FOUR FRENCH AERONAUTS KILLED

BALLOON EXPLODES HIGH IN THE AIR

Occupants Probably Killed by Force of the Explosion.

Moulins, France, Sept. 25.—Four daring aeronauts attached to the French army, were instantly killed near here to-day when the dirigible army balloon Republique exploded while sailing along at a height of 500 feet.

The dead are: Capt. Marshal, Lieutenants Cheaure, Vincenot and Rioux.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. The big balloon was sailing gracefully through the air when suddenly there was a loud report. The bag collapsed and the four men fell to the ground, a distance of 500 feet. Life was extinct, however, before they fell to the earth as it is almost certain that they were killed by the force of the explosion which cut the balloon into ribbons.

The aerial craft was in charge of Capt. Marshal. Only recently the Republique was commissioned after it had been badly damaged by being blown from its moorings.

TRADE COMMISSION.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—The West Indian commission, accompanied by Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, arrived here yesterday. They will leave on Monday night for St. John, N.B. They will consult representatives of the board of trade and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association while here.

OMAHA STREET CARS ATTACKED

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED IN RIOTS

Extra Officers Have Been Sworn in to Protect Property.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 25.—Extra officers were sworn in to-day by the chief of police to prevent the continuation of the riots which have marked the progress of the street car strike for the past three days.

The action was taken as the result of serious disturbances last night when several large crowds of strike sympathizers stoned the cars and seriously injured six persons.

While the authorities were attempting to disperse a mob last night, Officer Frank Rooney was struck on the head by a brick and his skull was fractured. His injury will probably prove fatal.

Two teamsters, who it is alleged purposely blockaded a car yesterday so the mob could stone it, are in jail to-day, and it is expected will be given a preliminary hearing in the police court this afternoon.

President Wattles, of the street car company, has been in conference with the mayors of Omaha, South Omaha, Council Bluffs, Benson and Florence for the purpose of enlisting the city officials to aid in the settlement of the strike.

Following a meeting of the directors of the company, President Wattles stated that he expected that some step toward ending the dispute will be made to-day.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 26.—"Posey" Irvine, found guilty of assaulting and attempting to rob Fred Porteous last August, was sentenced yesterday to 12 years in Kingston penitentiary. Mark Tompkins, his pal, got 10 years some years ago for a similar offence.

DEMAND FOR EXPORT FLOUR INCREASES

General Manager of Ogilvie Company Says Mills Will Be Enlarged.

Fort William, Sept. 25. — F. W. Thompson, vice-president and general manager of the Ogilvie Mills, Ltd., announced yesterday that the Ogilvies will double the capacity of the Winnipeg mill, construction to start this fall.

The present capacity of the Winnipeg mill is 4,000 barrels a day. It was built in 1881 with a capacity of 1,880 barrels and enlarged at various times and modern machinery added, bringing it up to its present large capacity. The elevator capacity at the Winnipeg mill was increased this year by a 300,000 bushel new elevator.

The growing confidence in the Canadian West by the Ogilvies was again reflected by the announcement of Mr. Thompson that another story would be added to the company's mill here. An addition to the Ogilvie elevator of 1,000,000 bushels capacity will be completed in sixty days. The capacity of the Kaministiqua power company, which provides electrical energy for the city, and of which Mr. Thompson is an officer, will be almost doubled.

Mr. Thompson intimated that the demand for export flour is increasing at a rate that warrants the enlargement of their mills generally. Upon the completion of the proposed new mill, the location of which Mr. Thompson has not given out, the company will have a daily capacity of 18,000 barrels of flour.

NAVAL DISPLAY AT NEW YORK

THE HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION OPENS

Twin Rainbow Flags of Peace Unfurled by Two Girls.

New York, Sept. 25.—The great Hudson-Fulton celebration narrowly missed terminating in disaster at its very opening to-day when the Clermont, an exact reproduction of Robert Fulton's steamboat, crashed into the Half Moon, the replica of Henry Hudson's famous craft, off St. George's, Staten Island.

The collision occurred as the two vessels were swinging out of Kill Von Kull into the upper bay, to cross toward Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and be joined by the escort warships.

