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FIVE ARE KILLED IN AERO FLIGHT

Oscar Erblosch and Four Companions Fall Several Hundred Yards in Prussia.

BENZINE TANK IS EXPLODED

It Tears Open Envelope and Entire Ship Drops to Earth.

BODIES ARE HORRIBLY MANGLED

Aviation Death List Now Numbers Seventeen Victims.

DEATH'S TOLL FROM THE AIR

Latest Victims Meet a Most Horrible Death and Are Crushed Beyond Recognition by the Long Fall.

VICTIMS OF AVIATION.

The death of Oscar Erblosch and four companions increases the list of deaths from aviation to seventeen. The death roll follows:

- September 17, 1908—Selfridge, Lieutenant Thomas E., U. S. A., killed in fall with Orville Wright near Washington.
September 7, 1909—Eads, Ross, Italian, killed in Rome in machine of his own invention.
September 7—Lefebvre, F., killed in Wright machine at Juit-Sur-Orge, France.
September 23—Farber, Captain Louis F., killed at Boulogne, France.
December 6—Fernandes, Antonio, Spaniard, killed at Nice, falling 1,000 feet after motor exploded.
January 4, 1910—Delagrang, Leon, a. d. St. Germain, France.
April 2—Herber, Le. Lion, instantly killed, falling on rocks at San Sebastian, Spain.
May 13—Michelin, Chauvette, killed at Lyons, France.
June 17—Speyer, Eugene, killed at San Francisco.
June 18—Robb, killed at Stettin, Germany.
July 3—Wochter, Charles, killed at Rheims in Antoinette monoplane.
July 10—Rols, Captain C. M., killed at Southampton, England, while operating a Wright biplane.
Baroness De La Roche was almost killed by a fall in her Voisin biplane at the Rheims meeting on July 9.

LEICHTENGEN, Rheinland Prussia, July 12.

The dirigible balloon Erblosch, recently refitted for passenger service, was destroyed in midair today through the explosion of a benzine tank, and its inventor, Oscar Erblosch, and his crew of four men dropped to their death.

The bodies of the aviators were frightfully mangled. The gondola was torn to bits and the motor buried itself in the ground.

The victims were men well known to all Germans interested in aerial feats, and Erblosch gained an international reputation when, in 1907, at St. Louis, he won the international cup in the distance race for balloons.

His companions were Herr Toelle, a manufacturer of Bremen; two engineers, Herr Krause and Herr Hoeppel, and the motorman, Herr Spilke.

The Erblosch was constructed last year and had had a dubious career. The first time it descended it crashed into a clump of bushes and its occupants narrowly escaped injury. A few days ago, during a trial flight, a propeller was broken. The balloon, which was of the nonrigid type, had just been made over preparatory to the establishment of a passenger service between Kehl and nearby points. Today it was inflated for a second time and ascent was made near Opladen and during a fog.

Few Witnesses Accident.

There were few eye witnesses of the accident. According to these, the start was well made. The Erblosch rose gracefully, pushing its way through the fog to a height estimated at several hundred yards. At intervals a series of evolutions was begun.

To the outlookers the airship appeared to obey its helm perfectly. Suddenly there was a loud report and at the moment the forepart of the vessel crumpled up and the gondola was twisted about until it appeared as though standing on one end. As the gas escaped from the forward compartment the prow swayed downward. For a flash the airship fluttered like a wounded bird and then fell swiftly to earth.

Erblosch and his companions were killed the second they struck the ground. Their heads were battered in and every limb was broken.

Boatman Tank Burst.

An examination of the wreckage showed that the benzine tank had burst, tearing to shreds the rubber envelope directly above it. The destruction of this envelope caused the loss of gas and the weather conditions were still filled with gas when it struck the ground.

Death of Erblosch and his crew with the destruction of the balloon for which much had been hoped, following closely on the loss of Count Zeppelin's Deutschland, has caused gloom in aviation circles.

The public had scarcely recovered from the shock caused by the accidental death of Charles Stewart Rolls, the English aviator, when they learned that Erblosch had been added to the long list of Germans who had lost their lives while ballooning.

Bodies Horribly Mangled.

