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RACING BALLOON RIPS

TWO AERONAUTS MARVELOUSLY ESCAPE DEATH.

After Dropping 2,000 Feet Like a Bullet, Balloon Spreads and Speed is Checked—Basket Crashes Through Roof Into Room of Berlin Citizen.

The international balloon race which started Sunday from the suburb of Schmargendorf, Germany, was the occasion of a thrilling accident, two American aeronauts having a miraculous escape from death. The American balloon conqueror, the only American built craft in the contest, having on board A. Holland Forbes and Augustus Post, less than two minutes after the start burst at an altitude of 4,000 feet. For 2,000 feet it shot down like a bullet and then the torn silk bag assumed the shape of a parachute, thus checking the rapidity of the descent.

Coming close to the earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with but slight injury.

The race, in which twenty-three balloons participated, represented Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Spain, started at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the presence of at least 8,000 spectators. The sunshine was brilliant and the heat was that of summer.

Amid the strains of "America" and volleys of cheers the first balloon was sent away. It was the America II, under command of James C. McCoy, who was accompanied by Lieut. Voghmann. The balloon was decorated with the stars and stripes, and it sailed away to the southeast at a rapid pace, the aeronauts waving their hats.

A representative of each of the other countries followed the American balloon in succession at intervals of two minutes, the national anthem of the several countries ringing forth as the ropes were cast loose.

BATTLE ON BRIDGE TOWER.

Two New York Policemen Succeed in Capturing Lunatic.

Atop the great iron tower at the Brooklyn end of the Williamsburg bridge, in New York, a thrilling struggle took place Sunday while hundreds of persons looked on from below. An insane man, who had eluded the tower watchman, climbed an iron stairway to the top of the tower, 535 feet above the East river, and was preparing for a leap into the river when two policemen climbed up after him.

The appearance of the policemen distracted the man from his purpose and he turned upon the bluecoats with a razor. The insane man rushed to attack them and then in the narrow footing at the dizzy height a ten-minute battle took place.

Back and forth the trio struggled, now on the verge of toppling to destruction and then tottering back to the center of the small platform. To those who gazed aloft it seemed hours instead of minutes before the man was overpowered. At the hospital the prisoner gave his name as Joseph Kratz, of Brooklyn. He was placed in a padded cell.

FEWER CHOLERA CASES.

Only Five Reported in Manila in Twenty-Four Hours.

Five new cases of cholera are reported in Manila for the day ending on Sunday morning, while three new cases were discovered for the day ending Monday morning. These figures were secured after the domiciliary visits, the inspectors calling at each twice during the day. The entire city was covered during these visits and the results make the health officials very hopeful, although they are inclined to be somewhat suspicious of the sharp declines noted in the spread of the disease and the unwilling to accept them as evidence that the cholera epidemic has been uprooted.

It is intended to continue the active campaign now being carried on at least two weeks longer.

Man's Name is Bussard.

Because he believed the preacher was referring to his family when he spoke of buzzards in a slighting manner, Henry Bussard, a young farmer, struck the Rev. P. A. Taylor, an evangelist, at Argonia, Kan., rendering him unconscious for six hours.

Sent to Jail for 45 Years.

Alexander Townsend, of Uniontown, Pa., 35 years old, was sentenced to forty-five years in the western penitentiary following his third conviction within four days of criminal assault on little girls. He was given fifteen years in each case, the sentences to run consecutively.

Dies at Age of 110.

Mrs. Charlotte Decker, of Tyre, Seneca county, N. Y., died Sunday night at the age of 110 years, lacking 1 month and 16 days. There was much comment when at the age of 102 years Mrs. Decker married her third husband.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$4.15. Top hogs, \$6.25.

PAGEANT OF HISTORY.

Million People Try to See Show in Philadelphia.

Like leaves of the past torn from the great book of history and heavy laden with the memories of 225 years the living scenes of the first greatest historical pageant ever planned in this country was unfolded at Philadelphia Thursday before a concourse of perhaps 750,000 people. In the wonder drama of the centuries, the culminating feature of Philadelphia's notable celebration of "Founders' week," there were 5,000 men and women in costume. There were seventy mammoth floats, representing months of careful study and faithful to the last detail in their portrayal of the scenes selected from the long span of years that have marked the passing mile stones of the city.

