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A MASS OF FLAMES.

NOTHING CAN SAVE VANCOUVER FROM DESTRUCTION.

Fire Fighters Fleeing From Death on Train Encounter a Wall of Flame—A Fight For Life.

A dispatch from Vancouver, B. C., says three days the people of Michel have fought for their lives and homes, but at dust Wednesday the city started to burn. Nothing can save it from ruin. A gale from the west sprung up in the afternoon.

At the edge of the town 100,000 feet of mine timber owned by a coal company caught fire, and four loaded railroad cars standing on the side track were consumed. Two Canadian and Pacific locomotives were hitched to a train to carry the fire fighters away to the west to safety.

The train got only a half mile on its journey when it encountered a wall of flames. There was danger of its being hemmed in and burned with everybody aboard, so he locomotives were reversed and run back with all possible speed. By the time the train returned all the houses on the flat district back of th Great Northern depot were burning and and the main town seemed likely to catch at any moment.

WILL GRATIFY AMBITION.

Edison To Give Himself a Roving Commission Into Science.

Thomas A. Edison has begun to gratify an ambition he has cherished many years, and the laboratory at Llewellyn, N. Y. will see comparatively little of him henceforth.

Mr. Edison's ambition has been to give himself a roving commission into pure science and to steer clear of commercialism. He does not want to increase his fortune. He has got $35,000,000, which he thinks is more than enough. All his life he has been turning out money making inventions. He will devote his remaining years to investigate anything that strikes his fancy without regard to its financial productiveness.

It is learned that the man who has achieved so many marvels in electricity has a greater love for chemistry than electricity. Chemistry was the first science to captivae his wonderful intellect but he has never had a chance to dig as deep into its mysteries as he wanted to. Now he proposes to give himself the chance. Moreover he is going to take life more easily.

He has promised his family and his friends to give up slaving night and day, Sundays and holidays in his labortory. Not only that but he is going to take jaunts about and see something of the rest of the world. He has bought himself a place in Florida where he will spend a couple of months in the late winter and early spring next year.

Toward the end of this month he is going with his wife on a month's trip to the Pacific coast. He will stay more than a month if the fancy strikes him. Monday, instead of being in his laboratory, he was fun making with some friends down on Long Island where he went on Friday to spend three days.

ENTIRE FAMILY KILLED.

North Carolina Farmer, His Wife and Son, Slain by Lightning.

A special to the Charlotte Observer from Sparta, Alleghany County brings news of the death of an entire family at Edmonds, ten miles across the mountains from Sparta on Friday by lightning. Frank Murphy, a farmer, and his wife and young son were in the field stacking rye when the storm came up. The trio ran for shelter, but were stricken down before they reached the house and presumably instantly killed. The bodies were found later by neighbors. *

TILLMAN IN ITALY.

Writes to Gen. Jones for News From the Campaign.

Gen. Wilie Jones, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee and Senator Tillman's substitute on the national Democratic committee, Monday received a letter from the senator. The latter is now in Italy and finds the lakes over there very beautiful.

Senator Tillman will be in London on the 10th of August. The State Democratic primary is on the 25th. Senator Tillman asks Gen. Jones for information from the campaign.

MAN STABS HIS WIFE.

Woman's Injuries Considered Serious Husband in Jail.

Tom Vick, a mill operative, is in the county jail at Greenville charged with stabbing his wife at their cottage in the suburbs of that place Friday afternoon. The woman's injuries are said to be serious, especially the wound in her side. Vick also plunged the plade in his wife's throat, the wound being about an inch deep. The affray seems to have been the outcome of a family row. *

Rolls Down Embankment.

The work train on a narrow-gauge road running to the Rorer Iron Mines, two miles from Roanoke, Va., Friday left the rails and rolled down a high embankment on the mountain side. A number of men riding on the train were caught under the engine and cars. Three were killed and several more seriously injured. The dead: James Tyree, Jams Wertz, John Brown. *

REPORT OF CROP CONDITION.

Bureau of Statistics of Agricultural Department Issue Bulletin.

