LANDS

LONG BALLOON TRIP

Count Zeppelin's Dirigible Stays in

Air Nearly Twelve Hours.

Machine Descends Because of Defect

in One of the Motors.

MAKES THIRTY MILES AN HOUR

Wondering Thousands Watch Its

Many Evolutions.

MACHINE UNDER GOOD CONTROL

It Darts About Like a Huge Bird and

Seems to Obey Will of the

Operator at All

Times.

BULLETIN.

OFFENHEIM, Aug. 4.- The Zeppelin alt-

ship, owing to a defect of one of the motors, landed on an Island in the middle of

the Rhine near here at 6 o'clock this even-

KONSTANZ, Germany, Aug. 4 .- The

weather was excellent this morning, when

at 6:30 o'clock Count Zeppelin's great air-

ship emerged from the swimming dock at

Friedrichshafen. The sirehip rose immedi-

height of about 400 feet and after describ-

ing one magnificent circle over the lake proceeded in a bee line for this city, ar-

riving here at 6:55 o'clock. The ship con-

tinued on its way and within another hour

had covered forty-five kilometers and was

over Schaffhausen. From that point it

Count Zeppeliu's plan is to continue to

Mayence along the Rhine and from there

return to Metz, cross over to Stuttgart

and return, if the weather continues favor-

able, to Freidrichshafen at about 7 o'clock

Not the faintest cloud marred the beauty

of the day. The surface of the lake was

like a mirror and the distant Alpine giants

continued along the Rhine to Baste.

tomorrow morning.

ately from the waters of the lake to a

NEAR

OPPENHEIM

ALLISON

Senior Senator from Iowa Dies at Home in Dubuque.

DEATH DUE TO HEART FAILURE Illness of Two Weeks Becam

Saturday. LONG ACTIVE IN PUBLIC

Eight Years in House and Thir in Senate.

CABINET POSIT DECLINES

wed Treasury Portfolio He Was Three Tip. -Twice Candidate for Republican Nomination for President.

DUBUQUE, Is., Aug. 4.-United States Senator William B. Allison died at his home in this city at 1:33 o'clock this afternoon. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The end came as the result of a serious sinking spell due to a prostatic enlargement, complicated with kidney disease, and during a period of unconsciousness which has lasted since Saturday afternoon.

Two weeks ago the aged senator left his home in the city to escape the heat. Chicago. He went to the home of Mrs. Fannie Stout, a friend of the family living on the fight one St. Louis man shoots another point far from their original habitation, For a few days his condition seemed to improve, but he later began to grow worse, Medicri advisers urged that an operation e performed to relieve the prostatic enlargement which was bringing his condition to a risis.

Saturday morning the senator was brought to his home in this city. Soon afterwards he relapsed into a condition of in the ruins. Black Hand society susalmost unconsciousness. With the excep- pected of starting blase. tion of brief spells, when he recovered somewhat, he has remained in this condition until death came to his relief at 1:55 and causes great excitement among the e'clock this afternoon.

News of the serious illness of the aged senator was kept from the public as much line to trade by way of the Sues canal. as possible and his death came as a sudden and almost totally unexpected shock to his thousands of friends residing in this city. Only the most intimate friends of the family were aware of his critical and unconscious condition since his return to the city Saturday morning.

There have been no arrangements made as yet for the funeral.

Sketch of His Career. Allison His boyhood days he spent on ing young manhood, he secured his edu- a normal basis is co-operation and ration- as to the loss of life. cation in Allegheny college in Pennsyl- alism. vania and in the Western Reserve college of Ohio, in both of which achools he disat all the branches which he studied.

