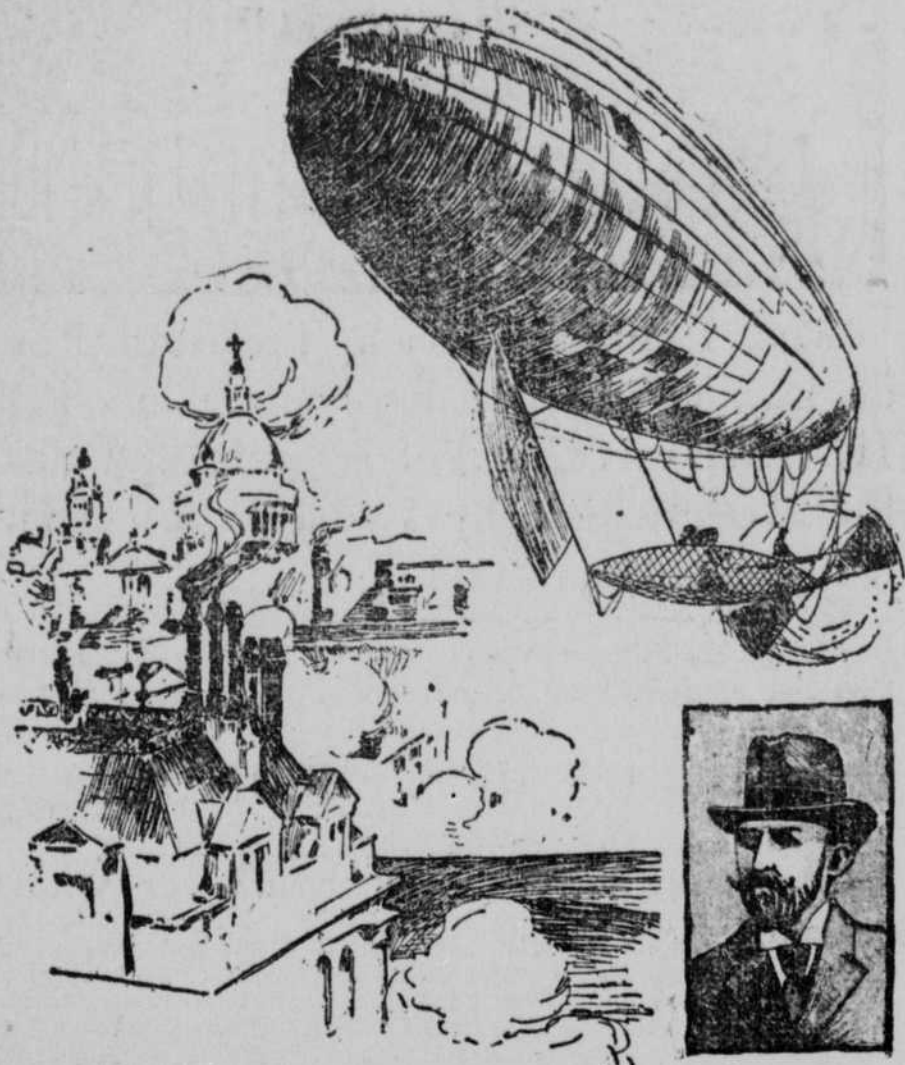


## STEERS AIRSHIP OVER LONDON AND SUBURBS

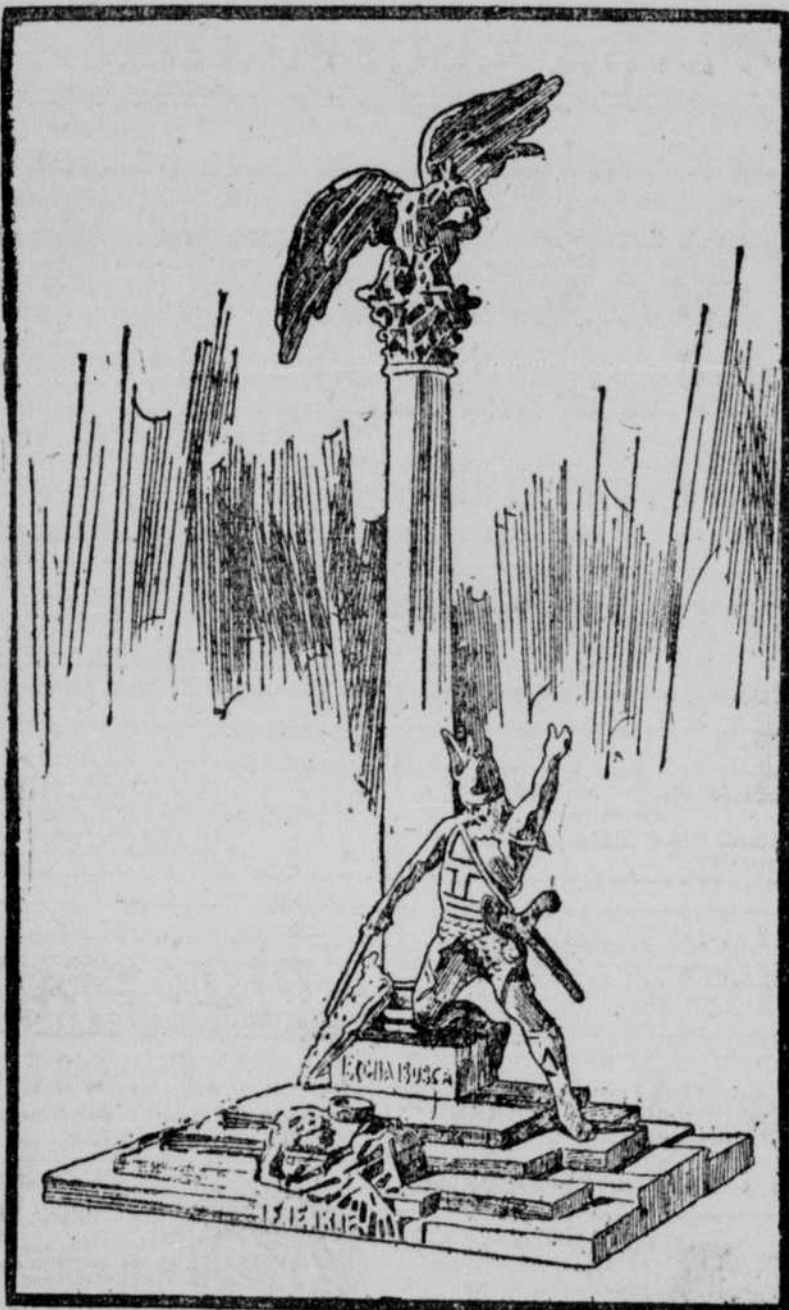


SPENCER'S AIRSHIP, IN WHICH HE SAILED OVER LONDON.

Stanley Spencer of London has proved that he could steer his airship successfully at will, sail in any direction he liked, and make fairly good time against the wind. Mr. Spencer is a veteran aeronaut and built his airship after his own design. Recently he started from the Crystal Palace, sailed over St. Paul's, went as far west as Ealing, circled above that suburb, sailed northwest against the wind and landed at Eastcote, near Harrow, at 6 o'clock. The trip of thirty miles was made without a hitch in an hour and forty-five minutes. Percival Spencer, referring to his brother's trip through the air, said it exceeded the longest trip of Santos-

Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, by nearly twenty miles. Spencer's airship has a blunt tail and nose, differing in that respect from the design of Santos-Dumont's balloon. The general lines are those of a bottle-nosed whale. The bag is seventy-five feet long and contains 20,000 cubic feet of gas. The frame is of bamboo. Unlike Santos-Dumont's machine, Spencer's airship is propelled in front. A simple pressure of a button sets the airship going and stops it. It is worked by a motor of three horse power, placed at a safe distance from the gas valve, danger of explosion being thereby minimized.