Following the scenes of early settlement there came the period of William Penn and the Quakers. From this time on events moved rapidly and Benjamin Franklin soon followed Penn upon the scene. It was not long until the spectators found themselves gazing on Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, John Paul Jones, Rochambeau and others in the various scenes of their patriotic activities.

They looked upon Betsy Ross as she tolled upon the flag; they saw depicted the scene of voting upon the declaration of independence in the old state house; they saw the Virginians coming to congress with Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry at their head; they saw the New Englanders arrive with John Adams, John Hancock, Samuel Adams and Robert Treat Paine riding in the lead, and then, out of all this pageantry of make believe there came a touch of real history. It was the old liberty bell. On a carefully guarded truck and partially buried in straw the old relic itself was shown as it was being hurried away to Allentown in a hay wagon for safe keeping in 1777.

On the heels of the departing bell came the entrance of the British troops into Philadelphia under Sir William Howe and Lord Cornwallis, both of whom were pictured in Friday's parade. The advent of the red coated troops was an imposing feature of the spectacle. There were about 1,000 well drilled men in the line, and all were culminated in keeping with the period they represented.

WOUNDED IN SHAM BATTLE.

Injury to Russian General Attributed to Revolutionary Plot.

During maneuvers of the Turkestan assembly corps in the vicinity of Askaniya Turkestan, Gen. Mitchenko, who played a conspicuous part in the Russo-Japanese war and who is now governor general of Turkestan, was wounded in a sham battle. The general was watching the operations from a slight eminence when the whistle of bullets was heard. He was struck in the leg above the knee. An adjutant of Mitchenko's was wounded. The maneuvers were suspended and the weapons and ammunition of the troops examined. Ball cartridges and traces of shot in the barrels of several rifles was discovered.

MAIL POUCH STOLEN.

Eight Registered Packages from Salt Lake Are Missing.

A mail pouch containing eight registered packages destined for the east disappeared at Salt Lake City Friday and is believed to have been stolen while reposing on a truck at the Denver and Rio Grande station. The pouch was made up at the local post-office and was delivered to the mail wagon driver, who declared he unloaded it at the station. It was first missed when the railway postal clerk counted the sacks delivered to him. No estimate of the value of the registered packages can be made at this time.

Farmers Slain in Duel.

In a bloody duel which took place Friday about three miles south of Porum, Okla., between two farmers, Kagle and Williams, the former is dead and the latter dying, shot through the eye and through the abdomen. The affair was the result of a quarrel of long standing. Both men were armed with revolvers when they met unexpectedly and began firing.

Liberal Party is Born.

In a convention of its organizers at Chattanooga, Tenn., Thursday the birth of the new liberal party was formally proclaimed. The platform demands woman suffrage, direct taxation to support federal government, initiative and referendum, and denounces Bryan, Taft, Roosevelt and Hearst.

Flights by Wright Aeroplane.

Wilbur Wright made six short flights in his aeroplane at Lemans, France, Friday evening. Among the passengers carried by him were Lazare Weiller and M. Deutch de la Meurthe. The machine rose to a height of ninety feet during the evolutions.

New Leader for Firemen.

W. S. Carter, of Peoria, Ill., was Friday elected grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers to succeed John J. Hannahan. Mr. Carter has been secretary of the organization for a number of years.

Big Fire in North Dakota Town.

A fire destroyed twenty business houses in Inkster, N. D., Friday night. The loss is \$120,000.

BULGARIA GETS HELP.

New Kingdom is Assured of Support of Austria.

Austria already has entered upon negotiations with the various powers for the recognition of the new kingdom of Bulgaria and the establishment of peaceful relations between Turkey and Bulgaria.

Baron von Achrenthal, the foreign minister, made this announcement in his speech at the opening sitting of the common delegates at Budapest Thursday. The Austrian newspapers and politicians have steadfastly denied that there was any understanding between Austria and Bulgaria in the recent double movement, but Austria's adoption of a protecting role toward Bulgaria indicates a strong community of interests.

