AIR NAVIGATION.

Prof. King Preparing to Glide Aross the Atlantic in a New Style Baloon.

Philadelphia Times.

Everybody who reads newspapers is familiar with the pet theory of aeronauts about crossing the Atlantic ocean in a balloon. Perhaps there never lived an aeronaut in this country who did not believe such an undertaking practicable. For years it was the dream of the late lamented John Wise, who was known to have peculiar views with reference to atmospheric conditions and its relations to gravity, and who easily converted to his way of thinking the equally lamented young Prof. Donaldson, who, having struck hands with Wise and joined his fortunes with him in various undertakings and experiments with that one great object in view, until they fell out and parted company in the great New York fiasco in 1875. Everybody knows the rest. Both Donaldson and Wise lie in the bottom of lake Michigan, with all their ambitious schemes and cherished projects buried with them. It is regarded as a singular circumstance that Wise, who always blamed Donaldson for foolhardiness, not only in having set out in "an old rotten balloon," as he termed it; but in involving in his own destruction the loss of the young Chicago reporter, Grimwood, should in less than five years do exactly the same thing, even to the taking out of another person, who shared with him the same tragic fate that Grimwood shared with Donaldson, and that, too, in the same watery grave. Still further it is regarded as strange that the remains of the reporter and those of Prof. Wise's traveling companion should be recovered, while those of the two aeronauts have never been.

Since the loss of Prof. Wise and until a year or two ago nothing more was heard about crossing the Atlantic in a ballon. Then Prof. Samuel King, the aeronant of this city, came forward with his "captive" ascensions ae Manhattan Beach, which were said to be put the prelude to an attempt of the plucky aeronaut to carry out the long cherished idea, in which intention he was backed by a party of moneyed men to the extent of $30,000. But this plan likewise failed, as Prof. King says, for want of money and with its failure the ocean crossing scheme has had a rest. But now Prof. King is up again and more determined than ever to make the attempt. He has been corresponding with scientific men for some time past with reference to the probable existence of a "storm center" as is claimed by certain scientists who make the subject of storms' a study. It is claimed by one set of investigators that all the storms at sea move in circles from the west ward to the eastward, and that reaching a certain height there is a constant tendancy of the air in that direction. Another set of scientists dispute this. Between the two Prof. King, though one of the most interested and attentive observers of the controversy to be found, is puzzled. He is unwilling to risk his neck on the slender toothold of theory, however alluring and fascinating his scientific friends on the one part may make it appear. In his anxious desire to find out the truth he has resolved to conduct a series of experiments himself. If the storm-center advocates are found to be in error, he philosophically argues, it will be as much gained in interest of the advantage of aeronautics; if the controverters of the storm-center theory are in the wrong, it will be much the better for scheme to cross the Atlantic.

As an initial step in the carrying out of his plans, Professor King will begin this week the construction of a balloon of a kind heretofore unknown in this country. It will be of rubber cloth, something of the style of a lady's gossamer, though heavier, and of so compact a body as to be absolutely impermeable to gas. This will be an experimental craft. It will have a capacity of about one hundred thousand cubic feet. The idea is to start with it in some remote part of the west and come across the continent of possible. The disadvantage of making experiments in the east is the nearness to the sea. Professor King has been over twenty years an aeronaut, and made over two hundred voyages in various parts of the country, skimming over lakes and mountain peaks, prairies and wilderness and portions of the sea.

His longest voyage was 500 miles, made in New England in 1872. This trip was in other respects also the most famous he ever made. His companion on the trip was a Boston newspaper man. They ascended at Plymouth, N. H., about 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the month of September, and were in the air all night, passing over the White Mountains, where they were becalmed for a while, and going on to the sea, which they reached shortly after midnight, and got out far beyond the roar of the breakers, at the same time being so near the water that they could hear their drag-rope swashing over the surface. This was, perhaps, the most perilous experience Professor King ever encountered. So surely did they expect to be plunged into the sea that they kept a constant watch over the edge of the basket in which they were crouched for fights from vessels as the last and only hope of saving them from an awful death. All this time the balloon kept bearing in a course directly across the Atlantic. Awful and perilious as their position was, so worn out and drowsy they were from the fatigues of the long night's experience, they would every few minutes fall asleep with their chins resting over the edge of the basket and awake with a start to hear the constant monotonous dragging of the rope over the rough surface of the sea. Finally to their joy and relief, they found the balloon veering around in a northerly direction, and after more than an hour's travel their ears caught the welcome sound of the breakers again as they rapidly neared the land. For the intervening hours from that till daylight their coming off the sea had not much bettered their condition. They had got into a dense Maine wilderness, with not the slightest sign of human habitation anywhere, and over this they soared until finally, about 5 o'clock in the morning, they landed in a forest about three miles rom a road in the wilds of Canada. The whole time occupied in this voyage was thirteen hours.

Pauper Nations of the East.

New York Tribune.

