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We are at the mercy of the aviators.

As we remember it now, winter had some good points.

To orphan banana republics the fatherland refuses to be a mother.

Now here come the dentists with that anti-kissing thing, too.

Going swimming looks like the only rational employment in hot weather.

The army may have to help devise means for a sane artillery drill.

Are there any records that this year's weather has not broken?

Europe might try exporting its surplus rainwater to our middle west.

As a diversion to swatting the fly, keep your stable clean, if you've got one.

Chopping Americans into little bits is still a favorite pastime of the Moros.

Speaking of weights and measures prosecutions, how'd you like to be the ice man?

Swatting the common house fly is now one of our most popular indoor lady sports.

Even though the water is fine, if you can't swim, don't go in beyond your depth.

For the sake of thirsty crops any good citizen should willingly sacrifice his straw hat.

"What's the right word for an aeroplane garage?" asks the Boston Globe. How's planebunk?

What has become of the Chicago joy rider who killed a woman and was afterward captured?

The assistant chef of a lake boat refused to cook fried potatoes and the chef at once mashed him.

The boat rocker and the fellow who stands up in the boat are in evidence again, but have escaped so far.

As if it were not bad enough for the earth to fly up and hit aeroplanes, lightning has begun striking them.

What bald-headed man had hoped to live to see a flyless world? Yet that is what the scientists are planning.

Giddy New York regards the idea of closing its lobster palaces at 1 a. m. as very little better than a curfew law.

We wonder how one small cone can hold so many kinds of chemicals, and have room left for a nickel's worth of ice cream.

It costs \$3,000,000 a day to run the national government. What will the government cost when aeroplaning is in fashion?

A Chicago man paid \$300 for "mere bit of a meal." It probably was a steak with one overlying slice of breakfast bacon.

The government is turning out 3,000,000 postal cards a day, due to the summer resort season being in full blast, we presume.

United States certificates of merit to enlisted men are going largely to the cooks and musicians. Has no one a word for a soldier?

Rudyard Kipling urges that armen wear pneumatic armor for protection in case of accident. That is simpler than covering the earth with feather beds.

Considering the size of the heads of some of the hats that the girls are wearing, they certainly do not come under the law forbidding the carrying of concealed weapons.

The word-colmer has an easy task. All he needs to do in expressing his views on a public policy is to select the name of a man he dislikes and attach the syllable "ism."

London and New York may soon be connected with telephone communication. None of the fictitious of fairy tales can surpass this modern miracle of a chat over the ocean.

The Kaiser has been writing poetry to a party of German maidens who called upon him and took him chocolate. Incidentally, it is to be hoped the chocolate was better than the poetry.

One of the latest aeroplane accidents shows that it is bad to be in a flying machine hit by lightning, in the air. But where is being struck by lightning either comfortable or salubrious?

Some of New York's most wealthy and fashionable women are importing French aeroplanes and preparing to learn to aviate. Philadelphia women have taken the lead at Newport, and there seems to be nothing for the New York ladies to do but fly high around home.

FLAMES STILL RAGE

DAMAGE ALREADY DONE IN MONTANA AND IDAHO IS ENORMOUS.

TOLL OF DEATH OVER A SCORE

Thousand Refugees, Including Hospital Patients, Taken to Missoula—Loss in the Stricken City Will Reach a Million Dollars.

Spokane, Wash.—Following is the record of the damage done by the fire up to Sunday night:

Mullan probably safe, but fires threaten.

Elk City reported still unburned.

Four more dead in fires near Newport, Wash.

One hundred and eighty men in the forestry service missing in the St. Joseph country.

Taft, Mont., has been burned; De Borgia and St. Regis are seriously threatened; Haughan, Mont., is reported destroyed.

Solid lines of fire from Thompson Falls, Mont., for fifty miles to Idaho line.

Conflagration rages in Gallatin forest, Mont.

Anatone, Asatin county Wash., threatened with destruction.