By quick manoeuvring at the moment of greatest danger, the accident was minimized and the Half Moon escaped with only slight damage to her port side, which was scraped by the quaint little puffing steamboat.

After they had pulled away from each other, they proceeded toward the narrows and took their places with the great fleet of warships.

New York, Sept. 25.—All New York to-day is paying homage to the memory of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton.

Commencing with this morning, a nine-day celebration is on, which will be marked by great historical pageants both on land and water. With the break of dawn thousands of persons began to gather on the banks of the Hudson to witness the naval display, and when the big war vessels, representing many of the world's greatest nations, strated the parade, followed by hundreds of smaller craft, several hundred thousand persons lined the river banks.

Din from hundreds of whistles completely drowned out the cheers from thousands of throats as the naval spectacle, the greatest seen here since the celebration of Admiral Dewey's victorious return from Manila, wended its way up the bay and the historic Hudson river. Great Britain and Germany had sent some of their finest vessels to New York to participate in the celebration. Great Britain was represented by the warships Inflexible, Duke of Edinburgh, Argyll and Drake, while the German fleet was represented by the Dresden, Bremen, Heretha and Victoria Louise. These vessels were given a position of honor in the parade.

The United States government sent the battleship Montana and a fleet of smaller vessels to take part in the pageant, while all the big steamship lines were well represented.

A feature of to-day's land celebration was the unfurling of twin rainbow flags of peace from the roof of a down town skyscraper by two little girls. While this ceremony was being enacted the great chimes of Old Trinity church took up the refrain of "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will toward man."

This evening there will be another naval parade, and the city will be illuminated by a great elevated battery of forty searchlights of 500,000 candle power each.

To-morrow the ceremonies will be continued by religious observances. Countless thousands of visitors are packing the hotels.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF "JOY RIDE" DEAD

Woman Passes Away as Result of Injuries Sustained in Accident.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 25.—Winnie Frazer, who was injured in the "joy ride" automobile accident of Thursday, died this morning in the Seattle general hospital of burns she received when the gasoline tank of the machine exploded. She is the third victim of the terrible wreck.

Miss Frazer, or Mrs. Lowe, as she was also known, was a waitress and recently came to Seattle from Mount Vernon, Wash. Her two women companions, Mabel Johnson and Goldie Porter, both died of their injuries soon after the accident.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT.

Persons Injured in Wreck at Seattle Will Recover.

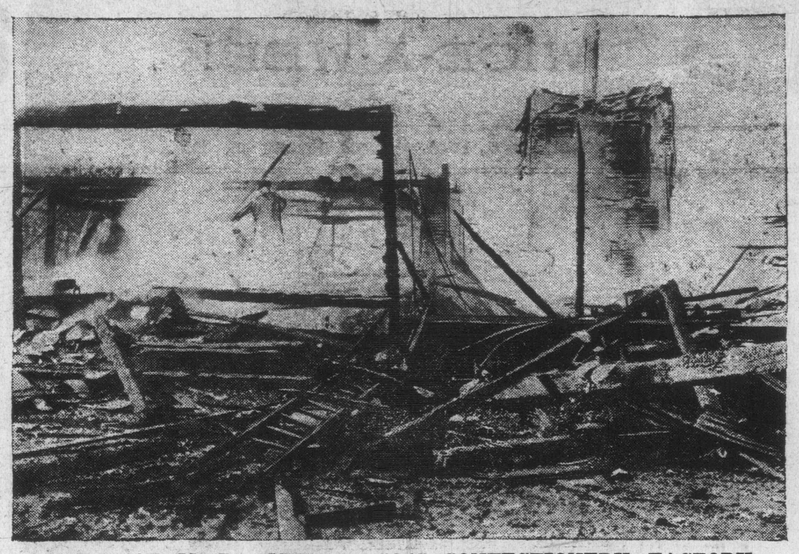
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 25.—All the persons injured in yesterday's street car wreck at the entrance to the exposition grounds will recover, it is thought today. Those supposed to be fatally injured yesterday were more frightened than injured and are reported to be doing well to-day.

