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## Airship Builders.

Present Craze Has Many Interesting Phases — Baldwin, Von Zeppelin, the Wright Brothers and Farman. \* \*

THE airship craze has now reached that interesting and tantalizing period where a half dozen inventors and syndicates are on the verge of demonstrating that aerial craft can be safely and reliably used for commercial purposes, but which inventor will be the fortunate one to hit on the solution to the problems now existing no one can tell. Some are certain that Count von Zeppelin, the German expert, will be the lucky man to be hailed by posterity as the man who actually gave mankind the mastery of the air. Others remember the work of Santos Dumont. He, however, has ceased practically all his operations of late.

Captain Thomas S. Baldwin has his supporters, too, and many of them, owing to the work of his dirigible war balloon and other models. The Wright brothers of Toledo, Herring of New York and various French experimenters expand the list of men who may at any moment win undying glory by taking the airship entirely out of the experimental processes and establishing it as a matured product.

Probably the greatest evidence of the wide public interest in airships was provided when Count von Zeppelin's magnificent craft, the No. 3, was destroyed in Germany near Lake Constance. When the news was flashed throughout Germany that the Von Zeppelin machine had been demolished and partly burned during a thunderstorm a score of city governments immediately proceeded to appropriate money for the count. The Emperor William himself had the imperial government send the count \$125,000 immediately, and a public subscription list was started for the purpose of raising an additional \$500,000. At this writing most of this \$500,000 has been pledged and a large percentage paid in.

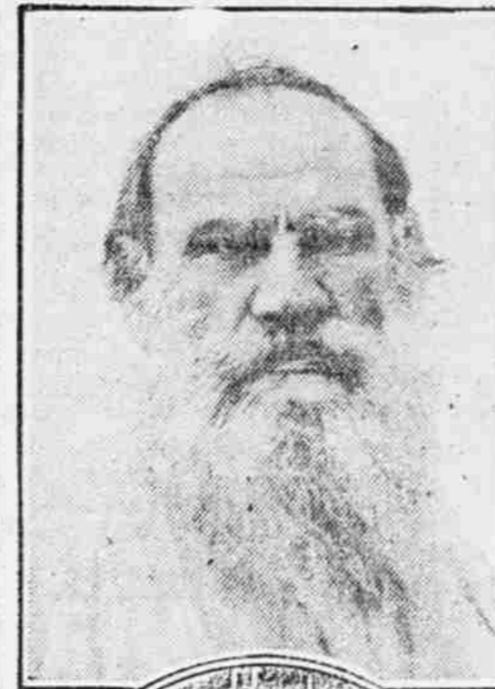
There are two general types of airships—those which are buoyant by construction and those which are kept above ground only through the use of power. The first class necessarily includes balloons whose use makes the specific gravity of the whole airship

## TOLSTOY AT EIGHTY.

Attributes Preservation of His Powers to the Simple Life.

Count Leo Tolstoy's natal month is August, and the great Russian reform advocate and literary genius, in spite of his eighty years, believes firmly that he has many years of activity still before him.

Count Tolstoy attributes his long life and the preservation of his powers to the fact that he persists in living "the simple life"—that is, his diet and habits conform to the simple life precepts, but his writings and remarks, according to the most exalted Russian czar, are just the reverse. Tolstoy has been so near to transportation to Siberia because of his championing the cause of the oppressed lower classes in Russia that it may be considered a wonder that he has lived to an advanced age. It is the general belief in Russia and elsewhere that Tolstoy has escaped ex-



COUNT TOLSTOY—THE COUNT IN PEASANT'S GARB.

treme punishment at the hands of the czar of late years only because of the honor accorded him throughout the civilized world. Tolstoy was born in August, 1828, in Yashaya Poliana, where he now lives. Educated in Kazan university, he served in the Crimean war with distinction. He organized the peasant schools of Russia on a new and original basis, making them practical and effective. His writings and lectures have been translated into all prominent languages.

### MRS. JAMES S. SHERMAN.

Wife of Vice Presidential Nominee Has Domestic Tastes.

Mrs. James S. Sherman, wife of the Republican candidate for vice president, is a woman of the typically domesticated type. She has no aspirations to shine in society or in public life, is a lover of her home and her family and is content to let the glory of the world be the exclusive property of those that seek and desire it.

In her comfortable home in Utica, N. Y., she feels more satisfied than in the



MRS. JAMES S. SHERMAN.

gay winter life in Washington, where she could have shone brilliantly had she chosen to do so for years, as Mr. Sherman has long been prominently identified with the important legislative matters in congress, and both are welcomed at the most exclusive homes and establishments of the capital.

Mrs. Sherman was Miss Carrie Babcock of Utica. She is greatly wrapped up in the careers of her three sons—Richard, Thomas and Sherrill.

All three of the sons are in business, and Mrs. Sherman has often been complimented on her success in raising three "boys," now men, who show promise of becoming equally as prominent as their father some day. The only girl in the Sherman family is the little daughter of Sherrill Sherman.



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### RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Brakeman H. B. Patterson is off on furlough.

The backshop got the 1066 today for overhauling.

C. A. Alexanderson and family have moved to Omaha.

Pilot and other minor repairs were given the 1020, this week.

Engine 2012 was in this week for repairs to her leaky steam pipes.

Monday morning, the backshop force was placed on a 9-hour schedule.

Conductor Walt Wilcott has Cox's car while the latter is on passenger.

Engineer William LaRue of the Red Cloud run has retired from the service.

Matt. Lawritson visited his brother Agent Lawritson at Beaver City, Monday.

Engine 326 was fitted to new shoes this week and her driving rods received some attention.

Engineer George Valentine, formerly of Red Cloud was recently killed in a wreck up in Montana.