Senator Allison was admitted to the bar give them a formal invitation. Page 5 lows: practiced law in Ohio. In 1857 he removed here. Page 2 Town of Hospier should to Dubuque, where he took up the pra

of the law. Senator Allison was a delegate to the republican state convention in 1859 and to the national republican convention in Chicago in 1899. He was a member of the governor's staff during the civil war and raised troops to fight for the integrity of the nation in 1861. In 1863 he was elected to congress and served continuously until 1871. In 1873 he was elected United States senator from Iowa, and represented his state in this capacity until the time of

In 1881 he was offered the position of secretary of the treasury of the United States by President Garfield, but declined to accept the office. In 1889 he again refused this office when offered him by President Harrison. For the third time he refused the office when it was offered him by President McKinley in

Twice Candidate for President. In 1892 he was chairman of the International Monetary conference at Brussels. He was candidate for the republican presidential nomination before the national republican convention in 1888 and again in

Shortly after his first election to the national house of representatives, Senator Allison's ability was recognised by his appointment to the ways and means committee. He immediately secured the confidence of the leaders of his party, and it was Senator Allison as much as any man then in the service of the people who planned and carried through all the great measures for the conduct of the civil war, the re-establishment of the national credit and the development of the national resources. He was a contemporary of and a co-laborer with every one of the great men whose services now are recognized as of inestimable value to the nation-Lincoln, Stanton, Chase, Sumner, Blaine, Sherman, Garfield, Logan, Trumbull, Morton and others.

Melped Nominate Lincoln. His aid in the nomination of Abraham MAY Lincoln as republican candidate for president in 1860 was, perhaps, Senator Allison's first great service for his country. As an lows delegate to the republican convention in Chicago in that year joined the other party leaders who had determined upon the nomination of Lincoln ment of grain shipments from Atlantic

was attained. On the ways and means committee of many steamships from service this sumthe national house he began the career which made him the best authority in the may be relieved on Thursday, when there a sea of fire, with miles and miles of country upon the revenues and expendi- will be a meeting in this city between the blasing mountainsides. tures of the government. For more than traffic managers' committee of the Trunk forty years he has been assigned by the judgment of his colleagues in the house and senate to the responsible task of planthe revenues and supervising the expenditures, and no man who ever had part in this work had the confidence of houses more completely. The care ful scrutiny of thousands of items which make up the annual appropriation bills requires a most painstaking labor, together with broad intelligence

COMMITTEE ADJOURNS SESSION

News of Death of Senator Allison

pany, will establish a new service com-Received While Body is in Session. mencing in November to carry Japanese (From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, In., Aug. 4 .- (Special Tel-States by way of the Suez canel, according egram.)--The republican state committee to advices received by the steamer Monteagle, which reached port last night. was in session this afternoon when word reached it of the death of Senator Alli-Japaness newspapers received by the son. The committee at once adopted the Monteagle comment at length regarding the action of the Interstate Commerce following resolutions and then adjourned: The members of the republican state central committee in committee assembled today, leads with polgnant sorrow and recommission and United States reliways. Home of the vernacular papers take the ground that the action is to be construed

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SUMMARY OF . THE BEE FERNIE FOREST FIRE SPREADS

Wednesday, August 5, 1908.

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for Nebraska-Generally fair ler south and east portions.

ure at Omaha yesterday:

THE WDATHER.

DOMESTIC. Senator William B. Allison dies sud-

The falling of a wall at the transfer

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building fire in Chicago sinks a fire tug.

the crew barely escaping with their lives.

FOREIGN.

twenty bodies have already been found

Porest fire at Fernie is still raging and

Count Zeppelin's airship makes a auc-

ceesful flight at Konstanz, Germany,

NEBRASKA.

Results of yesterday's ball games:

Western League— 1—Omaha vs. Sloux City—7. 1—Des Moines vs. Lincoln—7-8.

1-3-Cincinnati vs. New York-4-4. 4-Philadelphia vs. Chicago-2. 4-Boston vs. Pittsburg-1.

5-Washington vs. Cleveland-7.
3-Philadelphia vs. Detroit-4.
4-Boston vs. Chicago-1.

6-St. Paul vs. Toledo-3. 3-Minneapolis vs. Columbus-2. 11-Milwaukee vs. Indianapolis-1.

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- Slavonia ..