The bodies of Erblosch would not have been recognized had it been found alone. The hands of all five were tightly clenched as though they had held desperately to their seats as they descended. Their shoes were torn from their feet.

A group of peasants, who left their work in the fields and ran to the scene as the crippled balloon struck the earth, say they heard a sigh from one of the men, but no other sign of life.

The ascent was made at 9:15 o'clock, at which time there was scarcely a breath of air stirring. It had been planned to make a long trip and the weather conditions gave promise of a delightful excursion.

When the command to let go was given the great craft rose gently and moved rapidly to the westward. It soon disappeared on the horizon and a half hour later entered a bank of fog that hung over the village.

For a time the Erblosch was lost to view. Later it emerged from the fog and the peasants below were startled by a report like that of a cannon, and saw the shapeless mass come shooting down from the cloud.

Murdered Wife's Brother Demands Charlton's Trial

Dead Woman's Own Words in Letter to Prove Former Omaha Man Was Not Insane.

NEW YORK, July 13.—In view of repeated predictions that Porter Charlton will walk from jail a free man, although he has confessed to the murder of his wife at Lake Como, Italy, Captain Henry Harrison Scott, Mrs. Charlton's brother, gave out a statement today in which he asks for fair play, justice and a trial.

"Second, that at the time of the commission of the crime he was sane. "Third, that Porter Charlton is now sane and that any attempt to declare him insane was nothing short of a rehearsal in the pet of Charlton."

In proof of his contention Captain Scott showed two letters, one of which he says was written by Charlton twenty-four hours before the murder, and the other from Mrs. Charlton to a younger sister. Charlton's letter seems rational and details his happiness with his bride. Mrs. Charlton's letter describes her husband. She says in one paragraph:

"He is a student, but absolutely full of cheerfulness. In fact, in disposition, he reminds me of — a lot except that Porter is always sane."

The word "sane" was underlined.

Advance in Freight Rates is Suspended

New Tariffs Will Not Become Effective Until Commerce Commission Makes Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Suspension of recent general advances in freight rates has been determined on by the Interstate Commerce commission. These tariffs were to become effective on August 1. By a vote of the commission the proposed rates will be suspended until a formal inquiry into their reasonableness can be had.

Mrs. Hartje Files Amended Bill

Wife of Pittsburg Millionaire Says He Has Not Lived with Her for Five Years.

PITTSBURG, July 12.—Mrs. Mary Scott Hartje, wife of August Hartje, the millionaire paper manufacturer of Pittsburg, entered in common law court today an amended bill in the divorce proceedings, which have been going on for several years.

Mrs. Hartje was on the stand herself this afternoon and declared that her husband had not lived with her since July, 1908, and that since then he has not contributed to her support. Judge Frazer said he would announce his decision later.

Almost simultaneously with the court proceedings, a Pittsburg evening newspaper appeared with a story that a final divorce had been granted, and a cash settlement had also been agreed on, but this was unconfirmed.

HITCHCOCK OFF FOR EUROPE

Last Member of President Taft's Cabinet Leaves Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general, sailed from New York today for Europe for a month's vacation. All the members of President Taft's cabinet are now out of the city. Huntington Wilson, the first assistant secretary of state, is ranking government official in Washington.

CONSUL CALLS FOR TENT

American Official at Campbellton, N. B., Says He Needs It for an Office.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—With the entire town of Campbellton, N. B., swept away by fire, United States Consul Botkins today telegraphed to the State department requesting that a wall tent be sent him for use as a temporary office. He said not a stone was left in the town and only a few residences.

YOUNG VANDERBILT IN GAME

Willie K. Jr., Will Take Prominent Part in Management of Various Railroad Lines.

NEW YORK, July 13.—William K. Vanderbilt Jr. is going to take up railroading and follow the career of his father on the Vanderbilt system of railroads. An announcement was made today that Mr. Vanderbilt has been appointed assistant to President Brown of the New York Central railroad and to a similar position on the Big Four railroad. Mr. Vanderbilt will be appointed assistant to president or other Vanderbilt place when the directors of those lines meet.

TRAIN DISPATCHER IS FIRED

Albert Smith is Held Responsible for Wreck in Which Twenty-Three Are Killed.

