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FOUR FALL TO DEATH

GAS BAG OF DIRIGIBLE BALLOON BURSTS IN MIDAIR.

Car Drops Straight to the Earth and Buries Its Occupants Beneath the Wreckage—Calamity is Considered National in Scope.

Moulins, France: While passing over the national road which leads from Paris to Antibes, and when at a height of between 500 and 600 feet, the French dirigible military balloon Republique exploded Sunday morning and fell to the ground. The four men on board were killed.

It was the intention of Capt. Marchal, who was in charge of the airship, to stop at Nevers, and an automobile containing mechanics was following the balloon. It was almost directly beneath it when the disaster occurred. The car fell straight down, carrying the fluttering remnants of the envelope, and the occupants were buried beneath the wreckage. All were dead except Lieut. Phaire, but he lived only a few minutes after being removed.

Lieut. Tixier, who was in command of the automobile, says that the balloon suddenly burst and collapsed. It seemed to oscillate violently a moment prior to this, as though it had been struck, and it fell with the rapidity of a stone.

An examination of the airship disclosed the cause of the accident. The axle of the right propeller had broken and the propeller had passed through the envelope, falling in a field about 150 yards away.

SPOTS ON THE SUN.

Supposed They Have Some Connection with Auroral Display.

Washington, D. C.: Examination of a photographic negative of the sun, taken by astronomers of the United States naval observatory here, disclosed the fact that there was one large spot on the "going off" or west side of the sun, with a number of smaller spots south of the large one. In its present position it is estimated that the large spot will disappear from the sun in about four days, and the small spots probably sooner.

The observatory astronomers say it is supposed that the sun spots have some connection with the aurora borealis display, but it has not been determined to what extent.

INSPECT A BOILING LAKE.

Three Adventurers Descend Into the Crater of Mt. Kilauwa.

Honolulu: L. M. Hale, J. Reynolds and Ernest Moses, a photographer, descended into the mouth of the crater of Mt. Kilauwa, remaining a half hour on the edge of the boiling lake of lava and fire. This is the first time this feat has been accomplished. Members of the party ventured almost to the rim of the seething lake and attempted to take photographs. The heat was intense and at times the adventurers walked over a partially molten area. After completing their observations they returned safely to the rim of the crater.

HONOLULU METEOR SHOWER.

Forty of Fiery Visitors Were Seen to Fall Into the Sea.

Honolulu: A phenomenal rain of meteors filling the skies over this city Sunday night caused much excitement and alarm. The fall began at 10:55 o'clock. Although most of the heavenly visitants fell into the sea, it is believed that some of them struck land on this island, and an investigation will be made. Observers counted more than forty meteors that fell into the sea.

MRS. CLEVELAND TO EUROPE.

Ex-President's Widow Will Take a Year's Trip Abroad.

New York: Mrs. Grover Cleveland, widow of the ex-president, sailed on the steamship Berlin for Genoa. She is accompanied by her entire family and plans to spend a few weeks in Italy and then go to Lausanne, Switzerland, where she has already made arrangements for her children to enter school. Mrs. Cleveland plans to remain abroad for at least a year.

Died of Starvation.

Cincinnati, O.: When the body of Christopher Kuhn, aged 68, a cabinet-maker, was discovered in his squalid room, investigation showed that the man had been dead since September 6. Secreted in the room were many thousands of dollars' worth of securities and deeds to property.

Thirty Years for Murder.

Flora, Ill.: R. M. Adduddell, former mayor of Flora, was sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment after a jury had found him guilty of murder. Adduddell killed City Marshal Zach T. Shipley last January.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.
Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top Bees, \$7.75. Top Hogs, \$8.15.

T. P. SHONTS SUED.

An Aggrieved New York Husband Wants \$200,000 Damages.

New York: Theodore P. Shonts, former chairman of the isthmian canal commission and now president of the Interborough-Metropolitan company of this city, has been sued for \$200,000 damages, according to reports, by Frederick F. Hipsch, of New York, manager for a Kentucky distillery. Mr. Shonts is charged with having alienated Mrs. Hipsch's affections. Through Delancy Nicholl, his attorney, Mr. Shonts declares that the suit is preposterous, and is due to a strange case of mistaken identity.

GIVEN UP FOR LOST.

Fate of Explorer Caldwell Still Remains a Mystery.

Winnipeg, Man.: George Caldwell, an official of the Canadian marine department, who started three years ago to make a trip from Chesterfield inlet to the arctic circle, has been given up for lost.