Miss Helen Cardwell, of Portland, supposed to be internally injured, is resting well at the Providence hospital, and the physicians there say she is not seriously hurt.

Mrs. Florence E. Hornado, of Los Angeles, who was thought to be seriously if not fatally hurt, is reported as making good progress toward recovery to-day at the Minor hospital, and it is expected she will be able to leave the infirmary soon.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

Hepworth, Ont., Sept. 25.—The Royal hotel (temperance) was destroyed by fire early yesterday. Some of the guests had to escape in their night clothes. R. Morrison, a traveller for W. B. Sherling & Co., Winnipeg, lost his samples and $200 in cash, and had to get out of the hotel by dropping from a window, other means of escape being cut off. The total loss is about $2,000.



RUINS OF M. R. SMITH & CO.'S CONFECTIONERY FACTORY.

MORE MINERS IDLE IN BUTTE

DECIDE TO CONTINUE "BOYCOTT" OF ENGINEERS

Every Mine in Montana City and Vicinity Is Shut Down.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 25.—After an all-night meeting, marked by a series of small riots between opposing factions of miners and mine engineers, the Butte Miners' Union early to-day resolved to continue its "boycott" of the Engineers' Union, No. 83, which has seceded from the Western Federation of Miners.

The miners, who are loyal to the federation, declare that their withdrawal from the mines is not a "strike," but adherence to a rule of the federation prohibiting them from working with members in bad standing.

Ten thousand miners in Butte, the heart and centre of the great mining territory of the state, and headquarters for the Amalgamated Properties, are idle to-day. Every mine in this city and vicinity is shut down and a continuance of the suspension means that within five days every smelter and all allied industries will be closed.

The feature of the strike so far is the use of the "boycott" by one powerful body of union men against another. Heretofore this weapon of unionism has been directed toward refractory employers. To-day it is being used by the Butte Miners' Union to compel the Engineers' Union, No. 83, to remain a part of the Western Federation of Miners. A majority of the engineers have seceded from the federation and the miners' union has ordered its members not to work in mines where the seceding engineers are employed.

Two thousand miners last night surrounded the shaft of the Gagnon mine and threatened to mob twenty-eight miners who refused to obey the union's edict and stop work. Fifteen policemen and Sheriff O'Rourke, with every deputy aiding him, managed to disperse the mob before violence was done.

O'Rourke threatened to order his men to shoot at the first sign of trouble, and with drawn revolvers the deputy sheriffs escorted the handful of miners from the workings. Later these men agreed not to return to work until the entire matter was settled.

NEW PRESIDENT.

W. Glockling, of Toronto, New Head of Trades and Labor Congress.

Quebec, Sept. 25.—W. Glockling, of Toronto, was elected president of the Dominion Trades and Labor congress at yesterday's meeting, and Fort William was selected as the place for the next convention. Provincial board, British Columbia, vice-president, J. C. Watters, Victoria; executive, J. G. McGeer, J. A. Aitkin, Phil Barker

GROUND TO DEATH BETWEEN COG WHEELS

Engineer Unable to Render Any Aid to Aged Assistant.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 25.—Wm. Hocking, an aged assistant engineer at the county almshouse, met a horrible end to-day, when he was slowly ground to death between two giant cog-wheels. It is supposed that Hocking's coat caught in the cogs while he was working about the engine room and that he was drawn into the great steel teeth before he could remove the garment.

Chief Engineer Holman entered the engine room just as Hocking was being crushed to death. The great cogs had closed upon him, and it was too late to render any aid.

The man's body was so horribly crushed that it could not be removed, until the entire machine was taken apart.

PROTEST SENT TO CZAR OF RUSSIA

REPORT OF MASSACRE OF JEWS CONFIRMED

Russian Authorities Now Admit "Disorders" Have Occurred.

Berlin, Sept. 24.—After repeated denials that there had been any massacre of Jews at Kief, the Russian authorities to-day admit that there have been "numerous slight disorders there."

For several days after more than a score of Jews had been killed, the first news of which reached here last Tuesday, the authorities denied that there had been any trouble of any nature in that city. Reports had the Russians driving Jewish women naked through the streets and the slaughter of innocent men, women and children. The homes of the Hebrews also were pillaged and wrecked.