The annual report of the trade and condition of India, just published, has produced a shock in England of alarm, and of something almost amounting to compassion. Policy, if not pity, dictates that some restriction should be placed on the steady exhanstion of that colony which has been going on since 1772. The policy of England has always been to drain the vitality out of this colony to strengthen the mother country. The ports of India were thrown open and British manufactures forced on the Hindostanese people, free of duty; native manufactures of every kind were discouraged. The native population are compelled to sustain the whole of the vast cost of the machinery of the English colonial government—its army, wars with neighboring provinces (which item alone last year reached the sum of $28,950,000), the salaries and pensions of the hordes of younger sons and beneficiaries who are sent out from England to grow rich, and the construction of the costly railways which are built for the convenience of the foreigners.

To raise this money England claims to be the actual owner of all land in India, and exacts from each ryot or occupant a rent or assessment of produce, usually averaging about half the actual annual value of the land. Opium is the next most fruitful source of revenue. Its culture was forced on the Burmese against their earnest protest. They are forbidden to sell it except to the government at government prices. When bought this government again forces it on the Chinese; we all know against what vehement oppositiou of their rulers. The native Indian is thus crippled on every side; he is barred out from office or trade; he cannot manufacture; he is overtaxed as a farmer; there is absolutely no chance for development for this people; and when we add to the heavy weight of English exaction which they have to carry the recurrence of famine every few years, it is no wonder that the rapid pauperization of the people alarms even their rulers. "The European charges," says The Pall Mall Gazette, "which have yearly to be met by India out of the excess of her exports over imports, exceed considerably £20,000,000. It is therefore of the utmost importauce that her exports should be stimulated and her imports checked?" This is late wisdom. But, as the exports of India consist almost wholly of opium and salt, we may guess how soon England may yield to the protests of China against the growth and importation.

Another nation which is undergoing the same course of slow death from exhaustion is Japan. A recent article in The Atlantic Monthly by Mr. House, late editor of The Tokio Times called attention to the condition of this people. According to his statement the treaty by which their commercial relations are regulated with every other nation was the work of a single man, an American, Townsend Harris, to whom these simple-hearted credulous people, when their ports were opened, ignorant of the very name of customs, left the whole matter. By this treaty, with some emendation by Lord Elgin, British manufactures are admitted free of duty, and the treaty is made perpetually binding on them. There being thus no revenue from the customs, the burden of support of the government falls on the agricultural class, who are heavily taxed. The Japanese government is almost bankrupt, and the people have been struggling bravely for years against a wretched and extreme poverty. The exquisite works of their art, with which Europe and America are flooded, are not, as we are apt to suppose, the overflow of Oriental magnificence, but the relics of a wealth and power long since past; sold, in most cases, that their owners may not starve. Americans in Japan send to us pitiable stories of the slow impoverishment of this people; a people singularly mild, intelligent and ambitious, but who were manacled to poverty by this treaty, forced on them in their days of ignorance. The Daimios—princes who can trace back their ancestry through three thousand years of power—are to be found as small tradesmen or every day laborers on the streets of Tokio. So pressing is the universal need that even this kindly people were bitterly outraged by the lavish expenditures of the Mikado in receiving General Grant, and placards warned the officials that if the costly guest did not soon leave the capital he would not go alive.

Mr. House's statements, which show how the selfish policy of England has reduced the nation to its present state, have aroused much angry discussion in Great Britain; but, while his criticism of the conduct of certain English officials is hotly refuted, not a single attempt is made to refute his charges of the slow strangulation of this people by the inexorable English commercial policy. Two great and ancient peoples secluded for ages, the posessors of noble arts, keen in intellect, loyal to their affections coming in the way of the new civilization and the true religion, are not raised or ennobled by them, but pauperized and degraded out of greed for money. There is no sorrier sight in history.

Vanderbilt's Bonds.

Washington Cor. Philadelphia Times.

It is of course absurd for anybody to attempt to tell how much any very rich man is worth. Probably Vanderbilt is the richest man in the world. One thing I do know, that he has at least fifty millions of dollars that he has no use for, and I don't know how much more. This amount he has in registered bonds, deposited in the treasury vaults in this city. From them alone his income is over two millions of dollars a year. How many coupon bonds of the government he has heaven only knows. Then count his railroad and other stocks and bonds, his real estate, etc., and the figures become bewildering. Flood, bonanza king, told me once that he was worth fifty millions at least and that Mackay was worth still more. O'Brien, since dead, was supposed to be worth about the same, and also Fair, now senator, but this was in the golden days of the Comstock, before the pockets petered out. Take the wealth of Vanderbilt and let it increase for ten or twenty years as fast as it has increased during the past decade, and what is there he cannot do? Jay Gould the same, Mackay the same and a dozen others. I am not much of a communist, but I must say that I look with great apprehension at the rapid accumulation of these countless millions in the hands of a few men. But let them slide; they don't owe me anything, and I am very glad I don't owe them. I don't care much for money nyself. There are, however, two things I would like to be rich for. One is that I could have a a pair of suspenders to every pair of pantaloons, and the other so that I could stay at home on rainy days—like to-day for example.

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