Yamir, B. C., in danger of fires which are burning in the bush. Other fires gaining headway in that region, and the situation is alarming.

Avery, Idaho, destroyed, and people flock to Tekoa.

Chicago.—A private dispatch received in Chicago Sunday night says the forest fires in Idaho are beyond control. The message was sent from Portland, Ore., and was received by an official of a western railroad company. It follows:

"Forest fires are raging in the Coeur d'Alene country in northern Idaho. A considerable part of the town of Wallace was destroyed last night, including the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's depot.

"Wires are down and reliable information is not available. Wallace has a population of 5,000, and is the largest town in the Coeur d'Alene district."

DAHLMAN BUT 77 AHEAD

Official Count Will Undoubtedly Be Necessary to Decide Nebraska Contest.

Lincoln, Neb.—Returns received by the State Journal up to 1 o'clock Monday morning from 88 of the 90 counties in the state give for the Democratic nomination for governor: Dahlman, 26,734; Shallenberger, 26,657, a majority of but 77 for Dahlman.

The two missing counties are Nance and Frontier, from which no returns whatever have been received. At Gov. Shallenberger's office, however, it is claimed that unofficial advices have been received that Nance county has given him about 40 majority. It is known that returns from Sioux and Rock counties are unofficial and incomplete. It is generally admitted the official count will be necessary to decide who is nominated.

His Shirt a Noose.

New York.—Edward McNaughton, 76 years old, a retired custom tailor, was accidentally strangled to death in his room at the Mansion house, Newark. The aged man was subject to fainting spells, and it is believed that he slipped from a chair in one of these faints, his shirt band catching on the valve of a radiator, strangling him to death.

Six Men Killed.

Northfield, Vt.—Six men were killed, one was probably fatally injured and seven others were badly hurt as the result of a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Central Vermont railroad at Northfield Falls, two miles north of here. All the dead and injured belonged to the train crews.

Plague Spread Checked.

Bari.—The reports received concerning the cholera situation in various parts of the province of Bari Delle Puglie indicate that the physicians are getting the disease in hand. It is not yet under control, but its spread has been checked.

Shock Damages Houses.

Algiers.—A shock of earthquake was felt at Aumale, 55 miles southeast of here. A number of houses were damaged.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.15. Top hogs, \$8.60.

\$5,000 Sent to Flood Sufferers.

Washington, D. C.—A \$5,000 contribution for the relief of the flood sufferers in Japan has been forwarded by the American Red Cross to Tokio. The amount was taken from the contingent fund of the society.

Short Over \$40,000.

Telluride, Colo.—V. U. Rodgers, former city treasurer, who is said to have confessed to a shortage of more than \$40,000 in his accounts with the city has been arrested.

THE EMBARRASMENTS OF AIR-LINE TRAVEL



THE TARDY PASSENGER.

FLIES TO LONDON

AMERICAN AVIATOR TRAVELS FROM PARIS TO LONDON, CAPTURING PRIZE.

CARRIED SINGLE PASSENGER

Le Blanc Wins \$20,000 Purse in Cross-Country Race, Having Covered 485 Miles in Less Than 12 Hours—Latham Craft Wrecked.

London.—The youthful American aviator, Moissant, accompanied by his mechanic, Albert, Wednesday made a remarkable flight in a biplane from Paris to London across the English channel. It was the first time this feat was ever accomplished, although often tried.

Moissant accomplished his remarkable flight from Paris to Calais and across the channel in company with his mechanic, Albert.

By making his remarkable flight he captures the cup that a London paper offered and the proceeds of the subscription raised in England for Graham White, which the unsuccessful competitor in the London-Manchester flight offered as an award in the Paris-London competition.

Hubert Latham, who started from Issy, a suburb of Paris, to race Moissant to London, met with a series of accidents, the last at Amiens, culminating in the wrecking of his machine as he was preparing to resume the flight. Latham escaped unhurt, but was out of the race.