The Russian authorities are said to have looked on with idle hands while these atrocities were going on.

The correspondents of the big Berlin papers have verified these reports and prominent citizens of Berlin have forwarded a complaint to the Czar.

SUFFRAGETTES RIOT IN JAIL

ATTACK DOCTORS AND ATTENDANTS

Fight Follows Attempt of Authorities to Break "Hunger Strike."

Birmingham, England, Sept. 24.—Nine suffragettes in jail here to-day started a riot when doctors tried to break their "hunger strike" by forcing food down their throats with stomach pumps.

Two women submitted to the forcible feeding, but the others revolted. They attacked the doctors and attendants. Windows were smashed, furniture broken and the clothing of the women badly torn in the fight that followed. After being overpowered the women were handcuffed and placed in solitary confinement.

The women were arrested recently for attempting to prevent Premier Asquith from speaking and in carrying on a struggle with the prison authorities started the "hunger strike," refusing food in any form.

PATTEN MAKES MILLION DOLLARS IN COTTON

Broker Declares He Will Return to New York in November.

New York, Sept. 25.—James A. Patten to-day is en route to Chicago after having added $1,000,000 to his already ample assets as the result of his operations in cotton during the past few days.

"The cotton crop is short," declared the wheat prince before he left, "and my predictions of a soaring market came true. Yes, I am well satisfied with the results of my trip. Lively times are ahead in cotton, stow that fact away in your brain for reference. I am coming back in November and then you will tell me I am right again."

ROOSEVELT SHOOTS ELEPHANTS.

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Nairobi, Sept. 24.—Camp followers arriving here to-day stated that Col. Roosevelt has killed four elephants since he started hunting at Kenia and that he is now going farther north.

Kermit also killed an elephant and a rhinoceros.

ENGINEER IN SOLE CHARGE

DUAL CONTROL IN STREET WORK ENDED

Council Reaches an Important Decision at Friday Evening's Meeting.

At Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council the important decision was reached to place all street work of every description under the special supervision of C. H. Topp, city engineer. This official will hereafter be held responsible for everything which transpires in connection with street work and improvements, whether the same has to do with water mains and connections, sewers, gas mains, etc. Thus for the first time in the history of Victoria the system of dual control has been abandoned and the water commissioner shorn of all responsibility in connection with the condition of the streets.

Heretofore the plan followed has been for the water commissioner to order work done where it has been necessary to lay mains or make connections for the water system; and, as a result, when complaints have been made as to the manner in which the streets have been left when the job has been finished, there has been wrangling as to the proper official on whom to place the responsibility.

Then, again, in regard to gas connections. A gang of men would come along and tear up a street at the instance of the gas company, for the purpose of laying mains or making connections with houses, and often it has happened that streets have been left in a very unsatisfactory condition.

All this will be changed hereafter. When the water commissioner desires to open any street for the purposes of his department he will have to apply to the city engineer and arrange with the latter in respect to the carrying out of the same. The gas company will also be compelled to comply strictly with the regulations issued by the city engineer's department.

This new departure has been under contemplation for a long time, and the intention to make the change which has now been decided upon has been recorded in the Times on more than one occasion.

The final decision was taken on the motion of Ald. Turner, who expressed the opinion that the time had now arrived when such a move should be made.

Other aldermen agreed with this, and said that they had only been awaiting the arrival of Mr. Bryson from Nanaimo, who has been appointed to the position of assistant engineer.

Mr. Topp remarked that he expected Mr. Bryson to come any day, and thereupon Ald. Stewart remarked that if Ald. Turner would make the necessary motion for the inauguration of the new system he would second it. This was done, and the motion carried unanimously.

It was decided to notify the water commissioner at once respecting the change. It may be mentioned that the decision of the board is quite agreeable to Mr. Raymur, the water commissioner, who has long been of the opinion that better results would be obatined if all the streets were under the care of one man.

COOK MAY BRING SUIT AGAINST PEARY

Explorer's Secretary Says Affidavits Have Been Prepared.

