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## NATIVE SONS AND FAIR DAUGHTERS OF GOLDEN CALIFORNIA CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF HER ADMISSION INTO THE UNION

### DEATH RIDES IN HURLING AUTOMOBILE

#### Spectator Is Killed by Runaway Machine.

#### Barney Oldfield Has a Marvelous Escape in Accident.

#### Tire Explodes and the Racer Swerves and Leaps in the Air.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 9.—While Barney Oldfield's racing automobile was running nearly sixty miles an hour at the Grand Point track this afternoon in the ten-mile open event, one of the front tires on the machine burned through and exploded, throwing the car into the fence and injuring Frank Shearer, a spectator, so terribly that he died in an ambulance en route to the hospital. The car went fifty feet through the air and Oldfield, who kept his seat, had a marvelous escape from death. He received several cuts about the body and had one rib broken.

It was an afternoon of accidents at the track, two other high power machines coming to grief because of the tires. Fortunately no one was hurt in either of these accidents.

Oldfield's sparkler gave out a few feet from the tape in the race during which the accident occurred and Oldfield lost nearly two miles before he repaired the damage and started after Harry Cunningham, the only other entry. The tires of the machine were the same ones he used at Cleveland and as he was turning into the stretch on his seventh mile the friction on the right front tire burned through and it exploded. The track is banked high at the turn and the car with its tremendous momentum shot for the outer edge of the track, which is six feet above the ground beyond. Oldfield had just time enough to twist his brake and head for a spot between two trees. Shearer was standing against the fence at this point and the car struck him squarely, breaking both legs and fracturing his skull. He was thrown seventy-five feet and never recovered consciousness. Oldfield had presence of mind enough to throw himself backward on the flat deck of the car, which went crashing through a low tree and landed a complete wreck fifty feet from where it went through the fence. A brother of Shearer was standing near him and had a narrow escape.

#### ESCAPES CONTROL.

#### Racing Machine at Zanesville Fatally Injures John Gooding.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Sept. 9.—An automobile driven by Earl Kiser of Dayton escaped his control at the races here today and as the result of its dashing into the fence John Gooding was fatally injured, having been struck by the automobile while going at terrific speed. Several other persons were less seriously injured. Kiser had an ankle broken.

#### KILLS MAN WHO WEDDED THE WOMAN HE LOVED

#### Texas Cattleman Shoots Successful Rival in the Streets of Pecos.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 9.—E. Myrberg, a merchant of Pecos, Tex., was shot and killed at noon to-day by James Pratt, a cattleman. The tragedy occurred on the main street of the town. Myrberg was passing from his store to his residence, where his bride awaited, when Pratt strode up and fired two shots at him from the 39-39 rifle. The first shot passed through Myrberg's neck and he fell to his knees, begging for mercy. At the second shot he fell dead in the alkali dust.

Pratt put spurs to his horse and two paces were soon in hot pursuit. One of them captured the fugitive at Hash Knife Draw, a canyon twenty miles north of Pecos. He confessed the crime, saying Myrberg had married the woman he loved and that he was crazed by jealousy. The feeling against Pratt is great. One posse is still out, not having learned of the capture.

#### SEEKS TO LEARN WHY POSTMISTRESS RETIRED

#### President Orders Inquiry Into the Forcing Out of a Delaware Official.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Following the resignation yesterday of William M. Byrne, United States District Attorney of Delaware, the President to-day requested the Postmaster General to submit to him a report on the recent retirement of Miss Huldah B. Todd, the postmistress of Greenwood, Delaware.

It is charged that Miss Todd was retired to make room for an Addicks supporter. Mr. Roosevelt knew nothing of the fate of the Delaware postmistress until his attention was called to it by the newspapers. He afterward received a personal letter on the subject. This prompted him to desire an investigation.



