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EDWARD H. HARRIMAN DIED AT 3:35 THIS AFTERNOON

THOUSANDS DIE IN BIG FLOOD

Priests Arrive at Monterey With Stories of Terrible Loss Inflicted by Storm.

TOWN OF 2000 ENTIRELY DESTROYED

Where There Were Rich Farms There Is Now Nothing But Water—Bustament and La Escandia Added to List of Destroyed.

Monterey, Mexico, Sept. 9.—A number of village priests after making journeys over miles of devastated country have arrived here today bringing the first news of the destruction wrought by the recent floods in the outlying districts. Their stories indicate that the havoc is more widespread than was at first believed.

The priest of Arrambel informed Archbishop Lanaras that Arrambel was destroyed and that his people are wandering over the country in search of food. The destruction of the roads has made it impossible to send in supplies.

The story brought in by the priest of La Ascension is that this town and its population of 2000 have entirely disappeared. He does not know where the people are.

"Not a stone was left upon a stone in La Ascension," the priest said. "Where once there were rich farms there is nothing now but water."

Another priest from Allende says that place also has disappeared with large loss of life and that the fields have been converted into lakes. The priests were more than a week in making their way into Monterey. Aid is urgently needed in these outlying districts, particularly as the authorities are busy with Monterey and vicinity.

Bustament and La Escandia have been added to the list of destroyed villages.

HUSBAND SHOT WIFE WHO ASKED FOR DIVORCE

Hanford, Calif., Sept. 9.—Mrs. James L. Crye is probably fatally wounded and her husband dead, as a result of the woman's filing suit for divorce yesterday. Crye, who is a wealthy farmer, when he discovered his wife was suing, returned home, shot her in the arm and abdomen. He thought he killed her and then suicided.

BAD TRAIN WRECK NEAR SALT LAKE

Salt Lake, Sept. 9.—Several were fatally injured, among them the crews of both engines, while eight passengers were hurt at Boulder Summit, near here early this morning when the Los Angeles limited crashed into a local passenger train. It is believed the train crewer will die. A special train bearing physicians, nurses and a wrecking outfit are enroute.

JAPANESE PREPARE TO FIGHT IN AIR

Tokio, Sept. 9.—The navy department has announced it has approved two airships invented by Naval Engineer Narahara for use in the war. The government has been working to perfect the machines and all foreign makes are closely watched. No records of tests are given out, but it is known the government is satisfied. One of the ships has air bags and the other dirigible construction; the other an aeroplane.

PEARY'S GREAT EXPEDITION

Made Phenominal Speed Across Ice of the Frozen Polar Region.

STORY IS PLAIN BUT INTERESTING

Expedition Wintered at Cape Sheridan—Sledge Expedition to Cape Columbia in February, 1909—Passed all Other Records Left by Arctic Explorers—Had Good Fortune.

(By Anthony Flala, Brooklyn member Baldwin polar expedition 1901-2 and commander of the Baldwin-Zeetler expedition 1903, four five. Written exclusively for United Press. Copyrighted nineteen nine by United Press Association.)

New York, Sept. 9.—Commander Peary's preliminary story first brings news of his success in reaching Cape Sheridan, Grantland, September 1, 1909. Here the expedition wintered. The "Roosevelt" was given the advantage of high northern base. He then tells of sledge expeditions February 15th, 1909 with direction of Cape Columbia. From Columbia he makes a wonderful journey north. From there on, although the story is a simple statement of dates it is very interesting and tells of passing the records of all other explorers. Peary speaks much of open water but doesn't tell methods of passing these leads. Peary tells a wonderful story of travel over the polar ice. To accomplish this must have made 25 miles daily, this is only possible over smooth ice. The story simply takes my breath away. On the return trip speed seems simply more wonderful.

Peary left the pole April 7 and reached Cape Columbia April 23, 490 miles as the crow flies. When one considers the moving and shifting of ice curves and the necessary trouble he had to undergo to avoid obstacles the distance is considerably increased. In the sixteen days' trip from the pole to Columbia he must have averaged over 31 miles daily with open leads and other obstacles. He must have been obliged to make the phenomenal speed of 40 miles on many days. I don't believe Peary encountered very rough ice. The open leads were very probably simply fissures caused by tidal action. It appears from the account of Peary and also from that of Dr. Cook that the new land to the west is grounded on floes, while shoal water to the east with land on the south forms a triangle which makes the ice at the pole immovable.