In his address the Austro-Hungary foreign minister said that Austria adopted a generally sympathetic attitude toward the new regime in Turkey.

"This attitude," he said, "is based upon the definite hope that the new era in Turkey will produce the rejuvenation and invigoration of that state. Austro-Hungary, whose frontiers march with Turkey and whose interests consequently are most affected, desires this from selfish reasons. A Turkey with a better government and more stable conditions would be a more comfortable neighbor than the Turkey of yesterday. The leading elements in the new political era are showing praiseworthy moderation and prudence. This will profit the rejuvenated kingdom all the more since even the new Turkey has to rely upon the benevolence and friendly support of the powers. Such support she may depend upon receiving from us with more certainty the more she manifests a friendly attitude toward us."

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS DEAD.

Expires Shortly After Delivering Anniversary Oration at Galesburg.

Stephen A. Douglas, a son and namesake of the great rival of Abraham Lincoln, died suddenly at his home in Chicago Thursday night. Wednesday Mr. Douglas, with William H. Taft, delivered an oration at Galesburg, Ill., at the fiftieth anniversary of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate.

His speech was delivered on Knox campus, on the exact site where fifty years before his father had contested the great national issues with Lincoln. The speech of Wednesday was the last of a series of campaign speeches made in the last few weeks by Mr. Douglas and he complained of fatigue and a severe cold on his return trip to Chicago. He collapsed suddenly after dining with his family and died before the arrival of a physician. Mr. Douglas was 58 years old.

AN ACTOR A MISSING PASTOR.

Wright Lorimer Confesses He Left a Church Owning Bills.

Wright Lorimer, author of "The Shepherd King," and player of the role of David, confessed in his dressing room in a theater at Scranton, Pa., that he is the same man who ten years ago, under the name of Rev. Walter M. B. Lowell, was pastor of a Baptist church in North Scranton, Pa. He suddenly abandoned his charge, leaving behind personal debts for a large amount. Some of these debts Mr. Lorimer said he has since paid. "I paid two bills in monthly installments," said the actor preacher, "but as to the other debts, which I am accused of owing, I do not consider myself obligated for them."

NEW PLAN FOR EXAMINERS.

Comptroller Divides Country in Eleven Districts.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray announced Friday at Washington that he would put into immediate action a plan for national bank examiners, with a chairman examiner in charge at each of the following cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Nashville, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Fort Worth, San Francisco and Denver.

The chairman in each district will compile quarterly reports to the comptroller of the reports of the examiners covering the states in each of the lists.

New Head for Foresters.

Mrs. Rose D. Rittman, of Memphis, Tenn., leader of the so-called anti-administration element of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, has been elected president of the order by a majority of one vote, the returns, which were completed Friday, showing 400 votes for Mrs. Rittman and 399 for Mrs. Elizabeth Rodgers, of Chicago.

Woman Jumps Into Niagara.

A tall woman in black, sallow and bespectacled, jumped into the American Falls at Niagara Falls Wednesday morning after wandering about aimlessly for an hour. She had told a policeman she was from Saginaw, Mich., and inquiries directed thither have led to the belief that the woman was Mrs. L. D. Draper.

Fatal Explosion in Mine.

Five hundred pounds of dynamite and a steam boiler exploded Wednesday night at the Apache Maid mine at Webb City, Mo., killing one and injuring four, also destroying the mine buildings.

Northern Pacific Divided.

The directors of the Northern Pacific Thursday declared a quarterly dividend of 1 3/4 per cent. All the retiring officers were re-elected.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

BAPTISTS DISCUSS MISSIONS.

All Features of the Work Taken Up by the State Convention.

The Nebraska Baptist state convention, in its afternoon session Tuesday, at Pawnee City, considered co-operating associational work, by Rev. G. L. Sharp, Holbrook, and the "Call of the Developing West," by Rev. I. M. Huston, district missionary. At the evening service the missionary sermon was preached by Rev. F. W. Cliff, of York, and Rev. L. C. Barnes, D. D., of New York City, delivered an address on "The Baptist in the Development of America."

