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## OSAKA SWEEP BY FIERCE FIRE

ENTIRE CITY MAY BE  
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Like Great Chicago Fire, it Be-  
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Osaka, Japan, July 31.—One-fourth of this city was destroyed to-day by a fire which is sweeping onward to-night with terrific fury and threatens to burn every building in Osaka. More than 5,000 houses have already been destroyed, and it is believed that the loss of life has been enormous.

The aqueduct has been dried up by the fire, and firemen are powerless to combat the flames. Dynamite is being used this evening in an attempt to check the fire, but little success is being met.

Troops are being poured into the city by the hundreds to aid in fighting the fire and to control the panic-stricken people.

The fire started early this morning in the northern district by the upsetting of an oil lamp. The fire spread rapidly and thousands of houses have been reduced to ashes. The flames continued to spread throughout the day, and to-night the situation is desperate.

So intense has become the heat from the thousands of flaming structures that water in the canals, which the firemen attempted to use after the main aqueduct dried up, has become boiling hot and only explosives can now be employed in fighting the conflagration. Over three square miles of the city is now in ashes, and it is certain that hundreds of the panic-stricken inhabitants have met death.

The great tea-houses, the largest in the empire, which faced the waterfront, have all been destroyed, and unless there is a change in the direction of the high wind now blowing toward the unburned section, the entire city is doomed.

The famous castle, built in 1585, and one of the most famous structures of the empire, is directly in the path of the flames and cannot escape destruction.

Osaka has a population of over a million inhabitants, and is the commercial center of Japan. It is one of the most picturesque cities of the empire, being girdled by canals as is Venice.

Situated at the head of the gulf of Osaka, in central Japan, the stricken city would have been the most populous city of the empire but for the shallowness of the water in the harbor, which has kept it from becoming one of the most important ports of the world. It is the rice and tea centre of the empire, and there is but a small trade in foreign goods, though the quaint old city is visited by thousands of tourists annually.

## JAPAN WILL TAKE UP AEROPLANE TESTS

Every Aviator in Kingdom Will  
Be Urged to  
Assist.

Tokio, July 31.—The spectacular achievement in crossing the English channel in his monoplane, and reports of the successes of the Wright brothers in perfecting an aeroplane adaptable to military service, has aroused the imperial government to establish a provisional aeroplane association which has been advocated by the general staff for several years.

The plan as outlined in the government memorandum, issued to-day, is to enlist the services of all Japanese aviators under the supervision of the naval and military authorities, to attempt the designing of air craft adaptable to both naval and military services. The entire experimental expenses will be met by the government, and large money prizes will be awarded those aviators solving the problems of air navigation.

The government plan has been received with enthusiasm and practicality every Japanese aviator has enlisted in the association. The statement that if the army had been equipped with a present day aeroplane during the Russo-Japanese war that army would have been annihilated in Manchuria, has aroused a national interest in air navigation, which has resulted in the highest mechanical and scientific genius of the empire being now employed in designing air craft for military service.

## HE WAS CERTAINLY CRAZY.

Roseburg, Oregon, July 31.—"Help, help, I'm sick." This strange cry aroused many residents of this city in the early hours of the morning, and as a result a young man giving his name as Otto S. Bourne, and in the county jail awaiting an inquiry as to his sanity. Bourne went to one residence, and after gaining admission telephoned for a physician. When the doctor arrived he refused to take the medicine that was offered.

When ordered to leave the house he continued through the residential section, waking up people and crying for help. When it was found that he refused aid when it was offered he was arrested. He said that his home was in St. Paul, Minn., and that he had a brother in Buell, Idaho.

## HARROD'S STORES FOR CANADA.

London, July 31.—Lord Strathcona is arranging to sail for Quebec by an Empress steamer on August 13th. Many distinguished scientists are sailing on the same boat, also Richard Burbridge, managing director of Harrods' stores, London's biggest and most interesting emporium. It is understood that Mr. Burbridge has important industrial interests in view in touring through Canada to the Pacific.