Cook is Generous. Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—Cook today declared the great speed made by Peary is not incredible. He points to it as showing his own story is true. He refused to discuss Peary's trip until all scientific data is presented. He leaves for Brussels this afternoon.

MARKET PLACE PROVIDED.

Oregon City Business Men Organize Commission Company.

Oregon City, Ore., Sept. 9.—After a vain struggle of more than 10 years to secure a commission house for Oregon City, the desired end has at last been accomplished, and there was organized tonight the Oregon City Commission Company.

Some of the best known business and professional men in the city are identified with the project, the stockholders being Dr. A. L. Beattie, R. B. Beattie, Dr. E. A. Sommer, Judge Thomas F. Ryan.

DEATH RESULTS FROM PICKING A PIMPLE

Tacoma, Sept. 9.—As a result of picking a pimple on her face, Ellen P. Larson, 19 years old, a beautiful and accomplished young woman, died of blood poisoning at the home of her parents, 838 South Sprague street, last night.

Two weeks ago an infection set in following the appearance of a small pimple which Miss Larson opened with her hands. Her condition grew steadily worse and a physician was summoned. He found the poisoning so far advanced that he could do nothing to check its progress.

Miss Larson was a student at the University of Puget Sound, and a talented pianist.

WIRELESS COMPANY INVADES WESTERN UNION'S FIELD

North Yakima, Sept. 9.—W. L. Steinweg, president of the First National bank this morning donated two hundred feet of land in Sumach park to the United Wireless company for the erection of a two hundred foot wireless tower. A part of the system to connect Spokane, the sound cities and Portland. Relay stations will be established here, at Wenatchee, Tacoma and Centralia. Move is believed to be an invasion of Western Union field.

JOHNSON WON IN THE TENTH ROUND

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Johnson defeated Kaufman in the tenth round, Decision.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Champion Jack Johnson and challenger Al Kaufman are both fit for the fight of their lives this afternoon at Mission Arena for ten rounds. The weather is ideal and a holiday crowd is attending. Both rested this morning before the bout. Betting is ten to four the negro will win the contest on points.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ENFORCE THE LAW

Ellensburg, Sept. 9.—Will H. Adams, deputy state pure food commissioner, secured the conviction of two local market men for using "Freeseem" preparation alleged to contain formaldehyde for the purpose of preserving food. Each was sentenced to pay \$25 and costs. All market and slaughter houses are believed to be using the same thing. The cases are so serious that samples have been sent to the government, which may take action.

CALIFORNIANS TALK DIVISION

SOUTHERN COUNTIES RESENT INCREASED ASSESSMENT

State Equalizing Board Made Radical Increase in Apportionment of Taxes Among All Southern California Counties.

Sacramento, Sept. 9.—Southern California began talking "Separate statehood" today following the action of the state board of equalization last night in raising the assessment of eighteen counties from ten to one hundred per cent. The heaviest increase was made in southern California counties, as follows: Ventura, 100 per cent; Orange, 50; Los Angeles, 40; San Bernardino, 33; Santa Barbara, 25; Kings, 20; Kern, 20. The increase north of Tehachapi is: San Francisco, 10; Alameda, 10; San Joaquin, 15; Santa Clara, 10; Stanislaus, 25; Tulare, 20; Yolo, 15. The rate is 45.4 cents, which is 3 1/2 lower than last.

Los Angeles is Wroth.

Los Angeles, Sept. 9.—There is general indignation over the action of the state board of equalization in raising the assessments of southern California counties, particularly Los Angeles. Usually conservative, Mayor Alexander is leading the protesters. He declared the raise all wrong. Says he headed off the same thing six years ago.

Mrs. Fred Kempendorf, accompanied by her son, A. H. Kempendorf and her daughter, Miss Dora Kempendorf, left last evening for Seattle, after a visit of a few days at the home of Mrs. Kempendorf's sister, Mrs. L. F. Lampkin. They will return to Iowa over one of the northern roads.

DETROIT PHYSICIAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF MABELLE MILLMAN

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 8.—Dr. George A. Fritch, a well known practitioner of this city, was arrested tonight in connection with the death of Miss Mabel Millman of Ann Arbor, whose dismembered body was found in two sacks sunken in Ecorse creek.