The last stage of Moissant's flight, the trip across the channel, was accomplished in a strong channel breeze, the wind being so high that experienced aviators looked upon the start as foolhardy. It was such a wind as repeatedly deterred Bleriot, Latham and other aviators from attempting the passage of the straits.

Paris, France.—M. Le Blanc, the aviator, arrived at Issy, in the suburbs of Paris, at 6:45 a. m. Wednesday and is the winner of the cross-country flight which started August 7. The distance of the race was approximately 485 miles. The prize is \$20,000, offered by a Paris newspaper.

Le Blanc, the winner, covered the circuit in 11:55:59. He used a Bleriot monoplane.

CALIFORNIA IS INSURGENT

Hiram W. Johnson, Exponent of Anti-Machine Doctrines, Wins gubernatorial Nomination in Primary.

San Francisco.—California is insurgent in its Republican politics. Hiram W. Johnson, leading exponent of anti-machine doctrines, has swept the field in Tuesday's primaries, winning his party's nomination for governor by a plurality that will border on 50,000 when all returns are in.

Just how great was the extent of the disaster to the stalwarts cannot be known until outlying districts have been heard from, but every indication points to a clean-cut declaration by the party for insurgency and against the political activities of the Southern Pacific railway.

Johnson's supporters crowded his headquarters offering him congratulations. Among his callers was Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

It is asserted that the progressives have carried to victory two new insurgent nominees for congressmen, William Kent in the Second district and W. D. Stephens in the Seventh.

American Gift to Mexico.

City of Mexico.—Americans in Mexico will present a \$50,000 peace memorial monument to the people of Mexico as their contribution to the centennial of independence celebration next month.

Oil Fire in Oklahoma.

Tulsa, Okla.—Approximately \$150,000 worth of oil and tanks in the Oklahoma fields were destroyed by fire Thursday during a heavy electrical storm, according to advices received here.

EXCUSES 36 BROWNE JURORS

MORE VENIREMEN ADMIT THEY WERE APPROACHED.

Judge Kersten in Bribery Trial Deals Blow to "Crooked Work" in Selecting Jurymen.

Chicago.—In the trial Legislator Lee O'Neill Browne charged with bribery in connection with the election of Senator William Lorimer, Judge Kersten excused 36 veniremen from service when they admitted that they or members of their families had been approached by men interested in the case.

When court convened Judge Kersten called the whole 60 special panel before him and asked all those who had been spoken to regarding the Browne case to step forward. A handful of men stepped out.

The court then ordered those whose families had been spoken to to advance, and about two-thirds of the panel responded. The court then ordered the attorneys to proceed with the selecting of a jury from those left.

Chicago.—Two sensations bristled forth Thursday from the many minor hurries in the trial of Representative Lee O'Neill Browne before Judge Kersten on a charge of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer.

Judge Kersten, after the panel had been called before him and some of its members admitted that they had been approached, though in a smaller number than in the previous panels, made an impassioned demand for detection and punishment of the offenders.

State's Attorney Wayman gave out an interview declaring that another attack by him on the Cook county jury commission will follow the close of the case as a result of the difficulty in securing a jury and the charges of "jury fixing," which have marked its progress.

PRESENT STATUE TO FRANCE

Bronze Copy of Houdon's Great Marble of Washington is Dedicated at Versailles.

Versailles, France.—In the Napoleon hall of the chateau of Versailles, in the presence of the French minister of war, General Brun; the French ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife, and the American ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon, the bronze replica of Houdon's statue of Washington in the statehouse at Richmond, Va., presented by Virginia to the French republic, was dedicated.

General Brun, who presided, spoke of the statue as the greatest work of the greatest French sculptor of the eighteenth century. Col. James Mann, chairman of the Virginia commission, delivered the speech of presentation.

STABS CONVICT TO DEATH

Colored Inmate of Bridewell Plunges Shears into Benchmate—Causes Panic Among Prisoners.