The 1018 was broken in, this week, after overhauling, and will be ready tomorrow for branch service.

A dinky engine is on the way for service at McCook about the shops and yard. It has long been needed.

Brakeman J. A. Clark of McCook has gone down to Red Cloud to relieve Yardmaster Adolph Goth, who is laying off.

Mr. and Mrs. George Enoch and children returned, last Friday night, from their visit in Chicago and other lake points.

Engineer and Mrs. J. W. Hasty and family went down to Arapahoe, yesterday morning, to remain over Sunday with their parents.

J. O. McArthur, Fred Billings and Earl Spencer are upon the Platte river indulging in a hunt, this week. Frank Traver is in charge of the boiler gang during J. O.'s absence.

Conductor H. H. Miller has taken a 30-day vacation and he and Mrs. Miller have gone to Pennsylvania on a visit to his family. Bagley has his run and VanHorn is on Bagley's car.

The McCook Steam Laundry has placed a box in the round house office for collection of laundry, which will be collected on Tuesdays. Laundry returned on Fridays, 5:30 to 6:30 and collected for.

1963 is over the drop-pit.

Master Wallace Forbes is quarantined with diphtheria.

The 1225 had some patch work done to her firebox, this week.

The boiler of the Red Cloud roundhouse is here for an overhauling.

A Rue boiler testing inspector has been installed in the shops here.

Charlie Noble returned, Wednesday on 5, from his Pennsylvania trip.

Conductor T. A. Nash is laying off and sojourning in the Black Hills.

Earl Newkirk has returned to work after a brief harvesting experience.

Mrs. Frank Bussey is entertaining her sister and brother-in-law from Denver.

Conductor Clyde Dalton returned from his Illinois trip, first of the week.

Agent and Mrs. Lawritson of Cambridge are parents of a fine and dandy boy.

Mrs. Fred Douglass went down to Holbrook, yesterday morning, on a visit.

N. V. Franklin has filed on an eastern Colorado homestead in the sandhill country.

Engineer M. H. Griggs has been transferred to Red Cloud, moving down the first of the week.

Conductor Frank Kendlen is off duty, and Willets has his run. Cox has Willets' turn meanwhile.

Brakeman R. W. Reed returned, Monday, from a short visit with his family in the eastern part of the state.

Walter Stilwell of the roundhouse office is back from his 30-day visit to the old home in St. Johns, Canada.

South McCook, Sunday afternoon and night, witnessed a Russian marriage celebration of unusual stirring details.

Mrs. C. F. Knosp returned, Wednesday on 5, from accompanying home-near Hastings—her sister, Miss Knuth.

Mrs. T. E. McCarl and little daughter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Andrews, at Cambridge, close of last week.

Mrs. Blair, sister of Mrs. Joseph Ransdell, returned to her home in Denver, this week. The Ransdells expect to follow soon.

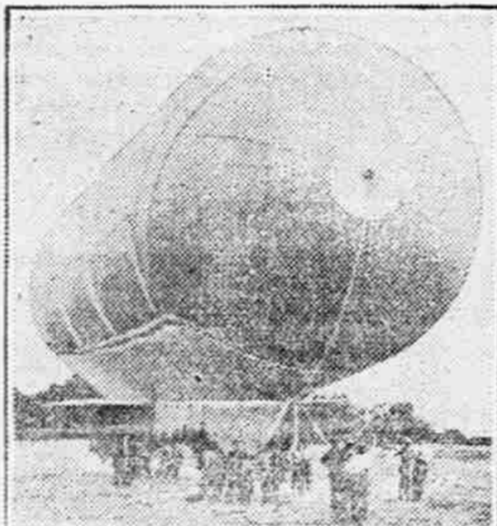
A U. S. government inspector has been inspecting Burlington compliance with the safety appliance law at this place, this week.

Ira Pennington is in Indiana on railroad business and Mrs. Pennington is visiting her folks in Indianola during the husband's absence.

Conductor T. E. McCarl had the pay-car in from Hastings, Monday, and Conductor Roark of the westend had it from McCook to Denver, Tuesday.

The framework of the new coal shed at Holdrege is completed and tracks laid, and it will soon be ready to replace the temporary bucket shed now in use.

THE TRIBUNE was misinformed to the station to which agent Ralph E. Foe of our city was last week transferred. He was promoted to Red Cloud, and many regretful McCook friends will join us in wishing him continued success and advancement.



GREAT BRITAIN'S WAR BALLOON AND UNITED STATES ARMY BALLOONISTS.

less than that of air, by reason of which a balloon airship floats in the air as a boat floats on water. The other type, to which the Farman machine belongs, is dependent for its buoyancy wholly on mechanical means and not on specific gravity. The Wright machines, which were developed in Ohio and offered for sale to France, belong to the second class in that their buoyancy depends on mechanical means.

The Baldwin dirigible is now believed to have found more favor with the American government than any other craft. The recent trial of the dirigible at Fort Myer, Va., under the supervision of government officials, was pronounced a success. The craft flew three miles under perfect control and came back to its starting point after performing intricate maneuvers. Lieutenant Frank R. Lohm, a daring aviator and experimenter, is given credit for the present activity of the United States government in balloon development. The war department now contemplates spending millions of dollars on the advancement of war balloons experiment stations and observation plants.

The United States signal service now has a balloon squad made up of aerist experts, and the squad is rapidly increasing in size.

Great Britain's development of the airship for purposes of war is being followed with the keenest interest by military observers of all the nations of the world. The British government is apparently as open and above-board in conducting its experiments as we are in this country. The British army has an airship that recently covered seven miles in the London suburbs. The craft can carry three men and is equipped with two seventy horsepower quadruple engines.