## ZEPPELIN SAILS IN STRONG WIND

GERMAN AIRSHIP ON  
LENGTHY JOURNEY

Travelled From Berlin to Frank-  
fort in Twelve  
Hours.

Berlin, July 31.—Count Zeppelin, accompanied by seven guests in the airship Zeppelin II, left Friederichshafen at 4:40 this morning for Frankfurt for a trial exhibition.

Sailing high, he passed over Gelsling shortly after 7 o'clock, then being 250 miles from his destination. A threatening storm broke at this point in the journey, and Count Zeppelin, directing his dirigible downward, descended to the city. He remained for an hour, and with clearing weather, re-ascended and at 10:45 passed over Heilbronne.

When passing over Ulm, the count dropped a message directed to his wife. In the communication he stated that the wind was strong, but he had no fear.

Near Schwabach, the airship was compelled to descend near earth because two strong counter air currents were encountered.

As the huge balloon sailed over Cannstatt, Capt. George dropped a note describing the flight.

Took Twelve Hours.

Frankfurt, Germany, July 31.—Count Zeppelin landed here at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, having completed his trip in his airship from Friederichshafen in 12 hours.

The count and the seven guests who accompanied him on his flight were given an ovation when they landed at the trial exhibition grounds.

Before landing, Count Zeppelin manoeuvred for an hour above the city, causing the airship to make various intricate movements.

## THINKS CONSUMER WILL GET NO BENEFIT

Lumberman's Idea on Lower  
Duties—Looks for Trade  
Revival.

Seattle, July 31.—That the consumer will not reap any benefit in the way of cheaper product as a result of the reduction of the lumber schedule, was the statement to-day of Edward Hines, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, just prior to his departure for Chicago.

"The reduction of the duty on lumber does not mean cheaper lumber, although that view is taken by many people not familiar with the true situation," said Mr. Hines. "Lumber passes through too many hands from the time it leaves the forest until it reaches the consumer to make it possible for the latter to reap the benefit of the cuts in the Dingley tariff."

"I am sure there will be a great revival in business, not only in the lumber industry, but in all others, now that the tariff promises soon to be disposed of," said Mr. Hines.

## TOO ARDENT LOVER IS LOCKED IN JAIL

Plucky Girl Chatted, Facing Re-  
volver, Waiting for  
Help.

San Jose, Cal., July 31.—L. H. Miller, aged 23 years, a young business man here, is in jail charged with threatening to take the life of his sweetheart, Miss Zela Rewey, after which he is alleged to have intended to commit suicide.

Before Miller walked into the apartments of Miss Rewey last night and told her that she had, but fifteen minutes to choose between life and marriage with him and death he had made arrangements for the purchase of a tombsone for himself and had made his will, in which the undertaking company was made the sole beneficiary.

With drawn revolver he stood awaiting Miss Rewey's reply. She slipped into another room and telephoned the police. While waiting she chatted with her jealous lover, who had become so calm that the police took him without trouble.

Miller's wife recently died and since Miller has been an ardent suitor for Miss Rewey's hand.

## TWO NEGROES SHOT BY MOB.

Opelousas La., July 31.—Two negroes were taken from the officers of the law near Grand Prairie last night and shot to death by a mob of 30 masked men. The mob quietly dispersed and left the bodies on the ground where they were found to-day.

One of the negroes was accused of wounding a white man and of committing a wheel of robbery. The other was charged with complicity in a number of thefts and with harboring thieves.

## CHAMPIONSHIP TENNIS.

Lake Forest, Ill., July 31.—Long, of California, this morning defeated Bundy, of California, in the tennis singles championship series 6-3, 6-4, 6-1. Long and Emerson, of Cincinnati, are meeting this afternoon in the challenge round after the western championship singles.



WHAT VANCOUVER ISLAND OFFERS TO WORLD.

## ON TO SEATTLE FOR THE C. P. R.

BIG CANADIAN ROAD  
STILL AFTER HILL

Cut-off Between Vancouver and  
Spokane to Greatly  
Shorten Route.

Vancouver, B. C., July 31.—The Canadian Pacific railway has a new move on hand that is regarded as a direct reply to James J. Hill's invasion of Canadian Pacific territory along the international boundary line on the prairies. The new proposal is that of a short-line from Spokane to Vancouver.