Port, Arrived. NEW YORK..... Minnetonks......

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

OLASGOW Grampian.
CHERBOURG K. W. der Grosse Grosser Kurfurs
SOULOGNE Nieuw Amsterde

WILL FAVOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Plan for National University to Be

Endorsed by Knights of

Columbus.

the Knights of Columbus opened here to-

building, after a parade from Forest park

Glennon at the last national convention to

Catholic university at Washington, D. C.,

Slow Movement to Europe May Result

in Action to Relieve

Conditions.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.- The slow move-

duction of railroad rates between here and

Native Papers Declare Action

Roads and Commission Un-

friendly to lalands.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 4-The Nippon

Yusen Kaisha, a Japanese steamship com-

as unfriendly to Japan.

REDUCE GRAIN RATES

will be reported favorably today.

to Archbishop Glennon's residence.

banquet in the evening in Glennon hall,

Sailed.

0-St. Louis vs. Brooklyn-3.

15-Pueblo vs. Denver-1.

National League-

American League-

American Association

by herse he was riding.

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Area Three Miles Wide and Fifty Long Burned Over. 1908 AUGUST- 1908

LOSS ESTIMATES ARE TOO HIGH

Many Supposed Dead Are Accounted for and Number of Fatalities is Now Placed at About

Fifty.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 4.- The terribly destructive forest fires which have swept through the Crow's Nest district of the Elk river valley in British Columbia since last Saturday, devastating a vast stretch of territory, destroying many lives and millions of dollars of property, wiping out entire towns and rendering thousands of persons homeless, are still raging, but are now sweeping a wild and sparsely settled country and it is believed the worst is over. The flames are eating through vast forests on the mountain sides and it is thought they will soon burn themselves

out for lack of something to destry. It is impossible at this time to arrive at a summary of the situation as regards loss of life and property with even approximate correctness. So widespread has been the destruction and so scattered are the people who lived in the burned area of more than fifty miles in length and three miles in denly at his home in Dubuque of heart wirth, that any estimate of the number Page 1 who met death in the flames is nothing Three deaths and several prostrations more than guesswork. Stories of missing from heat were reported to the police in settlers are coming from Pernie, Cran-Page 1 brook, Michel, Hosmer and other places, On account of bitter feeling in primary but many of these have turned up at some Asbury road, a few miles from the city, and is himself killed a few minutes later, and it is not believed the death list will Page 2 exceed fifty names.

Property Loss Great. The property loss has been very great, but this, too, is difficult to estimate correctly. A conservative valuation would probably place the amount at \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000. Several thousand persons have been rendered homeless, principally residents of Fernie, which according to all accounts is almost completely wiped out, scarcely more than a score of buildings being left where once a prosperous town of 5,000 inhabitants stood.

Page 1 There has been suffering among the On account of the high rates to the homeless, owing to lack of food and shelorient, Japan is organizing a steamship ter, but this has been alleviated or partly relieved by the prompt action of the people of every city in British Columbia, as well Page 1 Boy at Broken Bow dragged to death as many of those of border states, in send-Page 3 ing both money and supplies to the burned districts. This aid has been most generous Hot Contest On in Missouri Over State LOCAT. and the temporarily destitute people will An industrial exposition is proposed by be adequately and promptly provided for. Commercial club committee to be held in Omaha next winter for the purpose of Means of communication with the burned showing the public some of the \$200,000, section has been most difficult. Tele-000 worth of manufactured products made graph and telephone wires were destroyed Page 10 for miles in places, and this fact, taken Senator Allison was born at Perry, O., in Omaha annually.

Page 10 for miles in places, and this fact, taken

March Z. 1829, the son of John and Mary E. H. Harriman stops a few hours in together with the contradictory reports campaign and on the eve of the state pri-Omaha on transcontinental trip. He says from the various towns, has led to great mary election, Roy C. Woods, a wealthy nearly 300 feet in height. All were badly the farm, which was his birthplace. Reach- all that is needed to put business back to confusion and probably much exaggeration

Summary of Disaster.