## KING HUMBERT'S MONUMENT



Occupying a conspicuous position on Mount Superba, near Turin, there has just been erected, in honor of the late King Humbert of Italy, a monument which is described by those who have seen it as one of the most impressive works of art of its kind that has ever been constructed. The monument is the work of Signor Pozzi. At the foot of the monument is the figure of a warrior and at the top has been sculptured a wounded eagle. The tall column is of marble and may be seen for a great distance. It is said that Queen Margherita, the widow of King Humbert, is especially pleased with this work, con-

sidering it the most striking memorial of her late husband which has yet been erected in Italy. Toadying to Grand Duke. On leaving New York Grand Duke Boris did not board the steamer at the dock, like the other passengers, but from Cornelius Vanderbilt's steam yacht Cherokee, which brought the grand duke from Newport and which waited for the Lorraine at quarantine. The grand duke enjoyed another distinction. On account of his high rank his name headed the list of passengers. The members of his suite came next and then the other passengers followed in alphabetical order.

**Woman Coal Operator.** Perhaps the only woman coal operator in the country is Mrs. Jane Shirkie of Clinton, Md., who is both superintendent and manager of a big mine. She holds a certificate of membership in the National Coal Operators' association and knows the mining industry and the coal market as well as any operator in Indiana. One hundred and fifty men are on her pay roll. She has an office in her residence and attends to every detail of the business, including the correspondence, pay rolls and the shipment of every ton of coal.

**Energetic American Sailor.** Capt. Reiter of the battleship Wisconsin was in Puget Sound when he received orders to start for Panama. The sound was thick with smoke, but Capt. Reiter plunged through it, speeded to San Francisco, entered the harbor through a thick fog without a pilot, and in twenty-four hours was ready to sail. As he put to sea he fouled the troopship Meade, and for a time it looked as though the battleship would crush the transport, but no serious injury resulted, and in a short time the Wisconsin was thrashing southward.

## PEOPLE AND EVENTS

### NEW YORK CHIEF HONORED

Edward F. Coker Chosen International President Fire Engineers. Chief Edward F. Coker, of the New York fire department, who has just been elected to the presidency of the International Society of Fire Engineers, in session in New York, achieved another honor only a few days ago in his reinstatement as chief after having been suspended under charges. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Coker is a favorite nephew of the famous Tammany chief, he is said to have won his way from the foot of the ladder to his present high position on his merit as a fire fighter. He joined the department in 1884 and had steadily advanced, step by step, until 1890, when he was made chief by the retirement of Fire Chief Bonner. Mr. Coker is known as a brave, almost reck-



Stanley Spencer.

less, fire fighter, and has the saving of more than one life to his credit.

### SISTER OF GREAT SINGER.

Vera Lawton, Actress, a Close Relative of Mme. Melba.

Vera Lawton, one of the Pingpong girls in "Sally in Our Alley," now running in New York, is a sister of Melba. Her real name is Vera von Derenberg. The mother of this young woman, Lucien Brevai, was a sister of Parepa Rosa. The family are native to Brussels, but Melba was born in Melbourne, Australia, while her mother was on a visit there. Miss von Derenberg is only a half-sister, being the child of Melba's mother and her second husband, the Duke d'Aren-



berg. She is a pretty blonde with a fine soprano voice.

### WILL LECTURE ON MINING.

John Hays Hammond Has Accepted Professorship at Yale.

John Hays Hammond, Yale, '67, who became famous as one of Dr. Jameson's raiders and later as one of the most intimate friends and business associates of the late Cecil Rhodes of South Africa, has accepted the position of professor of mining engineering in the scientific school of Yale university.

Mr. Hammond has begun his duties at Yale and will be at Yale during the



greater part of each year. He will deliver an extended course of lectures on mining in the scientific department. Mr. Hammond has always been a loyal Yale man and has often expressed a desire to do something for his alma mater.