The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture in a bulletin issued Friday shows that the condition of corn on August 1 was 82.5 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 82.8 last month, 82.8 on Aug. 1, 1907, and 83.1, the 10-year average on August 1. The condition in the Southern States was:

	1908.	10-years.
Texas	78	78
Georgia	89	86
Kentucky	83	85
Tennessee	85	84
Alabama	87	84
North Carolina	91	87
Arkansas	79	83
Mississippi	86	80
South Atlantic	89	86.4

Preliminary returns indicate a yield of winter wheat of about 14.3 bushels per acre, or a total of 425,940,000 bushels, which compares with 14.6 bushels and 409,442,000 bushels, respectively, the final estimates of last year's crop. The average quality of the crop is 90.1 against 90.5 last year.

Average condtion of spring wheat on August 1 was 80.7 pe rcent. o normal as compared with 80.40 a month ago, 79.4 on August 1, 1907, 86.9 on August 1, 1906, and 82.7 the 10-year average on August 1.

The condition of the oat crop on Aug. 1. was 76.7 per cent. of normal as compared with 85.7 last month 75.6 on August 1, 1907, 82.7 on Aug. 1, 1906.

The proportion of the oats crop of last year in the hands of farmers on August 1 is estimated at 5.0 per cent equivalent to 38,000,000 bushels, as compared with 7.1 per cent. and 68,000,000 bushels, respectively, the corrresponding figures of a year ago.

The condition of rye of August 1 or at the time of harvesting, was 88.3 per cent. of a normal.

The average condition of tobacco on Aug. 1 was 85.8, a scompared with 82.3, the 10-year average. The condition of flax on August 1 was 86.1.

TWO KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Electric Bolt Plays Strange Pranks in New Jersey Home.

Two persons were killed and two others severely injured by lightning during a severe electrical storm that swept over Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey Friday, causing much havoc.

Robert Heimbach, a farmer, was struck and instantly killed, near the fields, and Walter Cattell, aged Lewisburg, Pa., while working in the filds, and Walter Cattell, aged 17 years, was struck and killed, near Glassboro, N. J.

His sister, Mabel, and Rebecca Turner, were also struck and severely injured, the latter being in a serious condition. Cattell, his sister and Miss Turner were seated under a shed watching the lightning when a bolt hit the peak of the shed, where they wree siting.

The lightning broke the legs of the chairs and rendered the trio unconscious. The charge passed down Cattell's back and he was dead when picked up. The shoes were ripped from the feet of his sister, but she recovered consciousness after a short time, and is seriously ill from the shock. One corner of the Cattell home was torn out of the building by the lignting.

Buildings of all sort were struck in various sections and destroyed and many districts suffered from flooding. Philadelphia, in connection with the storm, was pelted by one of the most severe f alls of hail that has occurred in a number of years. *

FOLLOWS BRYAN'S ACTION.

Taft Makes a Speech to a Phonograph to Have it Reproduced.

The use of a phonogarph by Candidate Taft as a means for dissemination of his speeches, as reported in the dispatches from Hot Springs, Va., excited the liveliest interest of W. J. Bryan, so much as that he gave out the following statement in regard to it.

"The republican papers have been making fun of me for using the phonograph as a means of reaching the public, but since the republican candidate has followed my example I presume that the criticism will cease and that this will now be regraded as a dignified method of discussing public questions.

"It looks as if the democrats were going to have a hard time this year protecting their patents from infringement. The republicans seems to be bent upon imitating not only our platform, but our campaign methods. There is, however, some advantage in the fact that we are setting the pattern this year."

SHOOTING ON STREET CAR

Negro Passenger Refuses to Pay Fare and Row Results.

At Pensacola, Fla. Wednesday one man fatally wounded and another painfully injured, is the result of a fight between negroes and street railway employees on a Bay Shore car. Wm. Johnson, colored, was shot in the mouth and abdomen, while Chief Inspector McClung, of the street railway, suffered a painful wound in the hand. The negroes had had a picnic at Palmetto Beach, which lasted far into the night. A special car, with half a dozen trailers were bringing them back when one negro refused to pay his fare. A general fight followed between the eight or ten conductors and some of the negroes.

FLIES THROUGH AIR.