This will be accomplished by building a line from the town of Midway to Vancouver, affording the Canadian company a continuous route from Spokane to the coast that will be hours shorter than any other. Recently the C. P. R. secured the charter of a road between Midway and Vernon which was partly built four years ago by a company, which was unable to carry the deal to completion.

With the acquisition of this stretch of road, it is expected the Canadian line will have the Spokane cut-off in operation within a little more than a year. Railroad men believe that by the time the through line is completed, the Canadian Pacific will have its own tracks into Seattle, which will make a bid for the grain hauling trade between Spokane and Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

## STEAM SCHOONER ON ROCKS AT ARENAS

Winnebago—Will Probably Be a  
Total Loss—Sixteen  
Men on Board.

San Francisco, July 31.—The steam schooner Winnebago, with Capt. Turner and a crew of 15 men aboard, struck a submerged rock off Point Arenas in a dense fog early to-day, and it is feared she is a total loss.

Details of the accident are lacking. Mesage reports have been received here by the Coast Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, but they fail to state whether or not the captain and crew were rescued.

A fracas occurred last night at Bridgeport, in which two constables were roughly handled. Several strikers were arrested.

## FIFTEEN CENTS A MILE.

Passenger Tariff on First All-American  
Line in Alaska.

Cordova, Alaska, July 31.—The first all-American railroad is being operated in Alaska to-day. Tickets were sold and a passenger train left here on a regular schedule yesterday over the Copper River and Northwestern railroad, the first 53 miles of track having been opened as a common carrier. The passenger rate is 15 cents a mile.

## FIVE HUNDRED DEAD IN RUINS

MANY ARE CREMATED  
PINNED UNDER WALLS

At Least Five Mexican Towns  
Are Now Off the  
Map.

City of Mexico, July 31.—Reports received here to-day indicate that 500 persons were killed in the earthquake which shook Central Mexico yesterday. Five towns are believed to be totally destroyed and a number of others were partially wrecked by the tremors.

The heaviest damage is thought to have been done at Chilapa, 75 miles from Acapulco, which the messages to-day indicate was wiped completely off the face of the earth by the shocks. Scores were crushed to death under falling walls there and their bodies cremated in the fire which followed.

## STRIKE PARADE AT GLACE BAY

TROOPS TO PREVENT  
MEN ASSEMBLING

Municipal Councils Will Not  
Permit Meeting, But Men  
Are Determined.

Sydney, N. S., July 31.—Lively if not riotous scenes are anticipated this afternoon at Glace Bay in connection with the proposed U. M. W. A. demonstration. The authorities have practically decided that they will endeavor to prevent the strikers from assembling, and General Drury is preparing to station his troops to the best advantage.

Both Glace Bay and Dominion councils held meetings last night to consider the situation, and it was decided at both meetings that a strike parade would not be permitted, but, in defiance of the authorities, the strikers are getting ready for it.

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## STREETS OF GOLD IN HAPPY GRASS VALLEY

Bits of Precious Metal in Mine  
Tailings Used for  
Paving.

Grass Valley, Cal., July 31.—Dozens of gold seekers are picking up pieces of gold-bearing quartz in the main streets of Grass Valley to-day. Several have been successful in gathering bits of gold and one man found a nugget worth six dollars.

## CANADIAN'S ARMOR PLATE

ADMIRALTY TESTS  
PROVED IT GOOD

London Man Has Succeeded in  
Inventing Improved  
Process.

Montreal, July 31.—A special London cable says: Harold A. Richardson, of London, Ont., has been here for the past two years in connection with an improved process for the manufacture of armor plate. He says he has scored a great success in the tests of his armor plate by the British naval authorities at Whale Island.

The test consisted of a six-inch armor plate being fired at by a 9-2 inch gun at the short distance of 120 feet, an armor-piercing capped shell being used. Though this was a very severe test, the shell made no impression on the armor plate at that distance, the plate, on the other hand, shattering the shell into a thousand fragments.