### BREAKS JAIL TO VISIT HIS SICK WIFE

### Train Robber Returns After Her Recovery.

### TEXAS CHILD SWALLOWS TOY MONKEY WRENCH

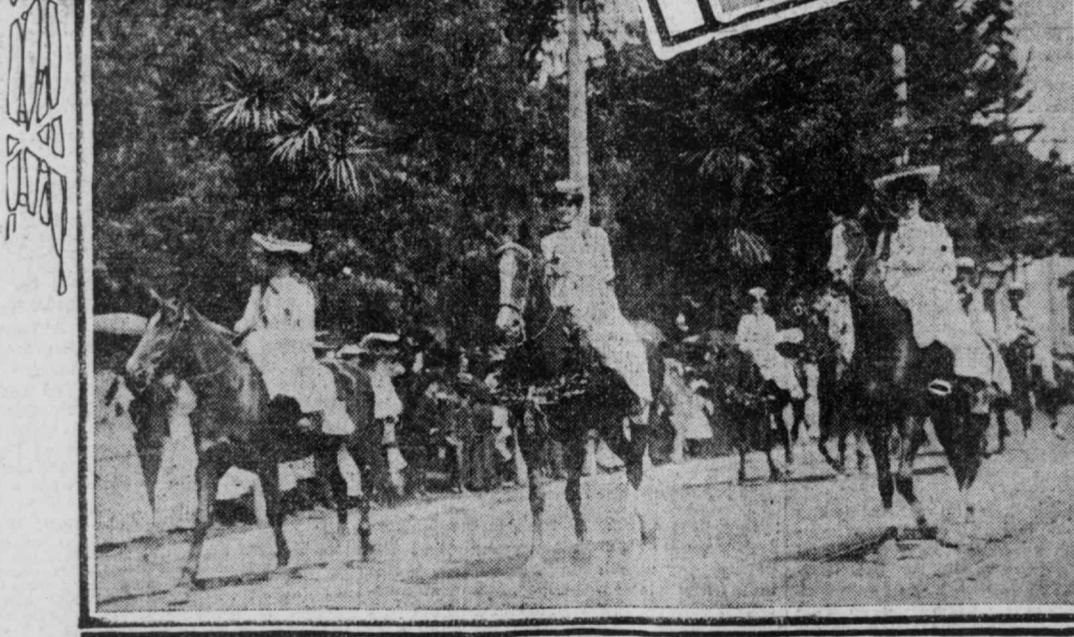
### Physicians Treat Sufferer for Asthma Until Fit of Coughing Attacks Relieved.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 9.—Another escaped convict from the Mississippi penitentiary presented himself to-day and apologized for his escape. He is Brooks Story, the notorious express robber, who has escaped five times from the penitentiary.

To-day Story presented himself at the Governor's mansion and explained that he had received word that his wife was critically ill in Kosciusko, more than 100 miles away, a week ago, and he broke out of prison to get to her bedside. As soon as she was out of danger he returned to the penitentiary.

Story belongs to one of the best families in Mississippi and in her young womanhood his wife was noted for her remarkable beauty. Evil companions led the young husband astray, and holding up trains and robbing express offices soon became his occupation. He was finally caught and sent to the penitentiary to serve a ten-year term.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 9.—Eight months ago little Ethel Crawford, the 5-year-old daughter of J. J. Crawford of this city, swallowed a small monkey wrench, which was among the toys given her at Christmas. Since that time she has been under the care of physicians and treated for asthma. To-day, during a violent fit of coughing, the little one coughed up the small toy, which evidently had been lodged in her bronchial tubes since last Christmas. The case has caused much interest among physicians.



GRAND MARCHAL OF THE PROCESSION GIVEN BY NATIVE SONS AND DAUGHTERS AT GARDEN CITY, AND FOUR OF THE PARLORS THAT EXHIBITED THE APPLAUSE OF THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS WHO LINED THE SIDEWALKS AND CHEERED THE PATRIOTIC PARADERS.

### Sturdy Pioneers and Veterans of Mexican War Take Prominent Part in the Festivities.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 9.—Ten thousand Native Sons and Daughters celebrated California's fifty-third birthday in a fitting manner to-day and the 30,000 or 35,000 inhabitants of this city and county joined in the festivities. No State could have had greater homage paid to it, and from day-break till midnight the celebrators acted in joyous accord and made the day a memorable one. The thousands of visitors that arrived late last night were joined by several thousand more this morning.

There have been bigger celebrations of Admission Day in the State, but none more patriotic or enthusiastic than the one held to-day. About 2500 Sons and Daughters of the Golden West marched through the streets to the music of band and fife and drum. Fittingly, too, the Pioneers and Mexican War Veterans, the road builders into this great commonwealth, preceded them in the line of march, just as they had preceded others more than half a century ago. These old State builders did not walk, however, but seated in their carriages, looked and smiled upon the Sons and Daughters as

THE fifty-third anniversary of the admission of California into the Union was patriotically observed yesterday throughout the State. The larger celebrations were held in San Jose, Chico and Sonoma. Many parlors of the Native Sons and Daughters held forth at San Jose and the sturdy pioneers joined them in their festivities.

fathers do approvingly upon their children. The parade marked the real beginning. Continued on Page 2, Column 1.

CHICO, Sept. 9.—Governor Pardee slipped quietly into Chico on the regular morning overland, so that the crowds of merry-makers missed the opportunity to give him the demonstrative welcome that was planned. However, the Governor was here and consequently the crowds were in the best of humor and the greeting that was intended for the chief was uncorked for the benefit of the great throngs of Native Sons and Daughters who arrived on a special at 10:40 o'clock. By 9 o'clock people began to gather in the neighborhood of the depot and long before train time the streets leading toward the station were jammed with vehicles and the sidewalks were crowded with pedestrians, who cheered to the echo the arrival of the Veteran Firemen. Four divisions of the grand parade were forming on the streets that cross Main street, while the local companies of the fifth division, together with portions of the Marysville and Sacramento parlors of Native Sons, gathered at the depot

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### SQUADRON'S MEN READY FOR ACTION

#### Cotton Prepares to Land Marines at Beirut.

#### Signal Corps Sleeps at the United States Consulate.

#### American Mission Makes Demand Upon Governor for Protection.

BEIRUT, Syria, Sept. 7 (via Port Said). Vice Consul Magelssen, when he was fired at recently, was near a police booth. His assailant is not yet known. The authorities are indifferent and thus far have given no satisfaction.