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR VOYAGE BEGUN BY COUNT ZEPPELIN.

The Ascent Made Very Successfully—Traveled Over 250 Miles, With Only One Descent.

A dispatch from Friedrichschafen, Germany, says arising from its floating dock on the dark green waters of Lake Constance early Tuesday morning the great dirigible air ship of Count Zeppelin was sent away for a 24 hour journey in the air to Mayence and return. Late that night the apex of the triangular flight had been turned, and the monster of the air, with nose pointed southward, was reported speeding along under starry skies toward Friedrichschafen, where it is hoped the journey will end Wednesday. The flight to Mayence, however, was not an uninterrupted one, for something was wrong with a propeller while speeding along above the valley of the Rhine and Count Zeppelin was compelled to bring the air ship down to the surface of the river at Nachenheim, eight miles from Mayence, dirigible again was sent on high and the trip that probably will prove a record one was recommenced.

The weather for the ascension was most auspicious. The ship of the air rose majestically to a height of 400 feet, and crossing the lake circled the town of Constance, then turning retraced the path of its flight, and describing a perfect circle, passing over Friedrichschafen and then soared westward over the lake to Basle, on the Swiss frontier. Turning the vessel slightly toward the northwest Count Zeppelin steered it over Mulhausen, and then directed its flight northeasterly to Strassburg, thence followed the valley of Rhine norhward to Mayence, a distance altogether of 250 miles.

Everything was going smoothly when the trouble to the propeller occurred and somewhat impeded the progress of the air ship, but when the balloon had been brought down Count Zeppelin found the defect so slight that he telephoned his secretary at his office in Friedrichschafen: "We will start again some time to-night and complete the trip."

His expectations were realized, for in less than four hours everything had been made perfect.

The people gathered on the banks of the stream and sang patriotic songs and cheered Count Zeppelin.

At 10.15 p. m., the air ship rose again and turned her bows toward Mayence, where she arrived at -- o'clock, and passed over the gas-ed city almost beyond the view of the populace, which had gathered in the streets expecting to witness the passage of the balloon.

Soaring onward for a short distance, the air ship was turned homeward. Whether it will follow the itinerary laid down by Count Zeppelin, reracing its outward path to Karlsruhe and thence flying southeasterly over Stutgart to Lake Constance, is not known. If the air ship maintains the speed at which it was travelling today, it should arrive in Friedrichschafen tomorrow forenoon.

The quiet villages and small towns along the shores of Lake Cosntance awoke this morning to find that the great event for which they had waited for weeks and months had occurred—Count Zeppelin's air ship had started on an epoch making journey. A majority of the scant population of Friedrichschafen, however, despite the strict secrecy of the Count's associations, got wind that something was about to happen and assembled before daybreak at Munzell, opposite the floating balloon shed. In this shed, throughout Monday night workmen had been busy making everything ready for the journey. At 6 o'clock that morning, everything was in readiness for the exit of the air ship.

Count Zeppelin could not have chosen more delightful weather for a start. A glorious sunrise inaugurated the day, and there was not a cloud in the sky. The lake was as smooth as a mirror.

Meets With Disaster.

Count Zeppelin's airship, which descended on a plateau near the village of Echterdingen, five miles south of Stuttgart, shortly before 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, owing to a defect in one of the motors, broke away from its moorings during a storm at 5 o'clock that afternoon burst into flames and exploded. Four persons were injured by the flying debris.. Count Zeppelin escaped uninjured. The airship was completely wrecked.

The storm blew up unexpectedly. A fierce gust of wind tore the balloon from its anchorage and drove it in a southwesterly direction for some 50 yards. Here the rear end of the great fabric dropped and smoke and flames were seen to burst out from one end to the other. Then in a few seconds came the explosion and a great column of flames shot upward into the air. This was followed by the crashing down to the earth of the motors and frames that had been attached to the under side of the airship. Several bystanders were knocked down.

It was necessary to land the airship at Echterdingen owing to the overheating of the piston box of the forward motor and the escape of considerable gas, owing to the fact that Count Zeppelin tok the airship to a height of about 6,000 feet.

