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WHERE IS WELLMAN?

Balloon Party Is Supposed To Be Speeding To Europe.

NEW YORK, October 17.—Wireless stations along the coast heard from up to 9:25 a. m. had nothing to report of Walter Wellman's dirigible balloon America in its attempted flight across the Atlantic.

Shortly after noon yesterday the America passed out of wireless touch at the Marconi station at Siasconset, Mass., and since then no word has come from Wellman, who, in the absence of other information, is assumed to be continuing his northeastward flight along the Atlantic steamer lane, with the British Isles as his destination.

"The outlook is not so favorable, but we are keeping up the fight," was one of the messages sent by Wellman and picked up by wireless yesterday. The message was sent while the America's operator was in communication with the Siasconset station.

Negro Peonage In Alabama.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Believing that hundreds of southern negroes are being deprived of their liberty by big planters under forms of law, the federal government this week will ask the supreme court of the United States to declare unconstitutional the so-called Alabama "labor contract" law. The treatment of negro farm hands under this law is interpreted by the department of justice as a reduction of those laborers to a state of peonage. Compulsory service in satisfaction of debt is taken by Attorney General Wickersham as the object to be accomplished by the legislation. The state of Alabama will appear in court to defend its enactment.

Fast Airship Flight.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Another chapter was added to the history of aviation today when the French dirigible balloon Clement-Bayard made the voyage from Compiègne to London in the remarkable time of six hours, a journey requiring seven hours by the fastest express trains and boats. Compiègne is 45 miles northeast of Paris and about 155 miles by air route to London. It was the first occasion on which a dirigible balloon had crossed the English channel. The over-water journey required 45 minutes.

Criminal Roundup At Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 16.—A series of crimes, the like of which has never been known in Salt Lake, prompted Gov. William Spry of Utah today to send a letter to the sheriff, chief of police, county commissioners and others in authority asking them to combine their efforts to give the town a clean-up and drive out the criminal element. Immediately afterward Sheriff Sharp asked and received permission from the county commissioners to employ 50 deputy sheriffs for the purpose. The new officers will go to work tomorrow morning and a general roundup of vagrants and suspicious characters is being planned.

The governor's communication followed numerous protests sent to him by residents of Salt Lake City.

Sheepmen's Annual Convention.

CHEYENNE, Oct. 17.—The forty-seventh annual convention of the National Woolgrowers' association will be held at Portland, January 4 to 11, 1911. President Gooding and Secretary Walker returned yesterday from the coast, for the meeting, as well as the midwinter sheep show which will be held in connection with the convention. Various subjects of pertinent interest will be discussed by the sheepmen, including those of range conditions, tariff, feeding, breeding and forest reserves.

Tacoma People Are Indignant.

TACOMA, Oct. 16.—Protests against Census Director Durand's allowance of 82,972 as the population of Tacoma and demands for a recount will be wired to Washington tomorrow by the chamber of commerce and the commercial club.

A direct appeal to Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel or President Taft is being urged by many civic bodies.

General indignation was expressed against Special Agent McKenzie because of the hurried manner in which the recount check was made and the smaller number of men employed to do the work. Numerous claims of injustice are made.

Foolish Trick With Explosive.

MILES CITY, Oct. 17.—An accident happened yesterday afternoon to Waldo Northcup, son of Ed. Northcup, in which the boy lost his left eye and about half of his nose, which were

cut out by flying fragments of a kerosene can.

Waldo had been told by some of his playmates about their putting calcium carbide in cans, putting water on the carbide to cause it to generate acetylene gas and then applying matches to cause an explosion. The other boys in their operations, however, had thrown matches at the can from a distance and had thus escaped disfigurement or death. Waldo, it seems, stood close to the can when he applied the ignition. The can was blown to atoms and the youngster was injured in the painful manner stated.

Death of Senator Dolliver.

FORT DODGE, Iowa, Oct. 15.—Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver died at his residence here tonight, while his attending physician, Dr. E. M. Van Patten, was examining his heart with a stethoscope. His death followed an acute attack of stomach trouble, which affected his heart. His physician announced tonight that his death was directly due to dilation of the heart.

In 1888 Mr. Dolliver was elected to congress from the Tenth Iowa district and was renominated six times by acclamation. In August, 1900, he was appointed to the upper house upon the death of Senator John H. Gear, and was elected by the next legislature to fill the unexpired term. He was re-elected in 1902 and 1908.