Greek boys will be invited to attend A summary of the results of the fires tinguished himself, winning high honors tendent Davidson, at the suggestion of to be a conservative estimate as to loss of shortly before midright and three-quarters by all the branches which he studied.

Dr. Holovtchiner of the School board, will life and property destroyed. It is as fol- of an hour later was himself shot and

James Alexander Dowie, brother of the Town of Fernie, about 5,000 inhabitants, Fage 2 Town of Hosmer, shout

partially burned, with loss of one life and \$250,000 in property, 300 persons homeless. Town of Michel, believed not seriously burned, but four persons reported killed and property destroyed in vicinity estimato lack of communication.

Town of Sparwood, sawmill village, two killed and large mills destroyed, damage estimated at \$250,000, damage to standing timber throughout the burned area estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000.000.

Many Pathetic Stories. Many pathetic stories of flight, and in many instances the death of unfortunate settlers who were caught in the swirl of various points with which communication judge of the supreme court. has been re-established. It has not been determined how the fire started, whether through carelessness or design, but once it ncredible speed at times, eating up the timber as if it were dry tinder, lighting up the whole country at night and filling the atmosphere with a choking smoke that often hid the sun from view and turned daylight almost into night.

Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police has been sent by the government of British Columbia to the fire-swept region, and is now in charge of the relief work in ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 4.-With more than east Kootenay, acting with the local au-1,000 visitors and delegates present, the thorities. The dominion authorities have twenty-sixth annual national convention of offered to send a detachment of northwest mounted police into the devastated region day in Glennon hall, Knights of Columbus to p reserve order, but thus far the provincial authorities have had the situation The well in hand. The large number of forprincipal event of the day's program is the eigners employed in the mines in the dis trict have given no trouble, and no looting According to Edward L. Hearn, supreme has taken place, as the fire left little of knight, the plan submitted by Archbishop value to loot.

A telegram today from Mayor Fink of raise \$500,000 as an endowment fund for the Cranbrook says 2,000 Fernie refugees are there and that he has no definite information as to who or how many perished.

Black Hand is Suspected. FERNIE, B. C., Aug. 4.-No person who has not seen can imagine the awful devas. tation which in the short space of two hours transformed what was a busy center of industry into a desolate waste and left 6,000 people homeless. The scene during the progress of the fire is described as appalling, men, women and children fleeing and by their united efforts theff object ports to Europe that has prevailed for for their lives, leaving everything they possessed to the mercy of the flames. some time, causing the withdrawal of From Michel, where the fire scene mer and the operation of others at a loss, gins, on the east for twenty miles, is yet

Michel is yet safe, but the whole valley Line association and men representing the of the river is on fire and if the wind ocean carriers, to discuss a possible re- starts up the town is doomed. All the women and children have been sent to Blairmore, Frank and Coleman for safety.

All mines are shut down and the men are JAPAN TRADE TO SUEZ CANAL fighting the fires in relays, plowing, backfiring, clearing underbrush or soaking the roofs of houses with water, of which, fortunately, there is a good supply. Only about a dosen houses have been

burned in Hosmer so far, but the fire is all around it.

Coke Ovens as Refuge Many from Pernie have taken refuge in the new coke evens being built by the merchandise to Atlantic ports of the United | Canadian Pacific, where they are safe even if the town is burned. They are being cared for and fed as well as conditions will permit. At Fernie, however, the greatest scene of desolation exists. By actual count only twenty-five houses are left standing Not a business house remains except the Western Canada company's warehouse and the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, which

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO CATCH HOLD OF

From the Philadelphia Inquirer

St. Louis Man Shoots Adversary and is Later Killed Himself.

RESULT OF BITTER CAMPAIGN

Nominations - Primaries Also Being Held in Kansas and Oklahoma.

real estate dealer of Welleston, a suburb bruised and frightened, but none seriously of St. Louis and candidate for the election injured, with the exception of the chauffor the republican nomination for public feur. His skull was fractured, one of his administrator of St. Louis county, shot ears torn off, and he sustained other in-Alexander Steube, a Welleston butcher juries. of an hour later was himself shot and wife were Dr. G. E. Jeliffs, the alienist, killed by someone unknown to the police. The who testified in the Thaw trial, and M.

