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## SUMMIT OF ALASKAN MOUNTAIN IS HIGHEST SPOT ON THE CONTINENT

### BLINDING SNOW STORMS FOREVER GUARD SUMMIT COOK NEVER REACHED IT

Party Tells Thrilling Story of Attempt to Climb Mt. McKinley --- Rarified Atmosphere and Continual Storms Drove Party Back When Success Seemed Assured --- Party Gets Duplicate of Dr. Cook's Photograph, and Indisputable Evidence That He Never Reached the Summit.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 13.—Declaring that Mount McKinley, the Alaskan peak, the highest on the North American continent, will never be climbed unless the expedition attempting it is prepared to spend six weeks, if necessary, awaiting favorable weather to climb the last 500 feet of the peak, Meri Lavy, the guide and photographer of the Parker-Brown expedition, has just arrived from the north on the steamer Sophia, and is spending a few days in the city taking in the exhibition.

Now, with success almost in sight, but forced to go slowly on account of the extreme rarified air at that great altitude, the party were driven back different times by blinding snowstorms. Mr. Lavy has a most interesting story to relate. Equally thrilling is his narrative of the escape of the entire party from the effects of the earthquake which rocked the mountains of a considerable portion of Alaska on July 6. But probably the most interesting of all to the gen-

eral public is the absolute proof which the party secured that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of alleged polar fame, never reached the summit of Mount McKinley, as he had claimed.

It will be remembered that about the only actual proof which Dr. Cook submitted that he had climbed Mount McKinley was the statement of his sole companion and guide on the alleged climb, Joe Birrell, and a photo showing the guide standing on the snowclad summit of the peak. The guide afterwards repudiated his statement, but Dr. Cook clung to the photo which he maintained had been taken on the actual summit.

The members of the Parker-Brown expedition this year, according to Mr. Lavy, secured unmistakable proof that not only did Dr. Cook not reach the summit of Mount McKinley, as he claimed, but they secured exact duplicates of the picture he claimed was taken on the summit of Mt. McKinley. This photograph on which Dr. Cook based his claim of surmounting the yet unclimbed peak was really taken on the summit of another peak fully ten or twelve miles away from Mt. McKinley, and looking away from the latter peak. The peak chosen by Dr. Cook for the fake picture has certain topographical resemblances to the summit of Mt. McKinley, and even people familiar with the country believed that the explorer had reached the summit when they saw the photograph. But Dr. Cook overlooked one very noticeable and distinguishing peak fully 25 miles away from Mt. McKinley and located in an easterly direction, while his photo was claimed to have been taken on Mt. McKinley looking in a westerly direction. This peak, which just showed in a corner of the Cook photo, copies of which the members of the Park-Brown expedition had with them, gave them the clue as to the exact location of the mountain on which the photo was actually taken. It is only about 10,000 feet high—less than half the height of Mt. McKinley—and is comparatively easy to climb. During last month the Parker-Brown party climbed this peak and secured exact duplicates of picture taken by Dr. Cook, claiming to have been taken on the summit of Mt. McKinley.

This, it is certain, effectually proves that Dr. Cook never reached the summit of the unclimbed peak. Further proof they declare, is found in the fact that they found no trace of the cairn of stones and flagstaff which Dr. Cook claims his party erected on the plateau between the twin peaks of Mt. McKinley.

### WOULD STOP USING CREEKS FOR SEWERS

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BRINGS SUIT TO STOP CITY OF SILVERTON EMPTYING ITS SEWERS INTO SILVER CREEK.

The state Board of Health has begun suit against the city of Silverton seeking to enjoin that municipality from allowing the sewerage from the public sewers of that city to flow into Silver Creek, a non-navigable stream carrying 35 cubic feet of water per second. The creek referred to flows between well defined boundaries through the center of Silverton in a northerly and northwesterly direction, emptying into Pudding river at a point about two miles distant from that city. The stream flows through a densely inhabited agricultural district and is crossed at frequent intervals by public and private roads. It is alleged that 812 cubic feet of sewerage is deposited by the sewers per second and that the waters of Silver creek are greatly polluted and rendered poisonous by reason of such contamination, thus imperiling the health of those living along the stream. It is alleged that persons living along the banks of the stream and persons passing back and forth over the stream at the road crossings use the waters of the creek and the pollution received from the sewers of the city of Silverton is a menace to the public health.

If the State Board of Health prevails in this suit, it will affect a large number of the smaller cities of the state which make use of the small streams as a dumping ground for their sewage. Some of the smaller cities provide septic tanks through which all sewerage passes before entering the streams. This is not a violation of the state law. Those comprising the state board are Andrew C. Smith, C. J. Smith, E. A. Pierce, Alfred Kinney, W. B. Morse, E. B. Pickel and Calvin S. White.

