes to aid the government in recovering property that has been unlawfully taken from it. Pater ought to know.

word was sent from Millersburg telling of the disaster to the Metz refugees, the fire advanced upon Millersburg and destroyed that town also.

Two relief trains which left Alpena for the scene were forced to return, as it was impossible to make any progress in the face of the terrific fires.

The fires are spreading rapidly according to dispatches received here continually. It is believed a number of small towns have been wiped out.

Sheboygan, Mich., Oct. 16.—The fires which swept this part of the state last night have destroyed the towns of Metz and Bolton. The loss of life is said to have been heavy but reports are meagre as all wires are down and communication is cut off. A train from Metz was burned in the forest. It carried 200 people out of the doomed town and it is feared most of them have been smothered to death or burned in the blazing forests. The property loss will amount into millions.

Calumet, Mich., Oct. 16.—Brush fires are raging over the entire copper country of northern Michigan on the Keweenaw peninsula. Several small towns are threatened with destruction and the people in the woods are battling with the flames.

The entire timber country tract between Calumet and Lake Superior is burning. The fire is raging near Keweenaw and there is small hope of saving the little clearings in the woods.

News brought here say that several families are entirely surrounded by the flames, and have perished. The situation is desperate.

Sault St. Marie, Mich., Oct. 16.—The forest fires forced their way into this city early today in spite of the desperate work of the citizens who battled all night to keep them outside the city limits.

A squad of dynamiters prepared to blow up the warehouse of the Soo Hardware company to prevent the flames from spreading through the city.

The structure was saved, however, by men who forced back the fire at the peril of their lives.

The smoke is so heavy over St. Marie river that all navigation has been suspended.

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Word from Millersburg says that the train was ditched three miles from Metz in the heart of the burning forest. Searching parties sent out from Millersburg were forced to retreat before the flames.

Dispatches from Alpena say after