Missouri Primaries Today. KANSAS CITY, Aug tions are being held by all political parties for the purpose of selecting party candidates for the general election in November. Candidates are being selected for every ted at \$1,000,000, details unobtainable owing state, county and township office with the exception of school officers, from governor down to constable.

The republicans have but one candidate for governor, Herbert S. Hadley, the present attorney general of Missouri, whose fight on the Standard Oil company and other corporations for alleged violations of of elevator "F." Members of the crew the anti-trust laws of the state has brought him into prominence. There are two candidates for the republican nominaflames as it swept through the great forests tion for attorney general, three for railroad of pine and fir, are coming in from the and warehouse commissioner and three for

On the democratic ticket there are four in the contest for the nomination for governor. David A. Ball, for years prominent had gained headway, it swept with almost in the democratic party in this state, is asking for the nomination of his party. William S. Cowherd, former congressman and also former chairman of the national democratic congressional committee, is also a candidate. A third candidate is Judge H. Wallace, who became prominent through his conduct of a Sunday law observance crusade in Kansas City, causing the arrest of hundreds of actors and others who were alleged to have violated the Sunday law He is receiving the support of the repub lican element, and as a large part of the state in local option elections has voted out the saloon his strength is unknown. Henry F. Staple, the fourth democratic

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MURDER IN PRIMARY FIGHT DROPS THREE HUNDRED FEET TO REVISE MONEY SYSTEM Occupants of Anto Have Miraculou

Escape, Only Chauffeur Being Seriously Injured.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.-United States District Attorney Baker of Washington, who successfully prosecuted the government land frauds in the northwest, his bride of two months, and several friends who were accompanying them on their honeymoon, had an almost miraculous escape from death today. While the automobile in which they were traveling was running down a sharp hill on Walnut mountain,

Those in the car with Mr. Baker and his In 1850. He was married to Miss Anna late Elijah III" of Zion City fame, comes practically wiped out, loss of twenty lives political campaigns in the county, past and to Omaha for a five months' mission. He may establish a second Zion City near in the suspended automobile the party came to New York, and after a rest at

in every voting precinct in Missouri today FALLING WALL SINKS TUG Fatal Accident Narrowly Averted at Burlington Transfer Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 4 .- The tug Illinois, which had been working all night on the smouldering ruins of elevators "E" and "F," which burned yesterday, was sunk in the river today by the falling of a wall jumped into the river and only one was injured. The tug is valued at \$200,000. The fire 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 The total loss is placed at \$1,000,000. During the height of the fire a rum-

Heat and Humidity Fatal to Three, with Thermometer at Ninety-One,

denied the report, saying that all the mem-

beru of his department had been accounted

midity were reported to the police up to

Congressional Committee Leaves on European Investigating Tour.

Senator Aldrich Says It Was Adopted to Cure Panicky Conditions and Will Be Followed by Comprehensive System.

lishing a comprehensive monetary system feet and than swept off in the direction Vreeland-Aldrich bill is the opinion of Sen- in a graceful circle, and came back over drich's statement follows:

"This work is but preliminary to the report which the commission is required to by Armour & Col. who owned it, at \$700,000, make to congress of a complete monetary and banking system for the country. It was not expected that the legislative prospread that six firemen had been caught visions of the act of May 30, 1908 (the sounder a falling wall and killed. Chief Horan | called Vreeland-Aldrich bill), would be final or permanent. They were adopted with the single purpose, already accomplished, of providing against the recurrence of destructive conditions similar to STILL DYING IN CHICAGO those from which the country suffered in October last. This act will undoubtedly be superseded in time by legislation establishing a comprehensive monetary system."