BIG CENSUS FRAUDS.

Federal Authorities Discover Crooked Work By Enumerators.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Staggered by the enormous returns shown by the new census by a number of western cities, Director Durand of the census bureau ordered an investigation, the result of which appeared in the announcement tonight that gross frauds had been perpetrated.

Mr. Durand gave out also a letter from President Taft directing that persons implicated in the alleged frauds be prosecuted.

Cities specifically mentioned as being affected by the frauds are Tacoma, Seattle and Aberdeen, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Boise, Idaho, and Fort Smith, Ark., but it is said that there are many others.

The result of a second enumeration of Tacoma was announced tonight. The city shows a population of 82,972, an increase of 45,258, or 120 per cent over the population of 1900. The first figures turned in for Tacoma were 116,243.

In other words, the actual population was padded to the extent of 33,296, which would have meant a further addition of 40 per cent.

The director declares that more or less extensive attempts at "padding" the census have been discovered in other cities mentioned and he adds that investigations are in progress with reference to a number of still other cities. In many instances, he states, this "padding" consisted in the repeated visits by the enumerator to hotels, boarding and lodging houses. In this manner people who came to the city during the census taking, perhaps merely for a stay of a few days, were added to the enumeration as residents. Many names were assigned to vacant lots.

Immense Water Power Resources.

SEATTLE, Oct. 13.—The states of Oregon and Washington contain one-third of the available water power energy in the United States and between six and seven million horsepower can be generated in the two states, according to Fred F. Henshaw, hydrographer of the United States geological survey, who has been measuring the flow of Pacific northwest rivers during the last two years. Two years more will be required to complete the survey of the state of Washington, but the result will be known December 1.

Hinsdale Homestead: Charles Ashford reports that he has lost about forty head of horses and colts during the summer and fall from being killed by the grey wolves. There is a large pack of the wolves ranging on the bench south and west of Hinsdale.

THE WAR IS OVER.



Minor in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

BIG CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Federal Officers Seize Contents of Swell Art Store.

NEW YORK, October 14.—The entire Fifth avenue establishment of the four Duveen Brothers, known the world over as dealers in rare art objects and antiques, was seized by federal officers yesterday and B. J. Duveen, one of the firm, was placed under arrest charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of customs duties.

Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney, in asking for extraordinarily heavy bail, \$100,000, said he had evidence that the frauds would reach more than \$1,000,000 and that all four brothers and an uncle who make up the firm were implicated. Bail was finally fixed at \$50,000, which was given and Duveen was released.

A search for undervalued articles began and more than a van load of "suspicious goods" was found. It was decided to place the entire establishment under surveillance and leave the customs inspectors in charge for the night. Duveen was granted permission to send a wireless message to his brother, H. J. Duveen, then aboard the Lusitania.

When the prisoner was taken before United States Commissioner Shields, District Attorney Wise said the case was the most important the government has had to deal with thus far in connection with importing frauds. He said that information was recently placed in his possession tending to show that the Duveens for years had been defrauding the government out of customs duties on imported works of art and antique furniture by means of consular invoices.

Will Raise The Maine.

BEVERLY, Mass., Oct. 13.—President Taft finally approved today plans for raising the wreck of the battleship Maine, which call for the completion of the work on or before the thirtieth anniversary of the destruction of the war vessel, Feb. 15, next. The work is to be done according to plans made by army engineers and to be under direction of an engineer officer.

President Taft believes that the paramount question is the determining for all time the cause of the explosion. He has invited Spain to send a representative to be present during the work of exposing and removing the wreck.

If congress approve the recommendation of the engineers, the wreck will be taken out to sea and given a ceremonial burial in deep water, there to remain until the end of time. Various plans have been suggested of exhibiting the wreck and preserving it, but none of these find favor with the authorities at Washington.

Billings Bank Is Closed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The First National bank of Billings will be closed permanently. This much was decided by the comptroller of the currency today and a permanent receiver will be named within a few days.

The plans for the reorganization of the institution proposed by the stockholders have utterly failed and the definite announcement came from the comptroller that the affairs of the

bank would be wound up. The liquidation of its assets will commence as soon as a receiver is appointed.

Hearing On Cattle Rates.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 14.—Judge Sanborn, Vandewater and Adams of the United States circuit court are today hearing the cattle rate case. This action is participated in by nearly all of the western railroads except the Great Northern and Northern Pacific in an attempt to set aside an order issued by the Interstate Commerce commission about two years ago making sweeping reductions in the cattle carrying rates from all points west of St. Louis.