Chicago.—An oath, an epithet, a scuffle, and ninety prisoners at work in the tailor shop at the bridewell saw William Jones, 26, a colored prisoner, killed William Meyers, also colored, with a pair of shears, which he stabbed him in the breast with. The tragedy happened with a quickness that paralyzed interference.

Lewis' Life is Threatened.

Indianapolis, Ind.—International President T. L. Lewis of the miners Wednesday received a "Black Hand" letter saying that he would be killed. The letter was written from an Illinois town and was written in Italian.

Threaten Federal Bureau.

Washington.—Prosecution for alleged vivisection of dogs by the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture and several government bureaus is threatened by the Washington Humane society.

URNS ON CANNON

LONGWORTH, AFTER CONFERENCE WITH TAFT AND OTHERS, MAKES STATEMENT.

WILL NOT VOTE FOR SPEAKER

Bon-in-Law of Roosevelt Declares He Will Not Again Support Danville Man for Presiding Officer of House.

Beverly, Mass.—The fight of the Republican party reorganization against Speaker Cannon was opened by Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, son-in-law of ex-President Roosevelt.

In a statement which he issued Thursday Mr. Longworth declares that having voted for him in caucus on four different occasions he has supported Cannon for the speakership for the last time and that when the proper time comes, namely the meeting of the Republican caucus at the assembling of the next congress he will oppose Uncle Joe to that position.

Mr. Longworth makes it clear that in his view harmony in the Republican ranks and party success depends upon Cannon's elimination.

"I am absolutely convinced," he says, "that Cannon cannot be again elected speaker."

The importance of the Longworth statement lies not only in the fact that the Ohio congressman, a long time friend and supporter of Cannon issued it, but that it was not given to the public until after a series of conferences with President Taft and other leaders that have called here and that the president was acquainted with the context of the statement in advance of its publication, and that Vice-President Sherman likewise was informed Wednesday of the contemplated move and gave it his tacit approval.

It is said by a high authority that Mr. Longworth's statement is only the first of a series that will be issued of a like nature in all sections of the country by Republican candidates for



Representative Longworth.

congress. The plan is to make it clear that Mr. Cannon cannot be re-elected speaker even if the next house of representatives be Republican.

Mr. Longworth Saturday will go over to Oyster Bay as the guest of his father-in-law for a few days.

Danville, Ill.—"I have no quarrel with Longworth as to who shall be speaker of the next house, and there is no room for disagreement touching this matter between Representative Longworth and myself," said Speaker Cannon Thursday after reading a statement by Representative Longworth.

"If any Republican candidate for congress feels that his position on the Republican ticket would be strengthened by pledging that he will not support me in a Republican caucus I have no objection to his making the pledge."

CRESCUS' TIME IS BEATEN

The Harvester Trots Mile in 2:02 and Makes Four New World's Records.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Sensational racing marked the second day of the Grand Circuit at the Fort Erie track. Several world's records were made in the final heat of the 2:07 trot, when The Harvester, driven by Ed Geers, covered the mile in 2:02, cutting a quarter of a second from the world's record, held by Cresceus for nine years. The 2:02 mile also gives The Harvester a world's record for five-year-old trotters; a world's third heat record, stallions, mares or geldings; a world's record for stallions. The track, horsemen, said, was two minutes slow.

Mite Born to a Farmer.

Duquoin.—A baby girl, weighing one and one-half pounds and less than twelve inches in length, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace, who live on a farm east of town. The infant is so small that a match will hide one of her fingers, while her head is about the size of a hen's egg.

New Zealander Is Winner.

Livingstone, Rhodesia.—The sculling match for the championship of the world between Richard Arnst of New Zealand and Ernest Barry of London Thursday was won by Arnst, the champion, who won by two lengths.

To Sell Railroad.

Dallas, Tex.—Master Commissioner William H. Flippen has set September 15 as the date for the sale at public auction of the International & Great Northern Railroad company and its properties.

PRESENT STATUE TO FRANCE

BRONZE IMAGE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON DEDICATED.