The Moslem section of the city, from Friday up to last night, was in a state of anarchy and thirty persons were killed, among whom, however, were no foreigners. The shops are closed, the streets deserted and the Government is seemingly unwilling to assure the safety of the residents.

The arrival of the American cruisers Brooklyn and San Francisco was most opportune. Admiral Cotton is on the alert and a signal corps and guards slept at the United States Consulate last night. The men on board the warships are under arms, ready to disembark on a signal from the consulate. The boats of the Brooklyn and San Francisco have reconnoitered the coast below the property of the American mission in order to select landing places in case of need. The American mission authorities have demanded guards from the Governor for the protection of the mission printing office and the mission property. An attempt to enter an American residence on Saturday was frustrated.

The Americans here believe the United States Government should insist on the dismissal of the Vail of Beirut, a notorious bribe-taker, and to whom all the disorders are attributed. The opinion here is that the powers should take action with a view to bringing Beirut under the jurisdiction of an autonomous Christian government for the Lebanon district.

#### SOFA'S ALARMING RUMOR.

#### Dispatch Says Bulgaria's Army Is to Be Mobilized.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—Except that the Consuls in Salonica are again asking for the protection of warships, there is little direct news this morning from the seat of the Macedonian troubles, but there is a plentiful crop of sensational statements, which it is impossible to confirm or deny. Among the latter is the assertion made in a Sofia dispatch to the Seco of Milan to the effect that it has been decided to mobilize the Bulgarian army. This is contrary to the avowed policy of the Bulgarian Government, but cannot be regarded as unlikely, as the Turkish troops are concentrated at Geok-tepe, five miles from the Bulgarian frontier.

In Paris there is a persistent rumor that M. Constans, the French Ambassador in Constantinople, intends to resign as a protest against the apathy shown by his Government. According to a Sofia dispatch to the Daily Express the British agent there has already notified Bulgaria that Great Britain insists that she prevent the passage of bands into Macedonia.

Little credence is attached to a story published in the Vienna Die Zeitung that Turkish troops have been ordered to cross the Bulgarian frontier.

Count Goltchowski, the Austrian Chancellor, had a long conference with Emperor Francis Joseph at Budapest yesterday and common diplomatic action by the powers against Bulgaria is again said to be in preparation.

The Italian fleet is held in readiness at Sicily, so that it could reach Turkish waters within forty-eight hours, but Italy will not take any action except in accord with the powers.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent in Varna reiterates the determination on the part of the Bulgarian Government to hinder every manifestation liable to lead to war. He adds that Prince Ferdinand is in daily receipt of menacing letters and as a result the palace is strongly guarded, the locks have been changed on the doors and all persons desiring admission are strictly scrutinized.

It is learned from Philippopolis that the Macedonian committee is actively organizing new revolutionary bands, of which 170 have been formed in Eastern Roumelia and Macedonia since Boris Saroffot assumed the direction of the Adrianople committee. The leaders of the bands during the last six months have imported 190 kilograms of dynamite, mostly from Austria, together with large stores of rifles, which have all been warehoused in the suburbs of Philippopolis.

From Vienna it is reported that Bul-

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### EQUALIZERS MAY INCREASE ASSESSMENT

### Board Is Likely to Add to County Burden.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 9.—It was evident from the trend of the discussion on the part of the members of the State Board of Equalization at a meeting to-day that the assessment of many of the counties of the State will be raised. There is a well-founded belief that the assessment of the city and county of San Francisco will be among those to be raised.

Although the board has until the 12th inst. in which to arrive at a conclusion regarding the county assessments, it may take final action any time between now and that date. After the meeting to-day the members of the board declined to make any statement, saying they would not commit themselves before taking final action.

### CARNEGIE MAY PURCHASE BANNOCKBURN FIELD

### Negotiating for the Site of Famous Battle to Preserve It From Builders.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—It is said that Andrew Carnegie is negotiating for the purchase of the famous battlefield of Bannockburn, near Sterling, Scotland, in order to save it from falling into the hands of builders.

Island Laborers Strike.

SANTA BARBARA, Sept. 9.—All the sheep shearers and laborers in the employ of Vail & Vickers, the owners of Santa Rosa Island, went on strike this morning for higher wages and better food. The latter demand is said to be the ground for the greatest complaint. The men took possession of the company's boat and came to Santa Barbara when the superintendent refused to accede to their demands.