### FIRE AT LINCOLN ASYLUM.

Stables at Insane Hospital Destroyed, with Loss of \$15,000.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 27.—The state of Nebraska suffered a loss of \$15,000 by fire, the stables at the hospital for the insane in the outskirts of the city being totally destroyed.

Six head of horses were incinerated, a dozen others being saved by the asylum attaches after the latter were nearly suffocated and badly scorched by their efforts. Large stores of produce grown on the asylum farm were destroyed, along with implements and vehicles housed in adjoining sheds.

Fed by several hundred tons of hay the flames leaped high in the air. The asylum was distant about 200 yards, but most of the patients were aroused by the din and added to the general disorder with their screams. The patients were kept locked within their apartments and the excitement soon subsided.

Superintendent Greene suspects incendiarism. Within the last eighteen months the state penitentiary near this city and the Norfolk insane asylum have both been burned, representing a loss to the state of \$500,000.

### LOCHINVAR IN KNEE PANTS.

Boy of Sixteen Abducts Miss a Year Younger.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Sept. 27.—Arthur Nichols, aged sixteen, of Emerson, Neb., it is charged, enticed Flossie Haynes, aged fifteen, also of Emerson, to take a ride with him. She was enjoying the ride when he drove into Hubbard, took her to the depot and waited until a train came along. He put her on the train with a ticket to Sioux City, and said he would drive back to Emerson and follow on the next train. When he reached Emerson he was met by an officer and arrested for alleged abduction. The girl arrived here and was enjoying the Elks carnival. She chanced to pass the police station just after her father had telephoned her description to Chief Davenport. The chief, recognizing her, put her in the woman's ward until her father came, when she buried her face in his coat and wept.

### Ballooning Drops Into River.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Sept. 27.—Fred Butler, who does the parachute drop act for the Superior street fair, had a rather unpleasant experience. The balloon ascension was a pretty one and the drop perfect, except that the parachute dropped him in the middle of the Republican river, which is now at flood. Butler cannot swim a lick. He drifted onto a flooded island, and remained there with the cold water up about his neck for over an hour while a boat was secured in which to rescue him. He lost his parachute. Butler nearly lost his life in the same manner at Lake Manawa this summer.

### Father Begins Peculiar Suit.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 27.—N. Brockhinzen, who resides near Adams, this county, has filed claims for \$100 damages against Gage county "for the death of his daughter, killed on a bridge between sections 20 and 29, in Adams township, because of the bridge being in bad order, causing the team to shy into the railing of said bridge, throwing the girl out." This accident occurred several weeks ago.

### Horse Thieves in Otoe.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 27.—Horse thieves are operating in this section again after an absence of several years. They went to the stable of Thomas Blevins, a farmer living three miles south of town, and took a horse, buggy and harness and made their escape. The horse was a very fine gray animal weighing about 1,200 pounds and valued at about \$150.

### Placed in Beatrice Jail.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 27.—Fred Olds, charged with being one of the slayers of David Jones of Wymore, was brought here from Lincoln by Sheriff Waddington and placed in the county jail. Eph J. Herrod, whom Olds implicated in the murder by making a confession, will be brought here for trial.

### Struck in Eye with Scissors.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 27.—Pearl, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Reynolds, residing near this city, was accidentally struck in the right eye by a pair of scissors, and will probably lose the sight. She is under the care of an oculist, who has little hopes for her.

### Cold Storage Building Burns.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Sept. 27.—The Merritt cold storage and produce building was completely destroyed by fire. Many bushels of potatoes were roasted ready for eating.

### Nelson Fair Postponed.

NELSON, Neb., Sept. 27.—This section has been having heavy rains. Owing to this fact the directors of the Nuckolls county fair decided to postpone the fair to October 7, 8, 9 and 10.

### AGED MAN KILLS HIMSELF

Fred Hoffman of North Bend Blows His Head Off.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Sept. 29.—Citizens of this place were horrified to learn of the death of Fred Hoffman, aged sixty-two years, by his own hand. Hoffman blew off the top of his head with a shotgun and his body was found lying in a room of the shack which he occupied alone in the southern edge of the town.