It was expected that Caldwell, who was accompanied by two Eskimos, would reach Cape Fullerton last autumn, but advice received at the mounted police department state that he did not arrive at the post and nothing has since been heard from him.

Chesterfield is at the northwest end of Hudson bay.

DIES AT THE THROATLE.

Veteran Engineer Succumbs to Heart Disease on His Run.

Beaver City, Neb.: Dead at the throttle of his engine, and the train running itself, was the situation presented on the passenger train of the St. Francis branch of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, near Herndon, Kan., Saturday night. The dead engineer was George Pronger, a veteran in the service of the company, who had succumbed to heart disease while at his post. His rigid position drew the attention of the fireman, A. Koler, who ran the train to St. Francis.

MAY BRING SUIT.

Dr. Cook Said to Have Grievance Against Peary.

New York: Dr. Frederick A. Cook contemplates the bringing of a suit against Commander Peary to recover damages for slander and defamation, according to friends of the Brooklyn explorer.

Dr. Cook himself had nothing to say regarding the proposed suit, but his secretary, Walter Lonsdale, admitted that the matter was seriously entertained by both Dr. Cook and by John R. Bradley, Cook's backer.

APPLES A DRUG ON MARKET.

Doesn't Pay to Pick Them for 25 Cents a Bushel.

Omaha, Neb.: Although not listed as one of the apple raising states, apples, those of Nebraska grown variety, are a drug on the market. This is particularly true throughout the eastern portion of the state.

Farmers of Douglas and half a dozen of the other Missouri river counties have marketed thousands of bushels of apples, but there are thousands of bushels more that they will be unable to sell, simply because they cannot get enough for them to cover the cost of picking and marketing.

Medals Are Given Heroes.

Washington, D. C.: For heroic rescues in various parts of the country gold and silver life saving medals have been awarded by the treasury department to Frederick W. McNeely, a navy yeoman; Hugh F. Doherty, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert Mellon and Fitz Wiltshire, Panama canal zone employees; Michael Mallai, chief boat-swain's mate in the navy; M. M. Ursina, second lieutenant of engineers in the revenue cutter service, and Capt. E. J. Dodge, Harold Dodge, Wilbur L. Dodge and Peter Peterson, the four last named for rescues at Mackinac, Mich.

Aids Stranded Americans.

Washington, D. C.: Stranded at Nome, Alaska, 100 American citizens will be brought back to Seattle, Wash., on a revenue cutter. Telegraphic orders went forward from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hill directing the deputy collector of customs at Seward, Alaska, to have a revenue cutter proceed at once from Seward to Nome.

Drys in Celebration.

Chicago: The celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the prohibition party was held here Friday with prominent leaders from all sections of the country in attendance. More than 1,000 delegates were present. "Forty Years of Victory" was the theme of the speakers.

Former Governor Expires.

New York: Charles J. Bell, former governor of Vermont, died suddenly of heart failure on a train in New York about to leave for Boston.

Kiev: There has been no massacre of Jews in Kiev. There have, however, been some slight disorders, which apparently have been the foundation for the sensational reports sent abroad.

Cleveland, O.: Robert Joyce, aged 11; George Potter, aged 12, were killed by a Lake Shore fast mail train at the Detroit street overhead bridge here. The boys were walking on the track.

GOTHAM IN GAY GARB.

Historic Water Pageant Eclipsed All Else.

New York: The stage was set for the great historical pageant on land and water which opened September 25 and will continue for two weeks along the length of the stream that Hudson discovered and Fulton first navigated by steam. All day Friday the preparations ashore and afloat went on behind a curtain of driving rain and mist.

Wilbur Wright was busy on Governor's Island preparing for his aerial flights. The great elevated battery of forty searchlights of 500,000 candle power each, which at night will play up and down the Hudson and throw colored patterns on a screen of smoke and steam, is in place and needs but the touch of a button to blaze into blinding brightness. The streets, shops, the hotels, theaters and transit facilities of the city were filled to overflowing with the greatest crowds—more than a million, it is estimated—that have ever been attracted to New York. All the public buildings, the bridges, the monumental office buildings and the greater number of private establishments are gay with the blue and orange of Hudson-Fulton bunting and flags, and rimmed with incandescent lights.

OFFICIALS IN A CLASH.

Trouble in Georgia Over Internal Revenue Tax Collections.