The Zeppelin airship completed the most remarkable voyage in the history of aerial navigation. It left the Lake of Constance Tuesday morning for a trip to Mayence and return. The flight was successful in a great many ways. The machine responded absolutely to the control of its pilots and was navigated over the Lake of Constance, down the valley of the Rhine, over Strassburg and several other cities and was expected at Friedrichshafen, its starting point.

Count Zeppelin has devoted his lifetime and his personal fortune to the development of his airship. The vessel that was lost Wednesday was the fourth he has constructed. When his own money had become exhausted the German reichstag voted experiments. The government agreed to purchase this ship on condition that it fulfilled certain requirements, the principal one being that it remain in the air 24 hours and land on terra firma. This stipulation had not yet been fulfilled.

The airship was 443 feet long, with a diameter of about 45 feet. It tapered to a blunt point at the bow, while at the stern were various rudders and frames used in steering. It was fitted underneath with a motor capable of developing 140 horse power. As many as 16 passengers had been taken aloft at one tme. Sleeping accommodations wre provided for the crew and apparatus was installed for the dispatch and receipt of wireless telegraph messages. The inflating gas was dstributed among 16 seperate interior compartments which were contained within the outer rigid envelop of aluminum.

The accident to the Zeppelin airship recalls the end of the French militiary airship Patrie, in December, 1907, which was then considered the finest dirigible balloon n existence. The Patre was undergoing repairs to machinery at Verdun. A sudden gust of wind struck the airship and the 200 men who were holding the guide ropes were dragged alng for several hundred yards before they let go. The balloon then shot up to a great height and disappeared and was never heard from.

BANK AT UNION CLOSES.

Depositors Are Said to Be Fully Protected.

The People's Bank of Union closed its doors Tuesday pending voluntary liquidation. In a statement issued by the president, the general depression is the reason assigned for the action. It is said that depositors are fully protected.

SENATOR ALLISON DEAD.

Heart Failure Removes Iowa's Grand old Man.

United States Senator W. B. Allison died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, Tuesday afternoon. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The end came as a result of a serious sinking spell due to prostatic enlargement, complicated with kidney disease, and during a period of unconsciousness, which had lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Two weeks ago the Senator left his home in the city to escape the heat. He went to the home of Mrs. Fannie Stout, a friend of the family, living on the Asbury road a few miles from town. For a few days days his conidtion seemed to improve but he later began to grow worse. Medical advisers urged that an operation be performed to relieve the prostatic enlargment, which was bringing his condition to a crisis. Saturday morning the Senator was brought back home. Soon afterwards he relapsed into a condition of semi-unconsciousness. Except for brief periods of partial recovery he remained in this condition until death came Tuesday afternoon.

YOUTH SHOOTS SWEETHEART.

Girl Fatally Wounded Because She Refused His Company.

A dispatch from Greensboro, N. C., says news has reached that place of the shooting in Wilkes county Sunday of Miss Mary Ball by Freeland Tharp. Miss Ball was teacher in a rural school and Tharp had been paying her attention. She refused to go with him to church but went with his brother instead, while Freeland Tharp escorted another young woman who lived at the same house with Miss Ball. When they had returned from church, just as Miss Ball was entering the porch, Freeland Tharp drew his pistol and fired three shots at her. One of the bullets entered her left breast about an inch above the heart, inflicting a fatal wound. Tharp was captured, relieved of his weapon and is now in jail at Wilkesboro.

TOO MUCH HARD CIDER.

White Man Kills Two Negroes Near Lynchburg.

Near Concord, 10 miles east of Lynchburg, Va., Monday night Jack Lee, white, shot and instantly killed Beverely Cardwell, colored, and mortally wounded his brother Samuel, who died Tuesday morning. The men, whites and blacks, were drinking hard cider and had a drunken misunderstanding. Lee was arrested.

Negro Hanged in Mississippi.

After having been twice respited by the Governor, George Toombs, an old negro, was hanged at Waynesboro, Miss., Tuesday for the murder of his brother-in-law. Owen Pittman, thirteen months ago.

AUTOMATIC DOFFING MACHINE.

Invention for Cotton Mills Designed by South Carolinians.