**Found Family Dead.**  
Shipperville, Pa., Aug. 13.—Breaking open the doors of the home of Bert Dearolph, a planter living near Wentling corners, some neighbors today found the dead bodies of Dearolph, his wife and the latter's daughter, Irene.

**Has a Soft Soap.**  
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 13.—According to information given out by the sub-treasury here today, secret service men are on the trail of a young soldier, who deserted from the army after stealing a book of 100 blank army paymasters checks from the post at St. Michael's, Alaska.

It is estimated that the forger has netted at least \$20,000 by distributing the checks broadcast. Owing to the official appearance of the paper he had no difficulty in cashing the checks.

**Same Old Insanity Dodge.**  
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 13.—Following the noon adjournment of the case of Charles Bonner, the youthful slayer of Bernice Godair, who was pronounced sane by the alienists, six additional temporary jurors were passed today, making ten in all.

"Transitory mania," is the plea of the defense.

**Canal Open Next Year.**  
Washington, Aug. 13.—If excavation continues at the pace set during July, it is expected that water will be flowing within a year where the great steamshovels today are working on the Panama canal.

Reports published here today show that during July 2,633,537 cubic yards of rock and earth were taken out compared with 2,333,770 cubic yards in June.

### HE TRADED PATRONAGE FOR VOTES

THIS IS THE CHARGE MADE AGAINST PRESIDENT TAFT BY CONGRESSMAN FERGUSON OF NEW MEXICO IN SPEECH IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Opposing President Taft's appointment of Secundino Romero as federal marshal of New Mexico, Congressman Ferguson of New Mexico, today charged in the house that President Taft traded patronage for delegates to the recent Republican national convention at Chicago.

"President Taft twice rejected Romero for the marshalship," said Ferguson, "but after the Chicago convention he sent in Romero's name. Frederico Chavez, a Roosevelt delegate from New Mexico, supported Taft on every roll call at Chicago. Congressman Curry says that when he remonstrated with Chavez for repudiating Roosevelt, the latter replied: 'I must do it to get my cousin, Romero, appointed.'"

Congressman Curry denied making such a statement, though he believes Chavez supported Taft in order to help Romero.

**TAFT MANAGERS TO OPEN HEADQUARTERS IN CHICAGO**  
New York, Aug. 13.—Charles D. Hill, former secretary to President Taft and now chairman of the republican national committee, went to Chicago today to open western headquarters for the coming campaign.

Before his departure Hill appointed William Barnes, Jr., of New York to have active charge of a great part of the Taft campaign as chairman of the advisory committee. Other members of the committee appointed are: Senator Burton of Ohio, Austin Colgate of New Jersey, Thomas Devine of Colorado, Governor Goldsborough of Maryland, John Hays Hammond, Harry S. New and Joseph Keating of Indiana, George Sheldon, Adolph Lewis and Herbert Parsons of New York, Senator Lippitt of Rhode Island, David Mulvane of Kansas, John Wanamaker of Pennsylvania and Fred Upham of Illinois.

In their campaign arrangements the Taft managers took a leaf out of the "bull moose" book and appointed Miss Helen Boswell of New York and Miss Mabel Boardman of Philadelphia to take charge of the woman vote in the equal suffrage states.

**The Mase Got Them Both.**  
Ocean Park, Cal., Aug. 13.—An alleged pickpocket and a pursuing policeman lost themselves in the avenues of a "mirror maze" on the Midway here. Neither was able to escape. The proprietor rescued the cop and helped track the fugitive.

**Fools and Mules Work.**  
Portland, Or., Aug. 13.—"Only fools and mules work" was the life motto of C. P. Dench, according to the testimony in the divorce court of Mrs. Dench. She got the divorce.

**Pinned the Sheriff.**  
San Francisco, Aug. 13.—Dennis McFadden, deputy sheriff, driver of the prison van, is not exempt from the law. Dennis was "pinned" with a van load of prisoners for violating the traffic ordinance and hauled to jail.

**To Save the Free Lunch.**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—Thousands of signatures have been secured to a petition demanding a referendum vote on a city ordinance banishing free lunch in saloons, according to sponsors of the petition today. Scores of solicitors are working daily and it is believed that the number of signatures required to force the issue before the voters will be secured. The petition is being opposed by many temperance organizations.

### TERRIBLE CONDITION IN TURKEY

Three Thousand Are Dead as the Result of the Quake and 50,000 Are Wandering Homeless and Starving.