The arrest of Dr. Fritch followed the return of Sheriff Gaston from Ann Arbor, where he had been looking up clues. The sheriff looked through the postoffice records in the hope that they would show who had sent a registered letter containing money which Miss Millman received at her home just before leaving on

SEATTLE LINED UP FOR MERCHANT MARINE

Seattle, Sept. 9.—Following a dinner to John A. Peyton of Cleveland and secretary of the merchant marine league, the formation of the merchant marine league of Seattle took place today. E. C. Hughes is president. Hughes said that American vessels have disappeared from the sea and in a short time all American commerce will be carried by foreigners. He predicted that 15 years after the Panama canal is opened there will be 30,000,000 people west of the Rockies. The need of a merchant marine is imperative.

NORMAL ADDITIONS FOR ROSEBURG HIGH

Roseburg, Ore., Sept. 9.—Because of the discontinuance of the state normal schools there has been added to the high school, in this city, a teachers' training department for the forthcoming term. The organization of a class in this department depends however, upon the entrance of a sufficient number to justify the expense of conducting it.

School opens in this city on September 13. There will be 24 teachers employed in the schools this year, 14 of whom taught last year.

PORT ANGELES MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Port Angeles, Wn., Sept. 9.—W. E. Burnside, deputy county treasurer, suicided Tuesday night. He shot himself through the head. His body was found next morning by business associates. Prior to his death he made deeds for his property to his wife. No cause is assigned for his rash act.

COLORED VETERANS RECOGNIZED

MAY FORM CAMPS SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Fight in Annual Gathering of Veterans' Association Averted by Compromise—Californians Objected to Affiliation.

Tacoma, Sept. 9.—A bitter fight among the Spanish war veterans assembled in convention here was averted when the California delegation acceded to a movement allowing the colored veterans of the Spanish war to form unaffiliated camps. The parade today included the G. A. R. and the Washington national guard. The officers reported the treasury in good condition. The election of officers and place of meeting will be decided tomorrow.

About 300 delegates from all points in the United States heard Commander-in-chief Charles W. Newton, of Hartford, Conn., review the past year's work and make a strong plea for the removal of the wreck of the battleship Maine from Havana harbor.

The candidacy of Joseph Jacoby of Seattle for commander-in-chief evidently gained ground today, with many Washington delegates urging his selection.

Commander-in-chief Charles W. Newton in his annual report, thanked his comrades for the honor conferred upon him and said he was gratified to report "the greatest advancement and growth that has been achieved by the organization since its inception."

He praised the adjutant general's department for carrying out the work assigned it in the rehabilitation of departments and camps that had fallen into bad standing. He said he had traveled in the last year 18,000 miles, visiting 18 states and attending nine department encampments.

NEWS OF DEATH WITHHELD UNTIL STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED

Terrific Raiding of Stock of Fallen Railway Monarch Continued All Day at Stock Exchange.

Harriman Died at 3:35, But News Was Withheld Until 3:55—Ruse Allayed Frenzy of Stock Market, But Stock Exchange Men Knew End Was Not Long Deferred—Harriman Was Born in 1848—Son of an Episcopal Minister.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 9.—After a lingering at the lowest ebb of life following a relapse after his desperate efforts to regain health on trip to Europe, Edward H. Harriman, railroad king, succumbed today. For days a death watch had been kept by doctors and the family who held back all bad news. The news of the railroad king's death was first made known at the offices of the Union Pacific which had direct wire with Harriman's chateau. It is reported he died earlier in the day but news was withheld until 35 minutes after the close of the stock exchange.

New York, Sept. 9.—The news did not come as a surprise. It was reported all day that Harriman was dead, the news being withheld. The effect upon Harriman stocks has been terrific, although a tremendous bear movement was somewhat curtailed by the official denial of his death.

News in Portland. Portland, Sept. 9.—A New York representative of local commission firm this afternoon wired: "Official announcement of the death of E. H. Harriman was made here at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon." Discussing the report a member of the firm said that in all probability the bulletin had been given his representative to be withheld until the stock exchange closed.

Arden, Sept. 9.—At 9:15 this morning Dr. Lyle bulletined: "The condition is unchanged." This was intended to have a quieting effect upon the market, and probably did allay to somewhat. Nevertheless there was strong belief that Harriman could not survive long. The raiding of his stocks was kept up all day.