An automatic doffing machine is the joint invention of A. G. Boozer of Greenville and George Hill of Tucapau. The machine is now in successful operation at Tucapau mill in Spartanburg county. The need of a machine for this work has long been an important one, for the help to do the doffing in the spinning plants has always, been difficult to secure.

CIGARETTE CAUSED KILLING.

When Youth Approached Father Smoking Quarrel Followed.

The killing of James A Riddle by his son, Thos. Riddle, which occurred Sunday at Cotton, a cotton mill town seven miles south of Fayetteville, N. C., is said to have been the result of a quarrel which the boy had with his father about smoking a cigarette.

Young Riddle approached his father, in the presence of others, smoking a cigarette, when the elder remonstrated with him, bringing on a quarrel.

The father attempted to strike him with a board, when the young man drew a revolver and fired four shots into his father's body, the first causing instant death.

Thomas Riddle immediately surrendered to the police. Coroner J. Vance McGougan ordered the murderer held without bail. He was taken to Fayetteville late Sunday night and placed in jail.

He made a statement for publication in which he claims that his father was under the influence of an intoxicant Sunday afternoon, and that, according to a statement made to the prisoner by his mother, a short while before the tragedy, James A. Riddle had left the home to secure a pistol with the threat that he would kill the family upon his return.

The young man came in contact with his father before the latter's return. The prisoner also says his father had him hemmed in a jam and was about to slay him with a board.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

So Hot That the Firemen Had to Fight Flames a Block Away.

At Chicago Monday afternoon fire which was so hot that the firemen could not get nearer than a block of it, and which made it neccesary to play streams of water on buildings three and four squares away, destroyed the Burlington elevators "E" and "F," the dock transfer warehouse of that road and either burned or rendered useless 100 box cars. The loss on the grain in the two elevators is placed by Armour & Co., who owned it, at $700,000. The total loss is placed at $1,000,000.

The fire started at 1 p. m., in Burlington warehouse, supposedly from a cigarettes dropped near several barrels containing chemicals.

At the first explosion the 250 men employed in the warehouse and elevators fled and it is believed all escaped.

Eighty fire engine companies and three fire tugs had all they could do to confine the conflagration to its original limits. At 3 o'clock, Fire Marshall Horan declared that further spread of the flames was not to be feared. However, several engines are pouring their streams into the glowing wreckage.

BABY BOY A HERO.

Saves His Companion From Death Under Auto.

At Spartanburg a little child is the hero in an automobile story, which has just become known at that place.

Two little boys of about three years of age, Gilliam Harris, son of John Harris, and Glenn, the son of Mrs. J. E. Evins, were playing on the edge of the sidewalk on South Church street with their nurses.

Suddenly a large touring car came down the street at a great speed and little Gilliam Harris ran out in front of it. Several ladies were sitting on the verandas and, seeing the child, ran out, as the nurses had not seen the children. Of course they could not reach him in time. But just as the car was almost on the little fellow, Glenn ran out and catching him around the neck fairly dragged him away. It was wonderful and the little fellow was the object of much praise from the ladies.

There is a funny side to everything. After the danger was over Glenn still kept his hold on Gilliam's neck until he was fairly gasping for breath. There they stood, Glenn, with a tight hold around Gilliam's neck, and the latter with his dear little mouth hanging wide open.

HARD RUDE AWAKENING.

Young Man's Nap in Railroad Yard Results in Loss of Arm.

Dewitt Clement, a young man of Ashevill, was injured by an engine in the Southern Railway yards at Spartanburg Tuesday night, and his left arm had to be amputated. Clement and a friend were asleep on a hnad car in the railroad yards. A passing engine woke Clement up, and he jumped up suddenly about halp asleep and got in the way of the engine. His left arm was badly crushed and the member was apmaputated. He also sustained scalp wounds.

FEUDISTS IN BIG FIGHT.

Two Men And a Woman Killed in Kentucky.

The bloodiest feudist battle in years took place at Layman, Horlin county, Ky., late Thursday afternoon Three persons were killed, one being a woman, and one woman was wounded. The trouble dates back for generations between Blantons and Taylors. The immediate cause of the shooting was a dispute over a school election. *

BARBER STABS WIFE.