Wednesday, Rev. H. H. Berry, of Ord, made the report of the committee on stewardship. The report of the committee on apportionment was made by Rev. Mr. Farough of North Platte. The report of the committee on home mission was made by Rev. D. D. Proper, followed by an address on the topic, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow of Baptist Home Missions," by Rev. O. A. Williams, of Lincoln. The report of the Women's Home Missionary society by Miss Martha Van Ness, of Lincoln, was followed by an address by Mrs. L. M. Newell, of Burlington, Ia. The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary society, by Mrs. J. H. Kerr, of Ansley, was followed by an address by Mrs. W. M. Ailing, of Japan. The report of the committee on foreign missions, made by Rev. B. F. Fellman, of Omaha, was followed by an address by Rev. M. D. Eubank, of Boston, general secretary.

A man's banquet, with eighty-six present, was held from 5 to 7:30 o'clock in Grand Army of the Republic hall, the banquet being provided by the women of the Methodist church. The women of the convention banquet at the same hour in the dining hall of the Presbyterian church. The women of the Bethoven club rendered a fine concert, followed by an address by Rev. J. A. Francis, of New York City, general evangelist.

ASSAULTS HIS WIFE ON TRAIN.

Trainmen Have Fierce Fight with Chas. Crochaska, of David City.

After imbibing freely of intoxicants at Fremont, Chas. Crochaska, a farmer living a few miles from David City, met his wife, who had been to Omaha on a visit, and threatened to kill her. The assault occurred on the Northwestern train between Fremont and David City. Trainmen, with difficulty, rescued the woman from her husband, who started to beat her and said he would kill her.

Mrs. Crochaska was locked in a closet on a car as protection for her and her husband was bound to his seat and given over to the sheriff of Butler county on his arrival there. No charge has yet been preferred against him.

A year ago Crochaska, while in a similar condition, forced his wife to jump out of a window on the second story of their home with the result that she broke her arm.

Crochaska stood behind his wife at that time and threatened to kill her with a shotgun unless she jumped.

PROSECUTION FAILS.

Wife Refuses to Appear Against Husband for Attempt on Life.

Some time since Johnson Teten, a farmer residing near Talmage, after having left home because he was jealous of his wife, returned and without warning shot his wife three times and thinking her fatally wounded carried her out to the straw stack and laid her down, after which he gave himself up and remained in jail for some time. The wife was picked up and carried in the house and with careful nursing recovered from her injuries, but they left her marked for life, one bullet wound being in her face. The case was continued from time to time in court, the defendant being under heavy bond. Mrs. Teten has appeared in court and refused to prosecute the husband and the county attorney had to dismiss the case.

RAIN STOPS THE FESTIVITIES.

Grand Island Frontier Carnival Hindered by Rain.

About noon Wednesday a cold and drizzling, but steady, rain set in and made outdoor amusements at the Frontier carnival at Grand Island next to impossible. For nearly two hours quite a crowd of sightseers sat, or stood, upon the unprotected bleachers in the rain and saw the rabbit chase, a bucking exhibition, some races and other stunts. Finally, however, the moisture became too much and the management therefore extended the program to Friday afternoon.

LANDSEEKER MEETS DEATH.

Man is Hurlled Under a Train at O'Neill.

While trying to alight from a Northwestern train near the depot in O'Neill, C. C. Redmond, of St. Edward, Boone county, Neb., was hurled under the wheels and cut to pieces, his head and legs being severed from his body. Redmond had come to O'Neill to register in the Rosebud land drawing and his eagerness to get off the train before it came to a stop at the depot cost him his life. Redmond was 32 years of age and was a barber.

New Church for Peru.

The building committee of the Methodist church at Peru has completed the plans for a new church building. The building is to be of pressed brick at an estimated cost of \$22,000.

May Lose Voice.

Attorney John C. Watson, of Nebraska City, is threatened with the loss of his voice by reason of the hardening of the vocal chords.

INDIANS IN BLOODY MELEE.

Woman Seriously Injured in Battle Near Walthill.