Mr. Richardson estimates that his production is at least 125 per cent. better than German armor plate, and declares that it ought to prove of incalculable value to the admiralty, with whom he has been negotiating for some time past.

He intends to give the Old Country the sole benefits of his patent. He has already purchased a site here for a plant, and says he is backed by big men. He hinted that the admiralty was holding over the armor plate for the new Dreadnoughts until the result of the tests of his invention was known.

## INVITE SIR WILFRID.

Seattle, July 31.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been invited to act as the principal orator for Seattle day. It was announced at the meeting of the Seattle Day Association in the chamber of commerce rooms yesterday that an invitation had already been forwarded to Canada's statesman, and there was every reason to believe that Seattle day would be honored by the premier's presence.

## CUTS OUT HORSE RACING.

Mexico Will Not Permit Meets Over  
California Border.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—Ambassador Thompson at Mexico City has notified the state department that the Mexican government will hereafter prevent horse racing at Tijuana, near San Diego, Cal.

## CHICAGO FEELS COOLER.

Chicago, July 31.—There was relief from the heat wave to-day. At 11 o'clock this morning the mercury registered 74 degrees and there has been no report of either deaths or prostrations.

## REVENUE SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

FIGURES FOR JULY  
ARE GRATIFYING

For First Quarter of Fiscal  
Year the Increase Is  
\$3,544,000.

Ottawa, July 31.—The customs revenue for the month ended to-day has been \$4,913,156, an increase of \$1,180,279 over July of last year. For the first quarter of the fiscal year the customs revenue has been \$13,003,153, an increase of \$3,544,000. Import customs receipts for the month were the highest since 1907.

## FUNERAL OF HARRY PULLIAM.

New York, July 31.—The funeral of Harry C. Pulliam, president of the National League, who shot himself on Wednesday night, will be held in Louisville, Ky., on Monday next. Geo. S. Cain, a brother-in-law, arrived to-day to take charge of the body. He said Mr. Pulliam had been over-taxed, took his business too seriously, and of late had announced that he intended to get out of the game.

## BYRAN TO MOVE TO TEXAS.

Bellefontaine, O., July 31.—William Jennings Bryan is to move to Texas. He said so yesterday in the course of an interview preceding his delivery of a lecture. He declared he intended to move to Texas following a South American tour, on which he will start this fall.

"I shall not seek the election to the senate from Nebraska," said Mr. Bryan. "I am not going to be a Nabaskan, for I am going to move to Texas. I expect to continue in politics in Texas."

## ELECTRIC TRACTION ON HARRIMAN LINE

Commission of Engineers Are  
Studying Problem, But  
Nothing Doing Yet.

San Francisco, July 31.—Julius Kruttschnitt, of Chicago, Harriman's right hand man and director of operation and maintenance to-day declared that the reported electrification of the Southern Pacific through the Sierras probably will be held in abeyance.

He said, however, that the company has a commission of engineers under William Hood, studying the subject. "It is simply a proposition of dollars and cents," said Kruttschnitt. "It has been studied for some time but no stated time for the commission to report has been ordered as the matter is not a purely engineering one."

"Electric traction is making rapid strides, and if the company does some time decide to make the change it will have the benefit of all improvements being made in that direction." Kruttschnitt is on a tour of inspection.

## PENSION FOR LADY WYLLIE.

London, July 31.—The government has granted a pension of \$2,500 annually to Lady Wyllie, widow of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Curzon Wyllie, who was assassinated recently by a Thinsagel, an Indian student, in the Imperial institute.

## IN RECLAMATION TWO CALLS FOR A DOLLAR

Engineers Meet Secretary Bel-  
linger in Portland to Dis-  
cuss Needs.

Portland, Ore., July 31.—F. H. Newell, director of the United States reclamation service, declines to discuss the reported friction between him and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, who, it is said, desires to appoint City Engineer Thompson, of Seattle, as Newell's successor.

"You have to get away from home to hear the news," said Mr. Newell. "This is the first I have heard of it. I have seen Secretary Ballinger but a few times since he entered the cabinet, and then I saw him only on business connected with the service."