Narrowly Escapes Being Lynched by Angry Mob.

At Burlington, N. J., angered and jealous because his wife wished to go for a walk, Adam Popiel, a barber, Thursday night stabbed the woman and in turn was almost lynched by an angry mob.

OUTLOOK HOPEFUL.

DEMOCRATS HAVE GOOD CHANCE IN NEW YORK.

Chairman Mack Holds Conference With Murphy, Senator Daniel, Ex-Senator Pettigrew and Henry Watterson.

An important conference to outline a plan of campaign in New York State was held Monday by Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, with Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall at New York. The conference continued for some time and it was said that the part which the national Democratic committee will play in he campaign in this State was determined.

After a conference lasting over two hours, Chairman Mack said:

"Mr. Murphy and I talked of the situation in the State and what is being done to elect the national ticket. A more active campaign will be made here after the State convention. No mention was made of gubernatorial candidates.

"The State committee will direct the campaign in this State and as long as everything is satisfactory—and everything has been so far—the national committee will not interfere.

"Much has been said of Mr. Bryan's speaking campaign. It is Mr. Bryan's intention to speak in centres of doubtful States, though he will not make the number of speeches that he made in his former acmpaigns. As has been announced, he will speak twice in this State, once in Greater New York and once in Buffalo, but I shall try to persuade him to speak also at some point in the centre of the State. He will not speak in the State until some time after the State convention, which I understand will be the latter part of September or the first part of October.

"I believe New York to be the battleground where the Democratic party has a good chance of success."

Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia, Henry Watterson and Former Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota had a conference with Mr. Mack.

Senator Daniel will leave for Europe tomorrow to be away a month attending to his duties as a member of the monetary commission. On his return he said he will take an active part in the campaign.

Mr. Watterson is engaged in the formation of his committee of editors throughout the country favorable to Mr. Bryan's candidacy Chairman Mack, accompanied by Secretary Urey Woodson, left for Chicago Thursday and will not return until after the Bryan notification. On his arrival in that city he will announce the makeup of the subcommittee which will have control of the campaign east of the Alleghanies.

STRIKE OF COAL MINERS.

Wednesday the Most Tubulent Thus Far in Birmingham District.

A dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., says Wednesday has been by far the most turbulent of the coal miners' strike. The lynching of the negro Will Millans, a union miner, charged with dynamiting at Brighton, early Wednesday morning, was followed that night by the arrest of two deputy sheriffs, Lon Tyler and Bruce Tyler, charged with killng the negro. Strong feeling over the strike followed by a quarrel, led to the killing of Albert Fletcher, a negro at New Castle, by Constable Will Ellard

Two deputy sheriffs were kidnapped by strikers at Jett Mines and tied to a tree. Another house was dynamited at Wylam, the shock being so severe as to throw the inmates out of bed. Sheriff Higdon, after a conference with Governor Comer, issued orders that no assemblies of men are to be allowed near the mines; that marching groups are not allowed to go along the highways from mine to mine; that all meetings will be attended by deputies and incendiary speakers will be arrested, and that discharging of firearms will not be permitted. Governor Comer will place the entire 1st Alabama regment in the district before the end of the week. W. R. Fairley, leader of the miners, issued a statement Wednsday, in which he arraigns the Governor, charging him with being in with the mine owners and doing all in his power to injure the miners.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Young Lady of Chester County Meets With Horrible Death.

A dispatch from Chester, says Miss Etta Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Melton, Sr., of the Louisville neighborhood was burned to death last Saturday at noon while preparing the family dinner. In handling a kerosene oil can for kindling the fire the blaze reached the can of oil, causing explosion and quickly enveloping the unfortunate young lady, and her tragic death medical treatment was secured, but the fierce flame completed its fatal work in four hours. Miss Melton was 16 years old, a most estimable young layd, and her tragic death causes much sorrow in her home community.

Victim for the Gallows.

At Cullman, Ala., John Holland was Thursday found guilty of the murder of H. D. Putnam at Hanceville, Ala., on July 2, and was sentenced to be hanged September 18. Holland was town marshal for Hanceville, and after telling friends that he was going to Putnam's house to arrest him shot him, death being almost instantaneous. *

BALDWIN MAKES ASCENT.