On last Saturday evening Harry Solomon and his wife returned to Walthill from Pender in a rather jovial mood as a result of indulging in some of the soft drinks they sell in that village. They came in on the evening train and shortly afterwards left town for their home east of Walthill. Passing the house of Richard White, another Indian, they stopped and remained for a part of the night. Trouble arose, the particulars of which are not fully known, and the result was that one of the wives of Richard White (he has two) received a broken nose and was otherwise more or less bruised and cut. After being thus badly injured she placed a small baby on her back, carried another child in her arms and led another, traveling a distance of about three miles to a house of a friend, Dr. Ream, of Walthill, was telephoned for and when he arrived found the woman nearly dead from loss of blood, her clothes being one mass of blood from her throat to her moccasins.

Solomon was arrested and brought into court Monday morning. Upon hearing the complaint he remarked: "We didn't mean to hit that woman; we thought it was our wife." The judge stated that his explanation wouldn't help matters any.

"Well," Solomon answered, "how much does it cost?" He wasn't able to learn the cost of the affair, however, as the judge thought it best to continue the case until Wednesday in order that they might have time to determine how seriously Mrs. White was injured. Solomon was released on bond.

KILLED BY AN ASSASSIN.

Wealthy Nebraska Farmer Murdered at Greenwood.

James Dyre, an aged and wealthy farmer, was murdered in the street at Greenwood Tuesday. A man named Robark, a laborer, stabbed him three times. Then the murderer ran along the street waving the bloody knife. He was captured and jailed. A large crowd gathered and threatened to lynch him.

Dyre leaves a widow and nine children. He was extremely wealthy. Robark ran up to Dyre, threw an arm about his neck and stabbed him in the bowels.

Robark refused to talk. He seems to be demented. He has been employed as a day laborer in Greenwood.

Lincoln Man Drowned.

Frank Rush, who left Lincoln last June to work as a civil engineer for the government in the Philippine islands, has been reported as killed in a typhoon last Friday. Rush was in a row boat off the north coast of the island of Luzon with one Webster when the typhoon struck the boat. Neither of the men were seen after the occurrence and Tuesday a cablegram was received by Mrs. C. W. Rush, who lives at 2655 S street, that her son was thought to be lost. A search was made by the government officials all along the coast, but neither of the men or any of their effects except the row boat could be found.

Tax List Reduced.

County Treasurer John Ward at Tecumseh, has caused the current list of delinquent taxes on real estate to be published in a local newspaper. The figures make less than two columns and this includes the amounts due on farms and town lots, with the descriptions on the town lots much the longest of the two. Fifteen years ago this same list was making from one to one and one-half pages in the paper. It certainly shows a marked improvement in the conditions of our people and the county treasury is just that much better off.

Improvements at Gibbon.

The old college building has been torn down and the ground cleared for the new high school building at Gibbon, bids on which will be closed and the contract awarded soon. The old Presbyterian church is also being torn down to give place to a new modern cement block church. Both buildings were finished in 1873 of brick made there. The old college building was the original Buffalo county court house, as Gibbon was the first county seat before Kearney was laid out.

Program for Teachers.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' association has completed the arrangement for the forty-third annual session Nov. 4, 5 and 6. Enthusiastic reports were received from the various chairmen of committees, particularly in regard to the attendance. More than 4,000 teachers are expected to be present at Lincoln as most of the school boards of the state have declared the association later to be holidays with full pay for the teachers.

Young Woman Seriously Burned.

Miss Mary Stelick, a domestic in the employ of L. M. Sterns, had a narrow escape from death while engaged in her household duties. She had been cleaning spots on a rug with benzine and carried the piece to close to a lighted gasoline stove, when it burst into flames, which immediately communicated with the clothing of the young woman.

Dwelling House Burned.

A dwelling house belonging to N. C. Meyer in West Beatrice, and occupied by a family named Brown, was destroyed by fire with most of its contents. Loss, 1,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

Bar tender Kills Self.

Samuel Landis, a bartender, who has been out of work ever since Lincoln put out evening saloons, committed suicide Tuesday because he said he could not get a job. He had taken the dip at the state hospital, but was self mentally deranged.