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.-Three deaths and Island, Hale of Maine and Daniel of Vir- further maneuvers. The laborers in the several prostrations due to heat and hu- ginia, and Representatives Vreeland of fields rested on their spades to gaze aloft 1 p. m. today. The thermometer indicated gett of Tennessee; Prof. A. P. Andrews and Arthur P. Shelton, secretary.

ator, Aldrich. The senator made this an- the lake. So light and agile were its nouncement in a statement given to the movements that the count seemed justified Associated Press before he sailed for Eu- in starting his long journey of twentyrope with his fellow members of the sub- four hours without any previous trial trip, committee of the monetary commission, and he started in the direction of Schaffwhich goes abroad to study financial con- shansen. His departure was the signal ditions in foreign countries. Senator Al- for prolonged cheering by the spectators information than is now available with ref- return. erence to the monetary and banking sys-

tries of Europe.

mittee which is going abroad and by anto the administrative features of the national banking laws.

Report on Complete System.

New York, Overstreet of Indiana and Pad- at the strange visitor.

stood out strong and mighty in the clear atmosphere. At 6:15 the colossal body of the airship emerged slowly from the float-CURRENCY BILL IS TEMPORARY ing shed, towed by three launches. Under the direction of Dr. Eckner, the pontoons were towed out from underneath it and the airship hovered low over the surface of the lake. Then slowly the airship was raised to a higher level. Above the noise under the machine, like the noise of giant drums, arose the voice of the count, giving the command to "cast off" and the airship

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.-Legislation estab- rose horizontally to a height of about 400 undoubtedly will, in time, supersede the of Konstanz. It turned shortly, however, on land and affoat the various small craft, "To obtain more complete and accurate who wished him a good voyage and safe

Darts About Like Huge Bird. tems of the leading commercial nations is Headed in the direction of Konstang, the the principal purpose of the subcommittee airship sped along almost in a bee line of the national monetary commission, who over drowsy villages and sleeping towns. are leaving today for London. The sub- Suddenly, while still over the water the committee also intends to make a thorough sirship apparently came to a full stop for examination into the methods in use for several minutes. This gave the corthe collection and distribution of the pub- respondent of the Associated Press, who lic revenues in each of the leading coun- was following in a motor boat, time to overtake the menster. After a short rest "The active work of the commission this the two front propellers, which looked summer will be carried on by the subcom- like the fans of a great fish, began to revolve and at once the bow of the ship other subcommittee, of which Representa- ascended. From below it appeared as tive Weeks is the acting chairman, which though something had gone wrong. In a is now engaged in considering amendments few seconds, however, the rear propellers moved and the airship again resumed its horizontal position. Gracefully swinging first to the right and then to the left, it took up its rapid course. It was evident that Count Zeppelin had been subjecting the aerial craft to some severe test and that the result had been to his satisfaction. The mass of 2,000 pounds of metals, woodwork, machinery and cloth no longer seemed colossal and gigantic, ungainly and uncouth, but a creation so wonderful that the spectators for the moment forgot that it was the handiwork of man,

Airship Rivals Speed of Auto. At Konstanz the correspondent left his motor boat and in an automobile sped around the city and finally caught up with the balloon far beyond the city limits in The subcommittee which sailed today is the Rhine valley. The airship had risen composed of Senators Aldrich of Rhode again about 100 feet higher, and there was

> Over the island of Reichenau the airship ascended to a height of 2,000 feet, but this was only for a few minutes. It came down to its previous level to save gas, which escapes more easily in the thin air of the greater altitudes. Had it not been for these maneuvers it

would have been impossible to have kept up with the airship in a fifty horsepower automobile. The traveler in the air could easily have out distanced a car of this power. Allowing for the time lost in manquivering, the airship was proceeding at the rate of about thirty miles an hour.