His Dirigible Balloon Goes Five Miles, Making Complete Circle.

"We sighted the enemy." These words were shouted by Capt. Baldwin at Fort Myer Friday, says a dispatch from Washington, as he piloted his balloon to the ground after making a successful flight of nearly five miles in an effort to demonstrate the usefulness of an air ship in war time.

Rising from the ground like a monster bird of the air, slowly but buoyantly, at 6.21 o'clock Friday evening, the aerial ship, built for the United States army, was headed into the westerly wind by Capt Baldwin. A complete circle was described, the balloon rising gradually to a height of 200 feet. Again pointing to the west, and attaining at estimated speed of twelve miles an hour, the ship voyaged in a direct line for nearly two miles.

The trip was made with the wind, which was blowing at the rate of 7 miles an hour. The throttle was thrown open a little wider by Mr. Curtiss, who again operated the engine, and the ship flew along at a speed of eighteen or twenty miles an hour.

When the dirigible passed over the starting point it was about five hundred feet in the air. Bringing his ship against the wind, Capt. Baldwin made a landing much the same as pilots of water craft bring their vessels to the side of a dock. *

ROBBERY AT EUTAWVILLE.

Store of M. Marcus Entered and Some Goods Stloen.

On Thursday morning last Mr. M. Marcus, a merchant of Eutawville was aroused by the chief marshal of the town, who informed him that some one had broken into his store. Mr. Marcus hastened down to his place of business and, in approaching it he saw that the robber had broken a hole in the front of his store, which being of glass, was not hard to break through. As he entered his store and looked around he supposed that he had only lost one or two pair of shoes and a suit or two of clothes, but luckily he had just taken stock the day before, so he again checked up his goods and found hat he had lost several suits of clothes, a few pairs of shoes, a hat, some underwear, socks, stockings and some few other things, all amounting to about $50, more or less. The robber has not yet been found.

JEALOUSY CAUSES SHOOTING.

Accused Man of Improper Conduct Toward His Wife and is Shot.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says Jacob L. Hechler is believed to be mortally wounded, and Royal E. Ellison, in the city jail on the charge of attempted murder. The shooting took place in Hechler's home Tuesday. Hechler accused Ellerson of improper conduct toward his wife, and Ellerson shot him three times—twice in the face and once in the lungs. Friends of Hechler tried to lynch Ellerson, and six policemen were engaged for nearly an hour in getting the man to the station, several persons trying to shoot him.

A SEVERE STORM.

Lightning Strikes Residences, Churches and Stuns Several People.

At Spartanburg, lightning struck four residences, two churches and stunned several people during a severe electrical storm Wednesday afternoon. Three of the residences that were struck were badly damaged and one was set on fire. Silver Hill Methodist church was struck in three places, and the tower demolished. A small colored church on Charles street was set on fire by a olt of lightning, and the fire department had to be called out to extinguish the flames. *

HEADQUARTERS AT CHICAGO.

Chairman Mack to Open There. Finance Committee.

The Democratic national headquarters opened for the season at the Auditorium Annex Wednesday, Chairman Mack, of the national committee, accompanied by Roger C. Sullivan, of Illinois, have arrived in Chicago.

Chairman Mack is expected to announce the membership of the finance committee and various sub-committees not yet appointed.

TICKET TAKER ARRESTED.

Southern Employee in Trouble for Drawing Pistol on Passenger

At Spartanburg, W. R. Lucas, ticket taker on Southern Trrain, was arrested Friday-night when the train pulled into the station on the charge of drawing a pistol on one of the passengers. On the train from Greenville Friday afternoon about two hundred base ball fans were aboard returning to Spartanburg from the ball game in Greenville. Trouble arose about fares and a difficulty was narrowly averted. Lucas drew his pistol and when the train pulled into the station he was arrested by the police. *

Suicde at Savannah.

Capt. D. G. Purse, prominent citizen, noted developer industrial writer and promoter, and having connections in New York, Pittsburg and other centres, committed suicide at Savannah Thursday by sacoting. No cause is given for the deed. *

APPEALS FOR FUNDS.