The order is in effect now and governs schedules in about 6,000 hauling rates from the west.

Alaskan Coal Land Frauds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—After months of secret effort and patient waiting, officials of the general land office were able to announce today the indictment of a number of claimants to valuable land in Alaska. The value of coal lands, which it is alleged the claimants conspired to obtain fraudulent possession of is placed by the government at \$100,000,000.

The entries involved number 154 and cover almost 17,000 acres of land, all of which lies in the Bering Strait district, in which the Cunningham claims are located. They are what are known as the English, or Stracey and the Christopher Simmonds groups, the former containing eighty and the latter 74 claims of 160 acres each. The deposits covered by these claims are believed to be as rich as those of the Cunningham mines, which cut a conspicuous figure in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

The charge against the indicted men is that the entries were made in the names of "dummies." Most of the entrymen were residents of the state of Washington and their claims are said to have been located with an agreement that the claims should be assigned or deeded to third parties as soon as persons willing to become interested could be found by the locator. There is said to have been a further understanding that the locator should receive a large percentage of the sales prices.

A Peculiar Court Decision.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—Fred Warner, former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, charged with accepting a bribe in connection with the passage of a bill permitting the establishment of a garage, was acquitted in Judge Hitchcock's court today in his third trial. At his first trial Warner was convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. This sentence was set aside by the supreme court, which held that the indictment was defective because the definite article "the" was omitted in the phrase "state of Missouri." At the second trial the jury disagreed.

GLENDIVE, October 15.—The record yield of flax so far reported is fifteen bushels per acre. Dan Livingston, engaged in dry farming about five miles below the headgate dam, says he had fifteen acres in golden flax that went fifteen bushels per acre under dry farming cultivation. Mr. Livingston sold at \$3 per bushel.

PASSES ARE ILLEGAL.

Decision of Supreme Court Interprets Constitutional Provision.

HELENA, Oct. 11.—By a majority opinion the supreme court of Montana liberally construed the state constitution today and holds that organic act makes illegal and void the classification of public office holding and non-public office holding persons or of free passholding and non-free passholding persons; that it prohibits the giving of passes; and that the classification which shall be made by either the legislature or the railroads themselves, must be reasonable and not arbitrary. This opinion was signed by Chief Justice Theodore Brantley and Justice Henry C. Smith. Justice Holloway dissents, and in a minority opinion declares there is no legislation in this state on the subject of passes, and that their issuance is not prohibited by the constitution.

This ruling, which means the abolishment of passes in Montana, was rendered in the case of Terry A. John against the Northern Pacific Railroad company an action begun and tried in Butte, in which the plaintiff was awarded damages in the sum of \$25,000 for personal injuries sustained while he was a passenger riding on a free pass over the lines of the defendant company. The court holds that "the giving of pass being prohibited by law, it, including the exemption contract on the back thereof, was a nullity." But the supreme court places its decision on higher grounds; that "the duty which a carrier owes to its passengers is founded, not in contractual relation, but in public policy. John was in a situation, created not by himself, but by the law."

It is said that today's decision means the abolishment of passes to all persons save railroad employes, although if the legislature or the railroads themselves see fit, a different classification can be put into effect.

Roosevelt Opens Campaign.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 11.—Theodore Roosevelt denounced the democratic party in New York as an unholy alliance between Wall street and Tammany Hall in a speech here tonight and attacked the democratic party in Missouri by calling it the party "that represents the special interests and special privileges."

Colonel Roosevelt also defended the present position of the republican party in regard to the tariff. He did not discuss the Payne Aldrich tariff law, saying that he wished the people to look forward and not backward. He said the party was united on the doctrine that the tariff shall be such as to equalize the cost of production here and abroad and that it should be regulated by a commission.

He said that under the present system it was impossible to obtain satisfactory results, and added that when the commission system was established there should be governmental supervision to determine whether the workmen were getting the benefit they were supposed to have from the tariff.

Relief For Homeless Settlers.

RAINY RIVER, Oct. 12.—St. Paul business men have decided to ask Governor Eberhart to appeal for a \$100,000 relief fund for the forest fire sufferers. The cars containing tents and other necessities from Winnipeg were distributed last night. Doctors and nurses were returned home today, their services not being required.