Although Dr. Lyle has not given out the statement it is believed Harriman died of an ailment in the nature of cancer. Dr. Lyle said Harriman died at 3:35 this afternoon. The death was announced at 3:55 p. m.

Edward Henry Harriman was born February 24, 1848, at Hampton, L. I. He was the second son in a family of six children. His father was Rev. Orlando H. Harriman, an Episcopal minister.

The Harrimans were poor as church mice. The elder Harriman changed parishes every year, but not till Edward was nearly grown did he get one where he could earn a comfortable living. Always his meagre salary was in arrears, and his pride prevented him from accepting help from his friends. The Harriman children were pressed even for food and clothing.

Young Harriman's education was little and desultory. While still in his teens young Harriman went into Wall street as a broker's clerk. He set in to learn the Wall street game. It was in the early '70s. His teachers were Jay Gould and Jim Fiske and Jay Cooke.

So young Harriman was soon trading on the floor—for his customers, for himself.

Within ten or fifteen years he had made good. He had made his million, had won the respect of W. K. Vanderbilt and Stuyvesant Fish. He had established his own brokerage and banking house—E. H. Harriman & Co.

Also he was studying railroads—studying them as no man had ever done. Already he was looking westward, his eyes on the entrenched wealth as yet undeveloped.

He became friendly—but not a friend—with Stuyvesant Fish, who had admired his ability, and had made him a director of the Illinois Central, then a struggling road of 2000 miles. Until 1887, when Fish became president and Harriman vice president the broker was completing his "education." Fish was content to build up the Illinois Central, but his vice president was looking far beyond. He had his eyes on the west first. His

chase of the Chicago & Alton, opportunity came in 1888 in the purchase of the Chicago & Alton. The Alton, though in bad condition physically, was a great money-maker. The next stage in his career was marked by the attack on the Northern Pacific in which he opposed Hill and Morgan and carried on the struggle until a compromise was reached which gave him representation on the board of directors of the Burlington. Surprising the Goulds and Standard Oil, Harriman met the supposedly impossible demands of President Blackstone by paying \$42,000,000 in cold cash for the Chicago and Alton and at the same time won the title of the "great borrower." Then he issued bonds and won back \$30,000,000 of the purchase price. Then he went after Union Pacific, which had "gone to seed" owing the government \$52,000,000. Harriman bought it for \$52,000,000 and went about curing its ills like the marvelous railroad doctor that he was.

Next came the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company and the Oregon Short Line which he took over giving him an outlet on the Pacific coast. Then he suggested to C. P. Huntington that he would like to build the Central Pacific to get an outlet from Ogden to San Francisco. Huntington laughed. Harriman organized a company to build a parallel line. Huntington died before the fight was finished and the Harriman bluff made good with the Huntington estate. Then the wizard took over the Western and Southern Pacific companies, adding 9600 miles to his system.

In 1906 Harriman gained control of the Santa Fe and in the same year got a half interest in the San Pedro line, built by Senator Clark from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. Even Fish, Harriman's benefactor, was deposed by the wizard when he stood in the way and Harriman put in his man Harahan as president of the Illinois Central.

Harriman's health began to fail in 1908. In the spring of 1909 he went to the southwest on a health trip, and, returning in no better condition soon left for Europe. There he experienced little relief, and returned to the United States late in August.

BOISE AND COUNTY GO STRONGLY "WET"

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 9.—In the city and county prohibition election held here yesterday the "wets" won out by large majorities in both the city and county. For Ada county in which Boise is located, the vote was as follows: "Wets" 4485; "dry" 2688. In the city of Boise there was a majority of 1187 in favor of the "wet" side.

FINE WILL BE UNPAID.

Heirs of Late Senator Mitchell of Oregon Win in Contention.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—The long struggle of the department of justice to collect from the heirs of the late Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon, a \$1000 fine levied against Mitchell, shortly before his death, when he was convicted of participation in land frauds, came to an end today when the United States circuit court of appeals held that the entire cause of action abated upon the death of the senator and that the heirs were not liable for the fine.

At the time of his conviction Mitchell was fined \$1000 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He was attempting to take the matter up before the supreme court of the United States, he said. The administrator of the Mitchell estate then successfully petitioned that the fine be cancelled. The government appealed. In his opinion today Judge Morrow declared that crime was buried with the offender.