School Superintendent Appointed.

Miss Myrtle McAndrew was appointed superintendent of schools of Brown county to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Florence N. Johnston.

A REMARKABLE PROJECT.

Washington Monument May Be Used as Wireless Station.

The most remarkable wireless telegraph project on record is contemplated by the Navy Department. It is nothing less than the conversion of the top of the Washington monument into a wireless telegraph station. The bureau of equipment of the Navy Department has taken the matter up with Secretary Metcalf and advised him that the plan is feasible. Secretary Metcalf said recently that the bureau in question had advised him not alone that it was a practicable plan, but that if the station were established he had been assured that without relaying it would be possible to reach stations in western Europe and to communicate with the vessels of the American fleet at sea in distant waters. He added that no final action has been taken and that the subject was being considered.

The plan is to use the Washington monument only temporarily and if the experiment proves successful to erect a permanent tower of the necessary height, probably the approximate height of the monument, which is 555 feet. The plan if carried out will revolutionize the wireless telegraph and cable business of the government and will greatly facilitate communication to Europe and with the war vessels. The value of the plan in war time would be incalculable if it can be worked as the bureau of equipment believes it can.

Rear Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment, in discussing the wireless plan, said there could be no doubt of the feasibility of the project, though there might be sentimental reasons against this use of the monument. "Application for its use has been made to the War Department," said Admiral Cowles. "It is the plan to use the monument temporarily and then to put up a steel tower about 500 feet high. Messages could be sent 3,000 miles. No attempt would be made to use the station for the Pacific coast, but it would be used for reaching points in the Atlantic and the Caribbean regions." The proposed station would be the highest in the world.



In Liverpool, England, 10,000 long-shoremen are idle, and the docks are filled with idle sailors and officers looking for berth.

Lord Dunraven has given \$2,500 to Limerick, Ireland, to establish two scholarships in industrial training in the city and county.

The Scotland Miners' Federation has approved of the action of the miners' representatives in accepting the reduction of 12 1/2 per cent.

New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad clerks' lodges will make an effort to have a system agreement made between the road and the clerks.

The recent Scottish trades union congress passed resolutions in favor of old-age pensions, and in favor of compulsory intervention in labor disputes.

The Portland (Ore.) Garment Workers' Union has entered into an agreement with the factory proprietors that provides for forty-eight hours work a week.

Strong efforts to organize the office workers throughout Brooklyn, N. Y., are being made by the membership of Bookkeepers', Accountants' and Stenographers' Union No. 12646.

The Glasgow (Scotland) relief committee reports that it expects to have to provide for 8,000 heads of families who are out of work, and is asking for \$50,000 emergency contribution.

It is reported that San Francisco will put about 3,000 men to work on municipal improvements, thus greatly relieving the situation at that point, which has been rather critical in the recent past.

Chicago has a new paper published in the Hebrew language, under the name of the Jewish Labor World. The paper is devoted to the interests of the Hebrew members of labor unions in this country.

The Alaskan fisheries now give employment to more than 5,000 fishermen, the majority of whom are now organized. A few years ago there were scarcely any unionized fishermen engaged in the large Alaskan districts.

Canadian textile workers have decided that the weekly contributions should be increased from 8 to 25 cents a week, and that representation should be made to the government in such a way that the law stating that women and children should not be allowed to work over fifty-five hours a week should be enforced.

At the seventeenth annual convention of the United Brewery Workers of America, held in New York, there were delegates present representing 378 local unions, with a membership of approximately 40,000. The International Union of the Brewery Workers was organized in Baltimore in 1886, when there were but eight local unions and a membership roll of barely 6,000.

The National Miners' Federation of France, with a total membership of 80,000 men, has decided to affiliate with the General Federation of Labor for the purpose of acquiring greater strength and influence over legislation.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union makes claim that its system of 25 cents a week dues saves it from the fear of strikes, and in such emergency does away with the necessity of calling upon sister crafts for financial aid. High dues also enable the union to prosecute more successfully its campaign for the union stamp.