BRYAN CALLS AGAIN FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Johnson's Manager Calls and Assures Bryan of Johnson's Willingness to Take Stump.

Of more than usual significance was the visit to Fairview Wednesday of Frank B. Lynch, of St. Paul, Democratic national committeeman from Minnesota, and manager of Governor Johnson's campaign for the Presidential nomination at the Denver Convention. Mr. Lynch arrived about noon in company with B. F. Nelson, of Minneapolis, president of the State Fair Association. Mr. Lynch's presence at Fairview was at the special request of Mr. Bryan. He lost no time in conveying to the Democratic nominee Governor Johnson's assurance of loyal support of the Democratc ticket and his intention to take the stump in Mr. Bryan's behalf.

"There is no animosity toward Bryan in Minnesota," sad Mr. Lynch. "While I do not promise that the Democrats wll carry Minnesota this year, I think they have a good chance."

Mr. Lynch declared that nothing rankled in Governor Johnson's heart because he was defeated for the nominaton. "He feels all right about it," said he "and all Minesota Democrats are for Bryan."

The business which brought Mr. Nelson to Fairview was to invite Mr. Bryan to attend the State Fair in St. Paul and deliver an address. The invitation was accepted, the date beng fixed at August 31, but wth the understanding that there should be no charge for admission on the ground on that day.

Mr. Bryan Wednesday nght caused to be given out for publication the following appeal for campaign:

"Wanted—Campagn contributions

"From citizens of the Republic who favor these Democratc propositions:

"Tarff revison by reprsentaves of not by the agents of those who make exorbitant profits by manufacture and sale of highly protected products.

"Election of United States Senator by popular ote, thus breaking up the Senatorial oligarchy headed by Standard Oil, whch is strong enough successfully to resist all measurers offered in behalf of the public welfare.

"Guarantee of all national bank deposits, thereby preventing all absolute confidence in all banks.

"Destructon of private monopoly and the enforcement of law against trusts by the people who are opposed by the trusts and not by the agents of the trusts.

"Publicity of campaign contributions before election day, so that the people may know who is paying the expenses of candidates, and why paying.

"Adopton of an ncome tax because it is just, and under what may bar its proportionate share of the burdens of the Federal Government.

"The punshment of men who manipulate railroad stocks and ownerships, the encouragement of railroad construction upon a business-like basis and railroad operation wth far returns in wages and profits to workers and owners on honest valuation and honest labor, but not on watered stock and false bond issues created by exploitation."

The appeal closes with a copy of the resoluton adopted by the Democrac national committee upon the occasion of their visit to Fairview July 14, declaring for publicity of contributons before the electon; individual contributions to $10,000 and providing for the publication of all contrbutions over $100.

Mr. Bryan outlined the subjects which he will discuss in his forthcoming speech of acceptance. The speech wll be confined practically to the questions, "shall the people rule" and "the measure of rewards." The other issues of the campaign, such as guarantee of bank depostors, the tariff, the trusts, etc., will be treated in the several speeches he will make in the next thirty days and his letter of acceptance.

COW WRECKS A TRAIN.

Four Persons Killed in Accident on Texas Tram Road.

Four persons were killed and four others were injured, two probably fatally, when an engine on the tram road of the Livingston Lumber Company struck a cow and plunged into a deep ravine, near Livingston, Texas Friday.

The dead: Watson Scott, engineer; Fayette Rogers, fireman; Finis Peebles, Henry Young, colored. Brad Hickman and a young man named Clark, are perhaps fatally injured, while the negroes are less seriously injured.

BABY'S NECK BROKEN.

Little Child in Laurens County Killed by Fall From Doorway.

News has been received that a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, who live several miles out from Gray Court, in Laurens County, fell out of a door Saturday afternoon and broke its neck. It seems from what can be learned that the child was standing in the doorway, which was only two or three feet from the ground, when it lost its balance and fell to the ground, breaking its neck.

Perish in Snow Storm.

According to a telegram received from Copenhagen, says Mylius Erichsen, the Danish explorer, and two members of the party that sailed with him to the unexplored regions of Greenland, have perished in a snow storm.