

THRILLING FALL IN A BALLOON DROPPED 8,000 FEET IN SEVEN MINUTES



CAPT. MUELLER GAVE ME THE SIGNAL TO JUMP FOR THE ROPES.

Newspaper Man, in Car of Famous "United States" on Her Last Sky Voyage, Tells Story of Terrific Descent, Due to Failure of Poor Gas.

(Editor's Note—W. G. Shepherd, who wrote the following thrilling story exclusively for this newspaper of his thrilling voyage in the famous balloon United States...)

WARSHIPS MAY BE ORDERED TO FIRE

Bombardment of Venezuelan Towns in Prospect by the German Fighters.

(By United Press.) AMSTERDAM, July 27.—In retaliation for the summary expulsion of Minister De Rues, it is officially announced today that all Dutch warships in Amsterdam waters have been ordered to make a demonstration against Venezuela.

WEAVER WILL SUPPORT BRYAN

(By United Press.) DES MOINES, Ia., July 27.—Gen. James B. Weaver, populist candidate for president in 1892, greeted William J. Bryan when the Commoner arrived here today on his way back to Lincoln from Chicago.

JUDGE GROSSCUP REAL HUFFY

DENIES THAT HE IS TO DINE WITH ROCKEFELLER'S SON-IN-LAW IN PITTSBURG.

TAFT READY FOR BIG DOINGS

(By United Press.) CINCINNATI, O., July 27.—Judge Taft spent this morning in conference with the arrangements committee for the inauguration of the new federal court building here.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO OPEN GRILL

On next Wednesday, between the hours of 11:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., the Seattle Commercial club will formally open to the public its new grill and buffet, at First av. and Columbia st.

FORT WORDEN WINS

Yesterday afternoon the Pacific Meat company baseball team went to Pleasant Beach and was defeated by the team from Fort Worden by the score of 3 to 1.

WARD CLUB TO MEET

A meeting of the Fourteenth Ward Republican club will be held this evening at Madrona hall, West Seattle.

FALL AT TERRIFIC SPEED

It was after this last leap into the air, 8,000 feet high and about 10 miles long, that brought us our hair-raising experience. Then it was

WEATHER FORECAST: FAIR TONIGHT AND TUESDAY; GENTLE SOUTH TO WEST BREEZE.

THE SEATTLE STAR

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ACCIDENT PREVENTS THE GREATEST ROBBERY IN HISTORY OF THE COAST

ATTORNEY DIES IN MESSAGE PARLORS

Circumstances Call for a Most Rigid Investigation.

(By United Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Chemical analysis is being made today of the contents of the stomach of Wm. Hale, a well known attorney of this city, who died under extraordinary circumstances at the massage establishment conducted by Mme. Nina Williams on Van Ness ave.

Hale visited the massage parlors about noon Sunday, and his death occurred at 12:30. The coroner was not notified until three hours later. An autopsy resulted in the announcement that he died of valvular heart trouble. But the police have decided that the most exacting investigation is necessary.

UMATILLA HERE FROM NOME

Eight days and five hours from Nome, the steamer Umatilla, Capt. Hanna, arrived at 9 this morning.

BALLARD MAN DIES

Joshua J. Trickey, 68 years old, died this morning, at the family residence, 5237 Tallman av. He is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter in Ballard, and another daughter in the east.

THUG WEARS WHITE MASK

(By United Press.) CHICAGO, July 27.—Frank H. Hitchcock left at 1 o'clock this afternoon for Cincinnati to be present tomorrow at the notification of Taft play all the way through the women's events, winning all her matches to qualify for the final event with her sister.

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ANOTHER "GREATEST SHOW"



INDEPENDENT PARTY WILL MEET IN CONVENTION

THOMAS HISGEN SLATED TO HEAD TICKET—HEARST SAYS NO FUSION WITH DEMOCRATS.

(By United Press.) CHICAGO, July 27.—At conferees held today by the leaders of the independence party, the national convention of which opens here tonight, it was practically decided that Thomas L. Hisgen, of Massachusetts, will be the candidate for the presidency, and that a southerner not yet chosen will be nominated for vice president.

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BANK CLEARINGS

Table with 2 columns: City, Clearings today, Balances. Includes Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland.

KING OPENS THE PEACE CONGRESS

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CHIEF WARD'S THEORIES

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WORK OF EXPERTS

The job was planned and executed in a daring and workmanlike manner that stamps the robbers as professional cracksmen of long experience.

GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS

(By United Press.) GENEVA, Switzerland, July 27.—The two weeks' session of the international geographical congress began here today, with almost every important nation represented.

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Chance Visit Saves Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars to Patrons of Local Safety Deposit Vaults.

Seattle suffered from a carnival of burglary Saturday and Sunday nights, plainly indicating that the police department is unable to identify and round up the criminal element of the population.

But for the merest accident, trained safe blowers would have been able to perpetrate the biggest robbery in the history of the Pacific coast last night, and a long list of burglaries, committed Saturday and Sunday nights, which have not been followed by arrests, completes the proof that the police have no knowledge or control of the criminal population.

The fresh outbreak of burglary indicates that Seattle has become the target of newly arrived criminals who have come unheralded from other cities, and are likely to operate unhampered unless chance leads to their detection and capture.

After gaining entrance to the inside corridors of the Seattle Safe Deposit Co., at 701 First av., and placing a heavy charge of nitroglycerine in the door leading to the inner vault where money and valuables to the value of more than \$1,000,000 are stored, burglars were prevented from making one of the richest hauls in the history of crime only by the accidental attempt of Manager A. J. Elwell to enter the vaults at 8 o'clock last night.

He entered the building through the front door and unlocked the door to the corridor leading to the safety deposit vaults. He could not open the door, however, as it was braced shut with heavy timbers.

At once surmising that burglars were inside, he ran out onto First av. and around to Yesler way, where he notified Patrolmen F. W. Blacker and Frank Keefe. With drawn revolvers, they ran to the rear entrance to the safe deposit vaults at Post st. and entered the building. A thorough search was made, but the burglars had fled.

Surprised at the job. The thieves were evidently surprised in the middle of their job, for in their haste to flee they left all their tools and a suit case containing silverware valued at \$750.

The police found empty jewel cases, sealink wraps, furs, pieces of silk, insurance papers and deeds covering the floor of the corridors. The thieves had rifled several trunks and cases in the outer vaults in a search for loot.

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Manager Elwell took his keys and at once went to the building, while Mr. Bastheim telephoned an expressman to call at the rear door. If the expressman had been there when the burglars were alarmed, some shooting might have resulted.

Chief Ward's Theories. Chief of Police Ward believes the burglars were professionals who followed Mr. Bastheim here from Portland. They knew he had trunks containing valuable jewels and then made their plans to rifle the safe deposit vaults.

Work of Experts. The amount of the burglars' haul is unknown. They got \$400 in cash which was in cash drawer outside the vault. Of this amount \$200 belonged to the Rainier Laundry Co. It is probable that the burglars got away with jewelry valued at several thousand dollars.

When the police entered the corridor leading to the vault they found about 30 broken and empty jewel cases on the floor. People do not put empty jewel cases in safety deposit vaults. These cases contained jewels, but the actual loss will not be known until the owners call to claim their goods. The loss may total several thousand dollars.