A shotgun lying near by told the story of self destruction. The sight which met the eyes of the party as they entered the room was a most sickening one. The brains of the dead man had fallen into a pan and looked as though they had been taken out and laid there. Blood and particles of flesh and brain were scattered on a soft and the walls and floor of the room. A stream of blood had flowed the entire length of the room, leaving pools here and there.

The dead man had carefully fastened all the doors of the house before killing himself. He left a letter addressed to his children which read as follows:

"NORTH BEND, Neb., Sept. 24.—Dear children: Don't let the county bury me. Bury me as cheap as you can. I have worked hard all my life and can't work any more. God will help you remember me when this you see, so goodbye.

"F. HOFFMAN." Hoffman had a wife and nine children, five of whom are married, but he had become estranged from them some years ago. He lived the life of a bachelor, cooking his own meals and doing his own housework.

### CROP HARVEST FOR THE YEAR

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson Completes Compilation.

LINCOLN, Sept. 29.—Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson and his office force completed the compilation of the acreage for the crop season of 1902 in all the counties of the state, as follows: Winter wheat, 1,904,939 acres; spring wheat, 645,828 acres; corn, 5,516,801 acres; oats, 1,638,647 acres; barley, 78,414 acres; rye, 433,554 acres.

The labor commissioner's figures are based upon official returns from the assessors in all but a few counties. The missing ones were estimated, but are believed to be fairly accurate.

Figures for the yield have been estimated by the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association on all but corn, which cannot be compiled accurately before the end of October, or perhaps later. The other cereals, however, show a very satisfactory increase over the year of 1901. The estimate of the yields of the various crops, with the average per acre are:

Winter wheat, 44,735,963 bushels, 23½ per acre; spring wheat, 645,828 bushels, 12 per acre; oats, 52,144,119 bushels, 35 per acre; rye, 8, 673,620 bushels, 19 per acre.

### Represented in Displays.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Secretary Hay has sent urgent instructions to all of the United States diplomatic officers abroad to do everything within their power to insure displays at the world's exposition at St. Louis from the countries at which they are accredited.

The purpose was not only to secure considerable individual displays by great manufacturers and merchants, but also to have the various governments themselves make national exhibits, as these features of international fairs have usually been the more interesting.

### Fear Damage to Range.

KIMBALL, Neb., Sept. 29.—This part of Nebraska has been visited by the heaviest rain known at this time of year. Three inches of water fell and stockmen fear the grass will again get green if the weather turns warm and be injured by the frost, which will greatly damage the winter range.

### No Replies to Hay's Note.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Thus far the British government has received no replies from the signatories of the Berlin treaty to its note supporting Secretary Hay's initiative in the treatment of Roumanian Jews.

### Balloon Bursts in Midair.

ALMA, Neb., Sept. 29.—At the street fair Thomas Andrews, an aeronaut of Omaha, was making an ascension in a balloon when it burst when about seventy-five feet from the ground. He fell, sustaining severe injuries.

### Organize a Gas Company.

ORD, Sept. 29.—The Ord Gas and Electric Lighting company has been organized with a capital stock of \$12,000 and a Colby system of cold storage gas plant will be installed by December 1, at the latest.

### Jury Fails to Agree.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 29.—The damage case of Otto Hoffman versus John Boatman et al., was given to the jury in the district court here,

### THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

**CATTLE**—The receipts of western cattle continued heavy but the demand seemed to be equal to the occasion, and as a result there was very little change in the market. The good cattle of all kinds met with ready sale, while the common grades were neglected and hard to dispose of at what seemed to be satisfactory prices. There were a few bunches of corned steers in the yards, and as high as \$7.50 was paid. The sales that were made looked just about steady with other sales that have been made of late.

The cow market was fairly active, particularly on the more desirable kinds, and just about steady prices were paid all around. There has been a pretty good demand for canners for the last few days, but of course prices are low, as supplies have been very heavy for some little time.

Bulls, veal calves and stags sold in just about the same notches as they did yesterday.