Newell is here to attend a conference between all the supervising engineers of the entire reclamation field and Secretary Ballinger next Monday, to take up the question of the best way to use the appropriation this year.

"There are two places for every dollar available," said Newell, "and that is the reason for the conference. The demands from the different divisions will be considered and an apportionment will be made."

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## MOORS SIT AT GATE WAITING

BUT SPANISH TROOPS  
TOO WARY TO GO OUT

News From Barcelona, Not  
Censored, is Quite  
Confident.

Madrid, July 31.—There is little change in the situation at Melilla to-day. The Moors are waiting outside the city for the Spanish forces to make an attack, but General Marina is expected to remain within the walls until reinforcements arrive.

Desultory fighting is going on daily, but no engagement of the proportions of the battle of July 27th, when 5,000 Moors and 1,000 Spaniards were killed, has taken place.

Every effort is being made to-day to trace up the tottering throne of King Alfonso. The government is in disfavor with the people throughout the kingdom, and it is expected that the king will take some radical action to regain the good will which he has lost through the war in Morocco.

It is reported that Premier Maurin, in response to public clamor, will dismiss Minister of the Interior Lacierva, who is hated by the people because of his open dislike for the press.

Rigid censorship of the news of the situation in Morocco, and in the province of Catalonia brought the feeling against Lacierva to a crisis.

Barcelona, July 31.—Two hundred rioters were summarily tried, convicted by court martial and executed by the military authorities to-day. The men executed were captured at various times throughout the past few days and held as prisoners until to-day. This morning they were lined up against a wall and shot.

The authorities hope that by making these wholesale executions matters of public knowledge they may be able to overawe the revolutionists and put an end to the riots. Despite the shooting of the 200 prisoners to-day, however, the rioters were active in the suburbs, where they fired on houses and destroyed considerable property. A number of lives were lost, but no report is made of the total number.

In the city proper the troops have the situation pretty well in hand. The insurgents are now disheartened by the victory of the government, but the military officers in command of the city declare the uprising is near its end. They declare that the backbone of the revolution is broken and that it cannot be revived.

Fighting will probably continue for several days, as there remains a large number of the insurrectionists who have not been subdued.

## TIDAL WAVE CAME UP ON WATERFRONT

Greatest Damage at Acapulco  
Came as an After-  
clap.

City of Mexico, July 31.—Reports received here to-day state that a tidal wave followed the great earthquake yesterday and engulfed the waterfront and a large section of Acapulco. People are rendered panic-stricken by the damage wrought by the series of tremors and many are fleeing from the country.

Search of the ruins of Chilpancingo and Guerrero will add to the list of casualties, it is considered certain. Hidalgo Titlan, in the state of Vera Cruz, is reported to be almost totally destroyed by the tidal wave.

Accurate reports of the damage done cannot be obtained until telegraphic communication is re-established. Reports from the quake zone indicate that refugees from the stricken cities are suffering severely. The people are living in the open and many of them have neither food nor sufficient clothing.

Wide damage is reported by runners as having affected Toluca, Cocula, Chautla, Amey, Guatemala, and other towns on the north Balsas river.

More Quakes Reported.

Washington, July 31.—Following the results of the earthquake which destroyed several towns and killed hundreds of persons in central Mexico early yesterday, advices received by the state department to-day indicate that two more tremors, of greater severity than any of those previously felt, shook the same territory again last night. In a message to the state department, Ambassador Thompson says:

"Two long, severe earthquakes occurred in the Valley of Mexico last night and probably covered all of the territory between here and the Pacific coast. The wires are in bad shape but it is reported that Acapulco was entirely destroyed. Probably a dozen persons were killed here."

Vice-Consul Tangburn at Acapulco wired: "Severe earthquake. Great loss of property. Consulate damaged. Few lives lost. No Americans injured."

## THE LOGICAL STEP.

Destruction of Airships the Next De-  
fence Problem.

London, July 31.—Official circles are excited to-day over a statement made so high authority that an army officer at Fort Omaha, Neb., has invented an electric apparatus designed to destroy aerial war craft.

According to the statement