CINCINNATI, O., July 13.—Albert Smith, train dispatcher for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad at Dayton, has been removed from his position. He was discharged officials said today, more than a week ago for his connection with the Middleton wreck, in which twenty-three persons lost their lives. General Superintendent E. A. Gould said:

"Smith blundered. That is all there is to it. His habits were good and it is unfortunate that we had to discharge him."

Newsboy Hero Stops Big Runaway Horseless Wagon

Stopping a runaway horse isn't one-two-three with a runaway a delicious runaway wagon, which feat was accomplished by Joe Carroll, an Omaha Bee newsboy, at fifteenth and Douglas streets, Wednesday morning. Throng of morning shoppers, workers and other pedestrians were transfixed with terror at the sight.

As they looked up the street at the sound of a distant shout of warning, the crowds looked upon the terrifying spectacle of a maddened te wagon tearing like a juggernaut down the center of the car tracks toward them.

PAYNE LAW FREE IMPORTS LARGER

Percentage of Merchandise Entering Without Duty Increased Five Per Cent Over Dingley Bill.

RECEIPTS CLOSE TO RECORD

Value of Goods Imported Increased Over Hundred Millions.

AD VALOREM RATE IS LOW

Corresponding Figures for Dingley, Wilson and McKinley Laws Higher.

RESULTS OF ELEVEN MONTHS

Fifty Per Cent of Vast Amount of Merchandise Brought into United States Enters Free of Duty.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Imports exceeding by more than \$14,000,000 those of any previous similar period came into the United States during the first eleven months of the operation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, ending June 30 last. More than 50 per cent of these imports entered free of duty, being a larger percentage than in the corresponding period of any previous year, except 1907, the closing year of the Wilson tariff law, and 1902 and 1904, when sugar was admitted free of duty under the McKinley law.

Customs receipts during the eleven months' operation of the Payne tariff law were \$292,822,161, exceeded only in 1907, when the first eleven months brought in \$307,950,281 in customs receipts. These figures were made public today by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Under the Payne law the average ad valorem rate of duty on all imports has been 20.85 per cent less than in any previous similar period since 1900, except in 1906, when it was 20.63 per cent, and in 1904, the closing year of the McKinley law, when it was 19.79 per cent.

Ad Valorem Duty Less.

On the dutiable imports the average ad valorem rate under the present law has been 41.19 per cent, which is less than in the corresponding period of any previous year since 1900, except in 1907, when it was 38.81 per cent.

Comparing the entire period of the operation of the present law with the entire period of the operation of the Dingley, Wilson and McKinley laws respectively, the average ad valorem rate under the Payne law is shown to be less than any of the others.

Under the Payne law it has been 39.95 per cent under the Dingley law, 21.92 per cent, and under the McKinley law 22.12 per cent.

In regard to the average ad valorem rate on dutiable merchandise only, the same is true. Under the Dingley law it was 45.76 per cent; under the Wilson law, 42.82 per cent; and under the McKinley law, 41.19 per cent.

Free Imports Increased.

The percentage of merchandise entering free of duty under the Payne law has been 50.14 per cent under the McKinley law, which admitted sugar free, it was 50.14 per cent, while under the Dingley law it was only 44.31 per cent and under the Wilson law, 48.82 per cent.

The figures for the Payne law include the first five days of August last, although the law did not become operative until August 5. The return of the bureau of statistics did not enable it to separate the business of those five days from the remainder of the month.

BILLS AGAINST PATTEN AND BROWN ARE VOID

Indictments Charging Cotton Kings with Conspiracy Are Found Defective.

NEW YORK, July 13.—The indictments found by the federal grand jury in the United States circuit court on June 18 last in the cases against James A. Patten, William P. Brown, F. B. Haynes, S. T. Harmon, C. A. Kittle, E. G. Scates, Morris Rothschild and R. M. Thompson, accused of conspiracy in restraint of trade in their cotton operations, it was learned today, have been found defective and have been set aside as a result of pleas in abatement filed on July 5 by each of the defendants. Another grand jury has been drawn and the matter is now receiving their consideration.