Atlanta, Ga.: The clash between the state and the federal authorities growing out of the collection of the internal revenue taxes in Dade county came to a climax in the arrest of H. A. Rucker, collector of internal revenue at Atlanta. Rucker was served with a warrant of arrest for contempt of the superior court of Georgia, but was later liberated on a bond of \$1,000.

At the same time he was ordered to produce Rucker the sheriff was given another writ ordering him to produce Charles E. Segall, government store-keeper and gauger, who had refused to answer questions in court on the advice of Collector Rucker.

Under the internal revenue laws of the United States, it is claimed by the federal officers, any official giving information required by the state judge is liable to forfeiture of position, a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year.

MARS AND ITS MOONS.

Planet is Now the Target of World's Big Telescopes.

Washington, D. C.: Mars and its moons were the target of the big telescopes in many parts of the world September 14 and with the planet only 35,000,000 miles from the room of the United States naval observatory, as astronomical observers figured it, the instruments of the institution were in use practically all night. Friday's distance between the earth and Mars meant a clipping of 15,000,000 miles off the average intervening space, and Prof. Tsaph Hall, Jr., son of the astronomer who discovered the satellites of Mars, began training the naval observatory's great glass on the big light in the sky early in the evening. Mars at this time is fairly high in the horizon and under ordinarily fair conditions in this latitude excellent observations should be recorded of the surface markings and polar caps.

HUSBAND NO. 6.

Kansas City Man Awakes from a "Dream."

Kansas City, Mo.: When he found four marriage certificates in his wife's trunk Frederick Chapman, of this city, who believed he had married an unsophisticated country girl, investigated further and discovered what he considered evidence that Mrs. Chapman had not been divorced from her last husband.

Her first husband is said to have been Frank Ritter, whom she met in Paola, Kan., ten years ago. Another was James Chaney, of Butler, Mo., and Martin Wheeler, of Jasper county, Mo., was the third. Her two other husbands were Kansas City men.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT.

Fifty Persons Are Injured, One Fatally, at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.: Fifty persons were injured, one fatally, in a street car accident near the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition grounds. Frank Hull, of Tacoma, aged 46, died of his injuries.

A car of 80 passengers got beyond control of the motorman and attained a speed of thirty miles an hour. It left the track and crashed into a one-story building, hurling the passengers forward with great force. Among the injured are Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Scofield, of Council Bluffs, Ia.

Mackay Denies Rumor.

New York: Clarence Mackay, when asked about the truth of the report which appeared in the press throughout the country a few weeks ago to the effect that the Postal company had absorbed the Western Union, denied the rumor.

A Delayed Verdict.

New York: Elsie Sigel, the young missionary to the Chinese of this city, was strangled to death by Leon Ling, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury rendered September 25.

Powder Mill Blows Up.

Peoria, Ill.: The Buckeye Powder mill, located at Edwards station, 12 miles west of here, was blown up. One man was killed and several severely injured.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

OMAHA'S STRIKE.

Street Railway Employees and Sympathizers Cause Excitement.

Considerable excitement was caused Thursday afternoon by a clash between the police and a crowd of strike sympathizers on Sixteenth street near the postoffice in Omaha. Albert Anderson, a brewery teamster, had blockaded the street car track with his load, stopping two or three cars, when Police Captain Mostyn appeared and ordered him to move on. The man failed to obey the command with sufficient promptitude and was pulled off his wagon. The crowd, which had been rapidly gathering, showed a disposition to take the prisoner's part and became threatening when the officers drew his revolver and cleared the way to the patrol box.

Quiet was restored after a half dozen more arrests were made and a number of heads had been cracked by the policemen's clubs. D. M. Saylem, a man said to be 68 years old, employed in a book store, received a severe scalp wound during the affair.

CHILDREN START FIRE.

Two Barns and Contents at Ionia Totally Destroyed.

J. M. Bartoff, of Ionia, had the misfortune to lose considerable property by fire. The fire was the result of children playing with matches in the barn. He suffered the loss of two barns, one horse, some harness, 200 bushels oats, 150 bushels corn, some farming tools and other articles. Both barns were filled with hay.

Neighbors seeing the fire hastened to lend a helping hand and by their heroic efforts succeeded in saving the house. Mr. Bartoff was in Ponca at the time and knew nothing of the fire until he reached home. It was a total loss, as he carried no insurance.

FLEES WITH SOUL MATE.