New York, Sept. 25.—According to statements to-day by friends of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer contemplates bringing a suit against Commander Peary to recover damages for slander and defamation.

Dr. Cook himself has nothing to say regarding the proposed suit, but his secretary, Walter Lonsdale, admitted that the idea was seriously entertained both by Dr. Cook and by John R. Bradley, Cook's backer. He said that affidavits had already been prepared in case it was definitely decided to bring the suit.

M. R. SMITH'S FACTORY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Old Established Business in City Suffered Heavy Loss This Morning—Over $50,000 Involved in Destruction.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Fifty thousand dollars' worth of property and stock, partly covered by insurance, went up in an early morning blaze this morning at the biscuit and candy factory of M. R. Smith & Company, Niagara street, the oldest concern of the kind on the Pacific coast. The three-story frame building is estimated at a loss of $10,000, and the balance covers the stock and plant. The insurance was $30,000, being about $10,000 on the building and $20,000 on stock and plant.

The origin of the blaze is not definitely known, but is placed by Fire Chief Thomas Davis as having started in the neighborhood of the engine room. The fires had been banked at night after the end of the day's work, and were so left last night. When the brigade arrived this morning about 5.25 the building was a seething furnace, but indications showed the fire had commenced at the rear corner where the engine room is situated. That the fire was confined to the building alone and not allowed to spread to the frame dwelling next door or to the stables at the rear is a marvel, and a splendid testimony to the efficiency of the fire department. The destroyed building was eighty by sixty-six feet, and stands twelve feet from a frame dwelling on one side and from twenty to thirty feet from the stabling and barn, which are but a few feet from a number of new houses on Ladysmith street at the rear. The wind was blowing freely from the south and carried the flames directly in the direction of the barns and stables where three horses were stabled and the new houses on the rear street. The strength of the wind can be estimated and the danger to the surrounding buildings understood by the fact that as far away as Michigan and Menzies streets black cinders are spread on the sidewalks. Even the parliament grounds were covered with embers. All along the sidewalks through the James Bay district for five and six blocks large cinders leave a trail to guide the sightseer to the scene of the early morning conflagration. The rain which fell last night possibly saved many of the handsome residences from ignition by the flying embers and destruction.

In the neighborhood are many painted shingle roofs which needed but a spark to set them alight. Last night's rain having damped the buildings undoubtedly prevented the James Bay district from being swept by a mammoth conflagration.

The factory destroyed was but a shell and one of the oldest buildings in the city. It was three stories, built completely of wood with the exception of the brick engine room and oven. Once alight it burned with fierce intensity and was soon roaring and seething. It has been occupied by the firm for the past twenty-two years, and the wooden structure has never been renewed. The stock consisted of candy and biscuit boxes, sugar, chocolate, essences and flour. Two carloads of the latter were delivered yesterday.

The alarm was received at the head station at 5:17 a. m., and was responded to by Fire Chief Davis and the complete brigade. The brigade raced down Government street, turned down Belleville street and thence to the scene down Montreal street. Four lines of hose were connected, while the engine was stationed at Simcoe and Montreal streets. Fire Chief Davis found the building doomed but attempted to cut the flames off through the centre of the building. The fire had been burning fully thirty minutes when the brigade arrived and to save it was found hopeless. The chief stationed his men around the building with four lines of hose and attacked the flames from all directions. Attention, however, was also directed to the stables and barn, which were alight and charred. Three horses were stamping and squealing with terror in the stables unable to free themselves, with the fire raging but a few feet from them, and their nostrils full of the smoke and the smell of fire. Blankets were placed over their heads and prodded from behind they were sent through the small open space between the building and the stables through burning cinders and past the flames out through an opening cut in the neighboring fence to safety.

Meantime the brigade attacked the fire on the barn and stables and soon had it safe. The hose was then run round the building again to assist the three other lines playing on the fire. A few minutes later the side wall facing the cottage fell outward with a crash and set fire to a large wood pile which, however, was saved.

The houses on Ladysmith street at the rear were found to be steaming from the intense heat, and the chief brought the residents of the dwellings to aid in their protection.