WILL VISIT CHICAGO FOR THE FIRST TIME

Man Who Has Lived Near City for Thirty Years Drives on Federal Jury.

CHICAGO, July 13.—When the venerable man among whom the grand jury which tomorrow begins its investigation of the packing industry is to be selected, appear before Judge K. M. Landis in the United States district court, one of them, Phillip Fredericks of Channahon, Ill., will see Chicago for the first time, although for thirty years he has lived within fifty miles of the city.

Mr. Fredericks told the deputy marshal who served him with a jury summons that he was glad to have a chance to visit the city.

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From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ONAWA MURDER AND SUICIDE

John Kratz Kills Mrs. Agnes McCoy and Himself Tuesday Night.

WOMAN REPULSED ATTENTIONS

Called at Her Home Late at Night and Wreathed Revolver from Her, with Which She Tried to Protect Herself.

ONAWA, Ia., July 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A double shooting affair last night about 11:30 resulted in the death of John Kratz and Mrs. Agnes McCoy. Mrs. Kratz, who a year ago was divorced, has been living with her little daughter in the Shidmore property. Kratz is a drayman and had become infatuated with Mrs. McCoy, and it was because of her resentment of his attentions that he took her life, then his own.

Kratz went to Mrs. McCoy's home last night at about 11:30 and seeking entrance she sent a bullet through the door. She then opened the door and found Kratz on the porch and was surprised to find that it was he who had been seeking entrance. She administered a blow to move on, whereupon he snatched the gun from her and threw it into a neighbor's yard. Mrs. Kratz recovered the revolver and entered her home. Kratz again wreathed the gun from her and turning it upon her sent a bullet into her right shoulder blade. A second bullet was sent through her temple. The little daughter rushed to a neighbor's aid and implored them to go to her mother's aid, but before they reached there another shot rang out and Kratz dropped to the floor with a bullet in his brain inflicted by his own hand.

Sheriff Rawlings was notified by the neighbors and with his deputy arrived on the scene in a few moments after the shooting. Mrs. McCoy lived about two hours and Kratz one hour, but never regained consciousness. The bodies were taken to the funeral undertaking rooms, where a coroner's inquest will be held this afternoon. But a few weeks ago Mrs. McCoy was awakened by some one attempting to gain entrance to the house and she shot through the door to scare the night marauder. Soon after Kratz presented her with a new revolver, and it was with this the double tragedy was committed last night.

ELKS FINISH THEIR ELECTION

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The contesting teams were: Los Angeles, under command of Captain Atkinson; Denver, under Captain E. C. Leisinger; St. Joseph, Mo., under Captain E. S. Clifford, and Battle Creek, Mich.

Twenty-Third Victim Dead.

HAMILTON, O., July 13.—Henry Oswald, who was injured in the Big Four wreck at Middletown July 4, died from his injuries here today. This brings the death list up to twenty-three.

Earthquake Shock is Felt at Munich and in the Tyrol

Buildings in Many Villages Are Damaged and One Person is Killed at Utenheim.

MUNICH, Bavaria, July 13.—A sharp earthquake was felt here at 9:46 o'clock this morning. The walls of several buildings were cracked.

The wave-like movement continued for three seconds, thoroughly terrifying the people, who fled from their homes and ran the streets long after the disturbance had ceased.

The shock was felt also in surrounding villages, including Garmisch. A report from Oberammergau says that the shock was noticeable there, but that little damage was done.

Although no casualties have been reported here, investigation develops that the effect of the disturbances was greater than was at first thought. The walls of several school houses cracked, and the teachers and pupils ran shrieking into the streets.

The municipal council ordered the school buildings closed until they could be thoroughly examined.

BERLIN, July 13.—Dispatches from the Tyrol in Austria Hungary, report that one person was killed and twenty others injured by an earthquake at the village of Utenheim today.

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Portuguese Gunboat Has Fight with Chinese Pirates

HONGKONG, July 13.—A Portuguese gunboat company operating with troops today bombarded the pirate settlement on the Island of Colowan, destroying the houses and killing many natives.

The Chinese retaliated by storming and capturing the Portuguese military post. Portuguese reinforcements were sent to the scene from Macao.