The stocker and feeder trade continued active on the better classes and slow on the common kinds. The demand from the country was in pretty good shape and the good heavy cattle and also the lighter weights showing quality moved quite freely.

Western range steers that were good enough for killers commanded steady prices and the market was fairly active on the more desirable kinds. The proportion of killers was not at all large, so that packers had little chance to pound values. Feeder steers that were at all desirable also sold freely at steady prices, with the common kinds dull.

**HOGS**—There were more hogs in sight than for some time past and as the market at Chicago slumped off 20¢ prices here of course took a drop. The market opened virtually 15¢ lower than yesterday, though in some cases high weight hogs of good quality did not sell much over a dime lower. The bulk of the sales went from \$7.50 to \$7.55. Choice lightweight hogs sold mostly from \$7.55 to \$7.65, while the heavy packers sold from \$1.50 down. It was not a very active market for packers were very sheepish.

**SHEEP**—Quotations: Good to choice yearlings, \$3.70@3.90; fair to good, \$3.50@3.70; good to choice wethers, \$3.40@3.60; fair to good wethers, \$3.00@3.40; choice ewes, \$3.00@3.25; fair to good ewes, \$2.65@2.90; good to choice lambs, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good lambs, \$4.25@4.50; feeder wethers, \$3.00@3.40; feeder yearlings, \$3.25@3.65; feeder lambs, \$3.50@4.25; cull lambs, \$2.00@3.00; feeder ewes, \$1.75@2.50; stock ewes, \$2.50@3.25.

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**CATTLE**—Corn fed steady to 10¢ higher; stockers and feeders lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.00@5.50; fair to good, \$4.00@7.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@4.50; western fed steers, \$3.50@4.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.00@4.00; Texas cows, \$1.50@3.50; native cows, \$2.00@4.15; native heifers, \$2.25@4.00; canners, \$1.00@2.15; bulls, \$2.00@3.15; calves, \$2.25@4.00.

**HOGS**—Market strong to 5¢ lower; top, \$7.00; bulk of sales, \$7.50@7.55; heavy, \$7.45@7.55; mixed packers, \$7.45@7.60; light, \$7.25@7.57½; yorkers, \$7.50@7.55; pigs, \$6.65@7.15.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS**—Market steady; stockers and feeders, lower; native lambs, \$3.20@4.10; western lambs, \$3.00@4.75; native wethers, \$2.45@4.00; western wethers, \$2.60@3.30; fed ewes, \$2.90@3.55; clipped Texas yearlings, \$2.75@3.70; clipped Texas sheep, \$2.60@3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@3.05.

### LEG IS GETTING WELL.

President Saps a Quiet Day Receiving Few Visitors.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—The condition of President Roosevelt's injured leg shows steady and satisfactory progress toward improvement. There is only a slightly imperceptible change from day to day as the healing process is naturally slow and tedious.

The president spent the day very quietly, his principal visitor being Secretary Moody, who had some navy department matters to bring to his attention. Dr. Rixey called for a short visit about 4 o'clock and Dr. Lung, the president's regular physician, was with him for a brief time during the evening.

### Settle a Damage Suit.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Sept. 29.—A dismissal has been entered in the \$50,000 personal injury damage suit of George P. Sanford against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company in the United States district court. Mr. Sanford sued for injuries received to his eye while a passenger on a Northwestern train about two years ago. Since filing the suit he has died and the administrator of his estate effected a settlement with the railroad company for \$500.

### Minister to Brazil.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—The following foreign diplomatic appointment has been announced from the state department: David E. Thompson of Nebraska, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Brazil.

When the clergyman goes into politics does he become a divine healer?

### Argues for Mexico.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 27.—The international court of arbitration was occupied all day in hearing Attorney De La Croix's arguments in behalf of Mexico in the hearing of the Pious fund case between the United States and Mexico. He contended that the supreme court of California, in an analogous case, had ruled that the church had no right to acquire the property of ancient missions which were given its members.