Perseverance and a good water supply gradually got the flames under control, and before 6 o'clock all danger to surrounding buildings had passed. The tenants of the adjoining house wakened early by the light of the flames and intense heat were out of bed and had soon removed their furniture.

Fire Chief Davis, seen in the midst of the work this morning, said: "The alarm was responded to immediately, and when we arrived the fire had a strong hold throughout the building. It was roaring. The building is but tinder, and once well alight nothing could save it. It must have been alight more than fifteen minutes before the alarm was sent in. Had we got the alarm early we might have controlled it. The water pressure was good. I have no fault to find with it."

Chief Davis also had a word to say regarding the work of the men under him as he superintended the work this morning. He said: "The men worked splendidly. This is the first big fire since I have been here, and I must say they proved themselves the best body of firemen I have had under me."

No arrangements have been made yet by the firm for the continuance of the business. The firm had in all its winter stock, and was getting ready to manufacture for the Christmas trade. Arrangements will be made at once to fill all orders, and an announcement is expected Monday.

The insurances were distributed in part as follows: Richmond Drummond Insurance Company, on stock, $3,000; National Insurance Company, $1,500, on feed, stables and horses; Queen Company, $3,000, on stock; Phoenix, $2,500, on sto[illegible] British American, $1,000, on stoc[illegible] $2,000 on stock; Phoenix [illegible] cantile, $2,000; [illegible] and Atlas, $1,00[illegible] plant. There wa[illegible] various compani[illegible]

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Spaniards Demand Dis[illegible]ment of Tribesmen and Su[illegible]render of Murderers.

Madrid, Sept. 25.—An official dispatch received here last night says the main body of the enemy is suing for peace, and that hostilities have been suspended during the negotiations.

Spanish Demands.

Paris, Sept. 25.—A special dispatch to the Matin from Melilla says that four notables of the Beni-Sicar tribe went into the Spanish camp Thursday and held a long conference with General Salamo, asking for peace. Spain demanded the disarmament of the tribesmen and the surrender of persons guilty of murdering Spaniards. Hunger has attacked the Moors.

CRUSHED BY LOG.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 24.—With only a fighting chance for his life, L. H. Van Iderstein, whose home is in Bellingham, Wash., is lying with a broken back in the Providence hospital, where he has been hovering between life and death for seven days.

While working on a logging train in the Taylor camp at Newport, Van Iderstein was caught under a rolling log last Friday and hurled into the water nearby. When he was dragged out it was discovered that his back had been broken. The physicians at the hospital say that his chances of recovery are slight. Only his rugged constitution has kept him alive thus far.

JUDGE SPINKS TO RETIRE.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—County Court Judge Spinks, of Yale, has applied to the minister of justice for retirement on superannuation. Action will be taken on the application when the minister returns from England, two weeks hence.

ONE HUNDRED DROWNED.

Constantinople, Sept. 24.—Torrential rains have caused the loss of 100 lives and the destruction of 500 houses at Homes, a town of Northern Syria.

FLAMES DESTROY MILLS AT VANCOUVER

Fire at Huntting Lumber Co.'s Plant Causes Loss of $100,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—Fire again devastated the plant of the Huntting Lumber Company last night, destroying the shingle mill, the planing mill and other buildings remaining from the conflagration of August 20th last. The fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock in the drying kiln and took a firm hold immediately. Long before the fire brigade could reach the scene, the whole place, with the exception of a portion of the lumber yard, was in flames right down to the waters' edge. At midnight the conflagration was under control but it was late this morning before the fire was extinguished.

The outbreak was first noticed at 10.55 p.m., when flames shot out of the drying kiln, which immediately became wrapped in a sheet of fire. The mill and planing sheds were completely gutted, and other smaller outbuildings were also destroyed. The heat at the east side was intense, and some Japanese, whose dwellings were located there, close to the mill, were kept busily engaged pouring water on the roofs and sides of their homes with small and leaking garden hose. Four C. P. R. box cars across the street were also destroyed.

It is not known what the amount of damage will be, but it will certainly total in the neighborhood of $100,000.