The island of Colowan is near Macao and its ownership is a matter of dispute between the Chinese and Portuguese. A party of Chinese students had been captured by the pirates and the governor of Macao sent an expedition to effect their rescue. The pirates resisted and were reinforced by Chinese from the interior. The latter were armed with modern weapons and smokeless powder.

In all 2,000 persons were engaged in the fighting. Many of the Chinese were killed, while the Portuguese lost a corporal killed and a large number wounded.

Subsequently the Portuguese gunboat and a force of artillery was sent to bombard the island.

THOMAS ADDRESSES NASBYS

Omaha Postmaster Explains Postal Savings Bank System.

HITCHCOCK SENDS REGRETS

Letter from Postmaster General Says He is Ill—Silent Prayer is Offered for His Health.

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After reading the message Mr. Sizer asked the audience to please join up a silent prayer for the recovery of the head of the department. The audience stood up for a moment with bowed heads and then Mr. Sizer started off the proceedings.

One of the features of the day's proceedings was the entertainment of the women visitors. The local committee selected the women to the bargain sales in order, not only to show them the sights, but to see to it that they had an opportunity to spend some money.

Several musical selections and readings interspersed the regular speech-making program. Among the addresses was one by P. V. McGraw, fourth assistant postmaster general.

Omaha Postmaster Talks.

One of the interesting talks was by Postmaster Thomas of Omaha, who discussed postal savings banks. Mr. Thomas complimented Postmaster General Hitchcock, Senator Burkitt and former Congressman John L. Kennedy for the work they did in behalf of postal savings banks. Mr. Thomas said in part:

"Every postoffice in the United States is authorized to issue money orders, and such orders as the postmaster general in his discretion may from time to time designate are permitted to deposit more than \$100 in postal savings deposits. These deposits are kept upon the transaction of business every day excepting Sunday and legal holidays during the usual postoffice hours of the town or locality where such master general is located. If provided, the postoffice may be opened and deposits made by any person of the age of 10 years or over in his or her own name and by a married woman in her own name and free from the control or interference of her husband, but no person shall have more than one account. Postmasters, upon persons opening accounts shall deliver to the depositor a pass book upon which shall be written the name, nature or mark of the account and the amount of the deposits. The postmaster general may, in his discretion, require the depositor to furnish evidence of deposit.

Opening an Account.

One dollar must be deposited before an account is opened. Interest on deposits thereof must be deposited after such an account has been opened, and no person is permitted to deposit more than \$100 in any calendar month. To encourage smaller deposits, the postmaster general may, in his discretion, require the purchase from the postoffice of a stamp to be attached to the deposit card on which may be attached the name of the depositor, the amount of the deposit, and the date of deposit. Stamps to be known as "Postal Savings Stamps" and when the stamps so attached amount to \$1 or a larger sum or multiple thereof including the 10-cent postal stamp, the same may be presented as a deposit for opening an account. Additional stamps may be attached to the deposit card, and stamps in amounts of \$1 or multiples thereof may be attached to the deposit card. Postmasters shall be immediately cancelled.

Postmasters must keep these stamps on sale at their postal savings depositories. Interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum shall be allowed and entered to the credit of each depositor once each year, same to be computed on rules prescribed by the trustees. Interest shall be allowed on fractions of a dollar. Five hundred dollars is the limit of deposits, exclusive of accumulated interest. Depositors may withdraw whole or any part of their funds, with accrued interest, upon demand.

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FIREWORKS FOR GRAND ISLAND

One of the Loudest Powwows in the History of Nebraska Democracy Expected.

QUESTIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR

Hot Ammunition is Being Prepared for the Battle.

WHENCE CAME HIS STRENGTH?

Did Shallenberger Tie Up with the Brewers of Omaha?

BRYAN LEADS DRY COUNTIES

Some Pointed Questions Are Being Prepared for the Inquisitor to Hurl at the Governor of Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, July 13.—(Special.)—Information from sources that cannot be doubted is to the effect that more skeletons will be stalked out of their closets and their bones rattled at the democratic state convention at Grand Island, and more inside history of democratic politics made public than at any previous democratic row ever pulled off in the state.

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