Circles Around Old Castle. At Stein the Rhine valley widens considerably, forming the Lake of Zell. With this expanse in front of it, the airship rose first, came down again to an altitude of about 1,000 feet and continued at that height until it again re-entered the Rhine valley not far from the famous castle of Hohen-

This stronghold, unconquied for 1,999 years until the coming of Napoleon, today was a mute witness of the marvelous achievement of the Napoleon of the air. Over the old feudal castle the airship swept silent and speedily, and its mosts and turrets flashed their greetings to the intrepid sallors of the sir above.

There was a faint wind from the northwest in the beginning, which was apparently quite powerless to influence either the speed of the airship or its course. This wind later changed and blew from the southeast, from which direction it was

helpful to the navigators. At Stein it was seen that the airship was quickening its pace considerably, going at the rate of probably thirty-seven miles an hour. In the forward gondola are five men and in the after gondola three members of the crew. One of the men from the forward gondola, soon after the airship passed Hohenwiel, was seen to ascend a ladder and disappear in the great body of

Ship Disappears Behind Mountains, Something may be wrong with one of the sixteen small balloons filling the interior

Another Open Letter to Mr. Bryan.

My appeal to you to stop the proposed fraud upon the ballot whereby your democratic presidential electors are to be masked in Nebraska as People's Independents, has elicited only the following given out by you to the press:

No attempt will be be made by Mr. Bryan to reply to the open letter of Victor Rosewater, charging a conspiracy between Mr. Bryan and his brother-in-law, Mr. Allen, the state chairman, to "purioin" populist votes in Nebraska. "He simply addresses that to me to attract attention," said Mr. Bryan. "He is hardly the man to go to the populace as guardian.

I confess to having sought to attract your attention. I have done so, not only to appeal to your sense of political honesty, but also that you might not later again plead ignorance of the acts of your brother-in-law in your behalf. As compared with him, I may be disqualified "to go to the populace as guardian," but if a palpable fraud is to be perpetrated in your interest and "larcency" is to be committed, to use your words, either "in violation of the law" or "through the operation of the law," it ought not to matter much who sounds the alarm. If an officer accosted by a stranger with the information that burglars were looting a near-by house, should stand still and retort, "Are you the owner of the goods?" what would you think of him?

Be that as it may, the decision on my protests is that the proposed "larcency" is not "in violation of the law," but may be perpetrated "through the operation of the law"-that it may be done under cover of legal technicalities. That, however, does not make it right. I fear I have offended by quoting too copiously from that excellent sermon of yours on "Thou shalt not steal." preached in New York apparently for exclusive consumption there, but I beg permission to cite one more passage from it. You say:

If a highwayman were to engage a lawyer to follow a few rods behind him with a horse, that he might have ready means of escape after having committed an act of robbery, we would call the lawyer a party to the crime, and we would visit upon him the same punishment visited upon the principal in the robbery, and so, if some on living near the spot where the robbery was committed, furnished the robber a change of clothing, and in return for part of the booty conspired with him to conceal the booty until the suspicion was passed, such a one could not sacape legal responsibility for the crime; and yet it is considered quite respectable today for the salaried attorneys of these monopolies to follow close after the offenders and furnish them horses in the way of legal technicalities upon which to escape from punishment. Is it not time to raise the moral standard?

Is not this moral standard, which you set up, equally applicable to the political monopoly which you are trying to erect in Nebraska by resort to legal technicalities, and deceptive subterfuges devised by cunning lawyers? The whole purpose of putting up your double standard presidential electoral ticket under spurious party labels, is to fool somebody and get votes for you which you could not get for your democratic electors if they wore their own clothing. Every vote secured by deception is a fraud, not only upon the victimized voter, but also upon those whose votes are cast for other candidates. A vote secured by deception would go just as far to undermine popular sovereignty as would a vote procured by ballot box stuffing. The right to complain does not belong solely to those whose party name is being stolen, but it belongs to me and to every other citizen regardless of polit-

I therefore repeat my appeal to you in all seriousness, Mr. Bryan, to stamp your disapproval upon this imposition and put a stop to it, because it is wrong, even though it may be lawful. Omaha, Aug. 4, 1908.

VICTOR ROSEWATER.