Searching party No. 1 from Rapid River, Minn., returned with 17 settlers in pitiable condition, but all able to walk. Searching party No. 2 is north of Red Lake, where several families are said to be lost. Searching party No. 3 is along Rainy river and in the Silver Creek district. No reports have been received from the latter two parties.

Crazy Man From Great Falls.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 12.—A middle aged man believed to be William Booth, was taken off a northbound train here today and placed in jail because of complaint of the trainmen that he had made repeated attempts to jump from the car window. He was traveling from Sacramento to Portland. In his pockets was found \$300 worth of travelers' drafts issued by the First National bank of Great Falls, Montana. A long manuscript describing the different holds in wrestling was found in his pockets, and it is thought the derangement of his mind is due to this subject, as he proudly told one of the officers that he knew no less than 175 different holds.

Observed Columbus Day.

WASHINGTON, October 12.—Fifteen states have passed the Columbus day bills fathered by the Knights of Co-

lumbus, and in all the cities of these states the anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus is being observed as a holiday.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Thousands of Italians and other members of Catholic orders joined today in a great Columbus day parade. The feature of the day was the exercises of the Brownson memorial national committee, formed to erect a monument to the memory of Dr. Orceutes A. Brownson, called the most distinguished layman and profoundest scholar of the American Catholic church.

Want Higher Freight Rates.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Interest in the hearing conducted by the Interstate Commerce commission concerning the proposed advance in freight rates by the railroad lines east of Chicago showed no diminution today. The statements in support of the increase in rates made yesterday by President James McCree of the Pennsylvania system brought favorable comment from other railroad officials.

Mr. McCree urged the necessity of the proposed increase on account of the increased expenses in wages incurred by the roads during the last 10 years, aggregating 33 per cent in the case of the Pennsylvania, and the increased cost of maintenance of service. At the opening of the hearing Francis I. Goaten, general counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad, said the expenses of the eastern lines through increased wages and the cost of supplies recently had been increased approximately \$34,000,000 a year.

ROOSEVELT STUMPS INDIANA

Former President Urges Re-Election of Senator Beveridge.

VEEDERSBURG, Ind., Oct. 13.—Theodore Roosevelt opened his one day campaign in Indiana for Senator Beveridge today with an emphatic endorsement of him as a man who stands for what is good in American public life. He spoke at Covington and made his second address in Indiana at Veedersburg.

"If you defeat Senator Beveridge, you defeat a man who stands for what is decent in our government," said Colonel Roosevelt, pointing to the senator who stood beside him on the platform.

"You people of Indiana gave your share of me to help preserve the union," Col. Roosevelt went on. "Indiana is now engaged in a struggle that emphatically is a moral struggle. It is a struggle for the principles of righteousness."

Colonel Roosevelt also endorsed Senator Beveridge's stand in favor of a tariff commission.

"I like a game fighter for the right," said Colonel Roosevelt in his speech at Veedersburg. "That is why I am here to speak for Senator Beveridge. If you really believe a public man ought to fight for the right, you will send Beveridge back to the United States senate. If Indiana votes against Beveridge you will be understood as punishing a man who sought to bring the party abreast of the progressive sentiment of his state."

Women Were Burglars.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Four well-to-do Chicago women were arrested here yesterday in connection with a series of burglaries at homes of farmers about Crown Point, Ind. The women were taken to Crown Point late in the day and were arraigned before Nicholson in his parlor at 10 o'clock last night. Each pleaded guilty and was fined \$20. The fines were paid and the four women given their liberty.

The formal charge against the Chicago women were trespassing on the property of Charles Bailey. The farm owners refused to make any charges of larceny.

According to Sheriff Grant of Crown Point, the women have made several trips into the Crown Point neighborhood during the last three weeks in an automobile. Approaching a farm house, sheriff said, the women would tell the farmers and their wives that they were motoring to witness the flight of an aviator in the vicinity. Almost invariably the whole household would immediately set off to see the landing of the mythical man bird. The sheriff declared that various larders would be robbed of butter, eggs, cold meats and in some cases of the dishes.

LIBBY, Oct. 12.—Hundreds of deer are being killed by hunters in Lincoln county, the slaughter having started at the opening of the season on Oct. 1. The deer seem to be unusually plentiful this year, largely due, no doubt, to the forest fires of the past summer, which burned over thousands of acres, driving the deer from their usual haunts.