Young Nebraska Farmer Leaves His Wife Without Money.

Orville Avenall, a well known young farmer who resides near Aten, has stirred up a sensation in that neighborhood by eloping with a soul mate in the person of a Mrs. Mask, of Crofton.

Mrs. Avenall is the daughter of E. A. Sage, of Knox county, one of the best known men in the county. She married Avenall eight years ago, and is left with two children, almost without means, as her husband has spent his revenue from the farm on his soul mate, and, it is said, he realized all he could before his departure on mortgages.

Elopement Ends in Arrest.

A warrant was issued at Fremont for Earl Fairbanks on the charge of enticing away and concealing Letha Ross, a 16-year-old daughter of David R. Ross, of Scribner. Last week young Fairbanks and the Ross girl eloped from her father's home at Scribner and were located at Stanton, where the former was arrested and the girl detained to await her parents.

A "Burbank" Walnut Tree.

Two years ago President Crabtree secured a "Burbank" walnut plant and had it set out on the normal grounds at Peru. At the same time he had some other walnuts set out on his grounds adjoining the normal. These last are now two feet high, while the Burbank tree is at least ten feet high, and has made a growth of five feet this summer.

Hayes Leaves Political Place.

At a meeting of the republican county central committee, Dr. H. E. Glatfelter, of Central City, was elected county chairman to succeed Joe A. Hays, who handed in his resignation. Mr. Hays has been appointed federal census supervisor for the Third congressional district.

Horse Thief Confesses.

Charles Miller confessed that he and a partner of his, both of whom had once worked on the Reeves place west of Central City, where the horses were stolen, had made away with other horses which have been stolen in the neighborhood during the last month.

Child Mangled by Cars.

The little 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins, residing at Grand Island, wandered out on the track and was run over. One foot was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated immediately; one arm is crushed.

Hog Cholera Breaks Out.

Hog cholera has broken out in the vicinity of Dunbar and 160 head of hogs were inoculated with serum and more will be as soon as the serum can be obtained. This is the first time that cholera has broken out among the swine in that county for several years.

New Bank for David City.

The Butler County State bank, a new institution, opened at David City. The capital stock is \$35,000.

CLOUDBURST IN FURNAS COUNTY

Foresight of Conductor Saves Burlington Train from Wreck.

A veritable water spout fell in the southwestern part of Furnas county and at Stamford, in Harlan county, last Saturday night. The rainfall was at least eight inches, coming in a limited time. Stamford was flooded. Store buildings were flooded to a depth of a foot and cellars filled. On the Burlington railroad there was three washouts between Stamford and Orleans. An eastbound passenger train escaped a wreck by the thoughtfulness of Conductor Enright, who walked ahead of the engine for three miles, where he found a blind washout. It was forty feet across and twenty feet deep. The storm was accompanied by a heavy fall of hail. Chickens, rabbits and small pigs were killed by the hundreds. The bridge at the Stamford mills was washed away. The water was three feet deep in the principal streets of Stamford. It was the worst storm of its kind ever known in the Beaver valley.

OMAHA STRIKE CONTINUES.

Meeting of Principals Held, but No Progress Made.

Although many more cars were run on all lines of the Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway Tuesday than on any previous day since the strike began, not an instance has been reported of any cars or the imported crews being interfered with. The cars have not been very well patronized, either because the public sympathizes with the strikers or fears that violence may develop.

At the request of Mayor Dahlman, President Wattles and representatives of the street car men's union met with the members of the city council to endeavor to find a means of adjusting the difficulties, but no progress was made.

The representatives of the men asked for arbitration, but President Wattles declared that the company had nothing to arbitrate. The street car company is insured against any damage it may suffer during the strike. President Wattles says the general indemnity insurance policies carried by the company will protect it in case of loss of property as a result of the strike.

WILL ASK CARNEGIE FOR SUM.

Omaha Wants \$250,000 from Steel Magnate for New Building.

Andrew Carnegie will be asked to give \$250,000 for a new public library building in Omaha and then the present public library building will be used for a free museum.

This program was outlined by President Haller, of the library board, to the city council and that body is agreeable. Instructions were given the legal department to prepare an ordinance to be introduced, declaring it expedient and necessary to vote bonds in the sum of \$75,000 to buy a site for proposed new library building.

Methodist Conference.