QUAKE OPENS NEW CRATER

Messages Received This Evening Say Many Persons Were Caught Under Tumbling Walls, Who Are Still Alive But Slowly Starving to Death—Unless Outside Aid Is Secured Thousands, It Is Feared, Will Die of Exposure.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Berlin, Aug. 13.—Three thousand persons are known to have been killed in the earthquake which rocked southeastern Turkey, according to a message just received here by the Tageblatt, from their correspondent at Constantinople.

More than 50,000 persons are homeless and starving. An active crater is also reported to have appeared on the Asiatic side of the Sea of Marmora.

Later dispatches received here indicate that conditions are much worse in the disturbed region of Turkey than the earlier advices stated. Supplementary messages received tonight say that many persons caught under the tottering walls are still alive but slowly starving to death.

The Turkish government is said to be doing its utmost for the relief of the sufferers, but officials admit their inability to cope with the situation.

Unless outside aid is extended at once, it is feared thousands will perish from exposure and lack of food.

**NOT RUNNING YET.**  
JUST GOES WALKING  
Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Colonel Roosevelt and his son, Archie started today on a walking expedition.

A gunmaker here wished to present Colonel Roosevelt this morning with a costly handmade shotgun of Krupp steel with a Circassian walnut stock. The Colonel fondled the weapon for a few minutes and then reluctantly declined the offer.

**WILLAMETTE POWER COMPANY WANTS NEW TRIAL**  
The Willamette Power Co., through its attorney, John H. McNary, has filed in the clerk's office a motion for new trial in the case recently tried in which the above company was plaintiff and the Hammond Lumber Co. was defendant. This was a case for the condemnation of certain land along the Breitenbush creek for the uses and purposes of constructing and maintaining a dam and power site by the plaintiff company. The jury awarded \$200,000 to the defendant, which the motion for new trial contends is excessive. Exception is taken to the instructions given the jury by the trial judge in that he did not instruct them to take into account the benefits derived by the construction of the dam and to deduct the benefits derived from the damages sustained and make the award of the balance, if any.

**Alice Loses Out.**  
Portland, Ore., Aug. 13.—Mrs. Alice

## STATE WOOL AND MOHAIR GROWERS BRING ACTION AGAINST RAILROADS

**CLASSIFICATIONS WRONG AND CHARGES EXCESSIVE IS BASIS OF COMPLAINT**

General Charge is That the Railroads Consider These Two Oregon Products as Their Legitimate Prey, and All Fix Arbitrary, Unjust and Excessive Rates Upon Them, Make no Joint Ratings or Routings, and That Freight Charges Are Based on Ability of Goods to Stand the High Charges.

**GOVERNOR IS CRUEL TO ALICE**

UNMOVED BY BEAUTY AND UNAFECTED BY PATHETIC STORY OF HER CARE OF HER INVALID MOTHER, GOVERNOR SAYS SHE MUST PAY THE FIDDLER.

Waiving the point raised by her attorney as to whether the complaint under California laws stated a crime, and waiving the question of whether she was a good or a bad woman, Governor West yesterday afternoon honored a requisition issued upon him for the return to San Francisco of Alice Brown, alias Mrs. Geo. Montrose, and a half a dozen other aliases.

Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Montrose, or whatever alias may be chosen, is charged with stealing \$3900 from a wealthy retired farmer of Illinois at Long Beach, California. It was the contention upon the part of her attorney that she was given the money, and that the complaint said so and that because of this the requisition should not be honored. The contention of the state officers was that she had been given the money to purchase a lodging house, and that failing to carry out this agreement and by appropriation of the money instead, she was guilty of larceny.

Numerous letters were also introduced to show that her character was not good, but Governor West waived that point.

In giving the governor a glimpse of her life she said she was 24 years of age. Her home was in Missouri, she said, and she came to Long Beach with her folks. She married a newspaperman and lived for awhile at San Francisco, but he deserted her and then she returned to Long Beach.

While caring for her invalid mother there she met David Nappin, the aged but wealthy Illinois farmer. He fell in love with her and gave her money which she accepted. She traveled as far as Denver with him, they separating there, he going to his home in Illinois and she to Kansas City. He met her there, and together with some cousins of hers they went to Denver, where they had a royal time. Then she came back to Long Beach and he also. He gave her enough money to buy a house, she declared, and the portion she is charged with stealing in the complaint, she said was part of it. The gift was outright, she said. She declared that he desired her to marry him and that because she declined, he became incensed and instituted criminal proceedings against her.