Virginia's Gift to French Republic is Placed in Napoleon Hall at Versailles.

Versailles, France.—With appropriate ceremonies the bronze replica of Houdon's celebrated statue of George Washington was dedicated in Napoleon hall of the Chateau of Versailles in the presence of the French minister of war, General Brun; the French ambassador to the United States, M. Jusserand, and his wife, and the American ambassador, Robert Bacon, and Mrs. Bacon; the marquis de Lafayette, the members of the French mission which presented to America the statue of Rochambeau, now at Washington, and former United States Senator Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia.

General Biron, who presided, spoke of the statue as the greatest work of the greatest French sculptor of the eighteenth century. Col. James Mann, chairman of the Virginia commission, delivered the speech of presentation. State Senators Don P. Halsey and F. W. King of Virginia also made addresses on behalf of the state of Virginia.

Ambassador Jusserand, in the absence of the French minister for foreign affairs, M. Pichon, accepted the statue on behalf of the French government. He declared that the friendship of General Washington and of the American people constituted one of the glories of France. It was, therefore, singularly appropriate that this statue, "the third erected on French soil by our ancient allies, should be placed in the palace consecrated to all our glories."

ROOSEVELT IS TURNED DOWN

Denied the Honor of Presiding Over the New York Republican State Convention.

New York.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt's name was presented for the office of temporary chairman of the Republican state convention at the meeting of the Republican state committee Tuesday, but his selection for that honor was lost by a vote of 20 to 15.

Vice-President Sherman was chosen unanimously to act as temporary presiding officer.

Let by State Chairman Woodruff and William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, the "Old Guard" encompassed the defeat of Colonel Roosevelt, whom several of the state leaders charged with attempting to dictate the fortunes of the party in the state.

After the meeting had been called to order and the time and place of the state convention had been decided, William Barnes, Jr., offered a resolution presenting the name of Vice-President Sherman for temporary chairman of the convention. Lloyd C. Griscom moved to substitute the name of Colonel Roosevelt and moved also that the vote be postponed.

After much debate the motion to postpone was defeated by a vote of 12 to 23. The resolution to make Colonel Roosevelt temporary chairman then was lost by 20 to 15, following which Vice-President Sherman was unanimously chosen for temporary presiding officer. Mr. Griscom and Henry Mack of New York not voting.

The state committee adjourned to meet September 26 at Saratoga.

SEEK FOR GALLAGHER'S AID

New York Police Have Theory Assailant of Mayor Gaynor Had an Accomplice.

New York.—New York police are engaging themselves with the theory that James J. Gallagher, the would-be assassin of Mayor Gaynor, had an accomplice. Gallagher denies this.

Mayor Gaynor will be taken to the Adirondacks as soon as his condition permits, but whether he will undergo an operation to remove the bullet before his trip to the mountain has not been determined.

Secretary Robert Adamson said Monday the mayor seemed stronger. Now that the patient is taking more nourishment and his sleep is better his attendants feel that he will recruit his strength rapidly. His appetite is good.

STEAMERS CRASH: 39 PERISH

Thirty-Two Passengers and Seven Seamen Drown When Vessels Collide in Fog.

Gibraltar.—Thirty-two of the passengers and seven of the crew of the Spanish steamship Martos were drowned in the sinking of the ship off Tarifa point at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar, Tuesday.

The Martos was in collision with the German steamer Elza in a dense fog. She foundered a few minutes after being struck.

Salmon Output Will Be Short.

Seattle, Wash.—Unless the late run of salmon in western and central Alaska exceeds that of previous years the output of packers this season will fall short. The pack in nearly all districts except Cook's Inlet is far below that of last year.

Robbed of Gems Worth \$45,000.

St. Moritz, Switzerland.—Mrs. Daniel Bacon of New York, who is on a tour of Switzerland, was robbed here Thursday of \$45,000 worth of jewelry. No clue to robbers has been obtained.