The most important feature of the business session of the Methodist conference at Lincoln Tuesday was the passing of a resolution to back up the work of the anti-saloon league in its temperance campaign. It is known that the league is to wage a vigorous campaign in the coming elections and will exert every influence to place in the various offices men who are known to stand upon the temperance platform.

Coal Mine at Peru.

The company in charge of the new coal mine at Peru is now selling coal in large quantities at the mine. This mine has been leased to an experienced coal miner, and the work is being pushed. A new tunnel has been opened to the west of the old one, making it possible to take out the coal rapidly.

Recount is Denied.

Judge Hosteller dismissed the action brought by Ira Wolive against the Lexington school board, the demurrer of the defendant being sustained. The action was brought to compel a recount of the votes in the recent school board election, which carried by a small majority.

Aged Missionary Cut off Job.

A paper is being circulated by friends of W. W. Scott, who for about fifteen years has been working as a Sunday school missionary in the western part of the state, the object being to provide sufficient income for the old gentleman to live comfortably for the next year.

Albion Man Disappears.

J. C. Botsford, a resident of Albion for the past fifteen years, mysteriously disappeared and no trace of him has been found. He with his family ran a dining hall at the fair, where he is supposed to have taken in not less than \$400.

Adjutant General Harrigan left for Los Angeles, where he goes to attend a meeting of the National Guard of the nation.

JOHNSON IS MOURNED BY STATE AND NATION

Death Takes Governor of Minnesota After Determined Fight for Life After Operation.

WAS PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT

Lieutenant Governor Eberhart, Republican, Succeeds Him in Office at Once.

Governor John A. Johnson, three times elected Governor of Minnesota, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., Tuesday. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in 1908 and was looked upon by many as the probable Democratic nominee in 1912. Death came at 3:25 a. m. after a determined fight for life following an operation performed the previous Wednesday. Lieut. Gov. Adolph Eberhart, who is only 38 years old, succeeds to Gov. Johnson's place. Eberhart is a Republican.

So frequently did Gov. Johnson's condition change, alternately for better and then for worse, that his physicians were able to say at no time after the operation was performed that the Governor had more than an even chance for his life.

At his bedside when the end came were Mrs. Johnson, Miss Margaret Sullivan, her friend; Drs. W. J. and Charles H. Mayo, C. F. McNavin, Frank A. Day, the Governor's private



GOV. JOHN A. JOHNSON.

secretary; Fred B. Lynch, Democratic National Committeeman, and the Misses Jannie and Schiller, the Governor's nurses. Dr. W. J. Mayo stated that there were no traces of septic poisoning and that the immediate cause of death was exhaustion and heart failure.

DYNAMITE STARTS PLOT TALK.

Explosive Found Near Place Where Taft Will Meet Diaz.

A stick of dynamite was found in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, opposite El Paso, in a residence which is being constructed for State Tax Collector Camillo Arguelles, two blocks from the Mexican custom house, where Presidents Taft and Diaz will dine when they meet in El Paso, Oct. 16. Whether there is a plot among Mexican revolutionists or not is not known. American officials are inclined to discredit such a theory, especially any belief that it is a plot to kill either or both of the Presidents. The police in El Paso believe some sensationalist is distributing the dynamite merely to worry them.

GIRL OF 13 HELD FOR RANSOM.

Ohio Hotel Man Seeks Child Kidnaped When Money Is Refused.

The entire police force of Pittsburgh has a dragnet in operation, seeking James Leary, an American, who is charged with the kidnaping of Mary Cillerno, the 13-year-old daughter of Dominic Cillerno, a rich Italian hotel proprietor of Niles, O. The father of the girl says the child is held for ransom. Leary was traced to Cleveland, to Lorain and Youngstown, Constable H. A. Walsh arriving in Pittsburgh one train behind them. Cillerno says he received a letter recently threatening that his child would be kidnaped if he did not deposit a large sum of money at a specified place.

Mystery in Girl's Drowning.

Mystery surrounds the finding of the dead body of Kate Patten, a 22-year-old shoe factory employee in the Ohio river at Portsmouth, O. Authorities are investigating. The body was afloat in an eddy near the shore, and in plain view of the girl's home. She was last seen in company with her fiancé Wednesday night, but he can throw no light on her death.

Miners Escape Burning Shaft.

More than 400 miners narrowly escaped when fire destroyed the tipple of the Ellsworth No. 2 coal mine of the Lackawanna Steel Company at Ellsworth, near Pittsburgh. The loss will be \$30,000.