Designating every railroad in the state as defendant and alleging that the rates charged by them for the transportation of mohair and wool are unreasonable and discriminatory and also that the classification is the same as the National Wool Growers' association and the Oregon Wool Growers' association today filed a complaint against them with the state railroad commission.

In their first charge they briefly allege that the railroad have violated their duties and obligations as common carriers by charging unreasonable and discriminatory rates, and that it is against the laws of the state.

In making the second charge—that is as to the classification, they become specific, citing many instances. They charge that the railroads have classified mohair as first class in any quantity; that they have classified wool in grease in sacks as second class in any quantity; that they have classified wool in grease compressed in bales as third class in any quantity; that they have classified scoured

Brown, the pretty young San Francisco woman, alleged to have swindled David Nappin, an Illinois farmer, out of \$17,000, today lost her hard fight to prevent extradition to California to stand trial in San Francisco on charge of grand larceny. Judge McGinn dismissed habeas corpus proceedings instituted in her behalf following the action of Governor West in granting extradition.

Before the matter was brought up in court, Judge McGinn stated that as the governor had granted extradition in Mrs. Brown's case he did not think it was within his power to grant her liberty on a writ of habeas corpus. Accordingly Attorney Manning for Mrs. Brown moved today for a dismissal of the habeas corpus proceedings.

Mrs. Brown will be taken to San Francisco late this afternoon on the Shasta Limited in the custody of Detectives Vaughn and Dolan.

**TWO-STORY BRICK TO BE BUILT ON EAST STATE STREET**

The contract has been let to S. A. Hughes for the construction of a two-story and basement brick building, to be erected on the south side of State, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets. It will have a concrete basement and the front will be of light-colored pressed brick. The building is to be erected by Lebold Bros., who will put a store in it.

The building will cost in the vicinity of \$7500, and is a good evidence of the progressive spirit of these wide-awake merchants and a credit to that part of the city, which is becoming quite a business center.

**The Coal Conspirators.**  
Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 13.—Attacking the sufficiency of the indictments, ex-Senator S. H. Piles put in all of yesterday afternoon and is taking the afternoon today again trying to free Charles Houston of Seattle and John H. Bullock of Portland from the indictment alleging conspiracy to defraud the government by collusive coal bids on Alaska coal.

D. R. Townsend for the government resisted the attempt to free the men by legal hair splitting, speaking all morning.

If Judge Cushman upholds the indictment the case will be set for September 17.

**Kalahan for Receiver.**  
Washington, Aug. 13.—President Taft today sent to the senate the nomination of Christopher Kalahan to be receiver of public moneys at Vancouver, Washington.

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for wool in grease and mohair in sacks ought not to exceed fourth class in sacks or bales in carloads with a minimum of 24,000 pounds, and ought not to exceed first class in sacks or bales in carloads with a minimum of 32,000 pounds. That wool in grease and mohair in sacks or bales should be third class in less than carloads, and scoured wool in sacks or bales in less than carloads first class, and in carloads third class.

Further it is alleged that between certain points upon the lines of defendants and certain other points upon the lines of other defendants no joint routes or joint rates for the movement of wool have been published and unjust and unreasonable rates from junction points on the through route have been exacted.

### WILL LIMIT THE SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION

That Governor West intends to keep the hearing to be given those who mutilated in the second battalion during the Oregon National guards maneuvers within defined bounds, was made evident today when he issued a statement outlining the questions which will come up, and declaring that if any other matters are to be considered they must be reduced to writing.

The first question to come up, according to the statement, is whether a command was issued directing the battalion to march from Gates to Oakville.

Second, if in the event that such a command was given, whether it was obeyed.

Third, whether any of the men of the battalion were guilty of conduct unbecoming to them as soldiers.

Should any of the men involved desire to bring up any other questions, they must reduce them to writing. The hearing will be held August 20.

The governor also has called attention to the fact that his order disbanded the battalion affects only the men who mutilated and does not affect, as many have supposed, the whole battalion.

**WEST STAYTON LAND CO. DOUBLES ITS CAPITAL**  
West Stayton, Or., Aug. 12.—At a general meeting of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company, held at its main office in Portland, it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00, as the first unit of the project has in the short space of eighteen months proven such a success that the company has decided to increase its development work more rapidly.

**Most Just Judge!**  
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Portland, Or., Aug. 13.—"He's had enough," remarked Judge Tarwell to Bertha Brewer as he released George Ferguson whom she charged with battery. The complainant tore the shirt from Ferguson's back and caressed his face with a skillet.

The S. P. has commenced construction work at North Bend, and will put a bridge across Coos bay from Sand Point to the mouth of Pony inlet.