

BALLOON SPLITS HIGH IN THE AIR

Two American Aeronauts Fall About 4,000 Feet.

SAVED BY THEIR PARACHUTE.

Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States and Other Nations Represented in Event at Berlin—80,000 People Horrified When the American Balloon Conqueror Bursts.

Berlin (By Cable).—The international balloon race, which started Sunday from the suburbs of Schmagendorf, was the occasion of a thrilling accident, two American aeronauts having a narrow 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 assumed the shape of a parachute, and the rapidity of the descent was checked. Coming close to earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with but slight injuries.

The race in which 23 balloons participated, representing Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Italy, Belgium and Spain, started at 3 P. M. in the presence of at least 80,000 spectators. The sunshine was brilliant and the heat was that of summer. Amid the strains of "America" and a volley of cheers, the first balloon was sent away. It was the America II., under command of James C. McCoy, who was accompanied by Lieutenant 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 nations followed the American balloon in succession, at intervals of two minutes, the national hymn of the respective countries ringing forth as the ropes were cast loose.

A Cry Of Horror.
The second batch of eight balloons was led by Forbes, in the Conqueror, which was started with some difficulty, owing to a gusty wind and too much ballast. But eventually it shot up and reached a high altitude in an incredibly short period, the basket swaying violently. Then almost instantly a cry of horror arose from the crowd, who saw the silk collapse and shouted: "The balloon is ripping up!"

The thousands who had gathered there stood for a moment petrified. Some turned away, fainting, as they saw the balloon falling with lightning-like rapidity. At the same time showers of sand and appurtenances of the balloon shot downward with equal rapidity and then daylight was seen through the envelope, great ragged edges of the silk showing on either side.

"They are killed," went in a hushed whisper through the crowd, but shortly the remainder of the envelope appeared to take, first, a triangular shape and then was transformed into a sort of parachute at the top of the net and the progress of the wrecked balloon was considerably arrested.

It came down slower and slower, meanwhile being swept by the wind, far to the southeast, and finally disappeared from view behind a block of houses. The suspense among the crowds was terrible. But a few minutes later a telephone message was received from Friedenau, which announced that the men had landed and had not been seriously injured. A sigh of relief went up and people threw their hats in the air for joy. The other balloons were sent up, after a brief delay, without further accident.

Forbes' Story.
A. Holland Forbes who appeared to be little the worse for his experience except that he was suffering somewhat from shock, gave a thrilling account of the accident.

"We had some difficulty," he said, "in getting away, but once we left the ground everything seemed right. We mounted almost perpendicularly to an altitude of 4,900 feet. As I looked at the recording instrument to make a note of the altitude, I heard a peculiar swish and said to Post 'that sounds dangerous.' Immediately I saw that the envelope was rapidly deflating, the gas escaping in clouds. Instantly I threw the appendix clear of the basket and the ropes, and, drawing my jackknife, cut the ropes that were attached to the 39 bags of sand hanging around the basket.

"Post in the meantime threw over everything portable. We could see, however, that we were falling more rapidly than some of the ejected articles. But later, when the descent of the balloon was checked, we observed one bag of sand fall into a baby carriage, which was smashed to pieces, but, unfortunately, the nurse snatched out the baby and saved its life."

BIG GRAIN ELEVATOR IS BLOWN UP

Roof Sails Skyward and Firebrands Rain on City.

Richford, Vt. (Special).—With a concussion which shook the entire village, a large grain elevator, having a capacity of 500,000 bushels, exploded, causing the death of 11 workmen and 2 women. The explosion blew off the entire roof of the building, scattering timbers in all directions, and almost instantly flames burst out all over the structure. Twenty-one men were employed in the building, of whom 11 are missing and undoubtedly perished. All lived in Richford.

Mrs. John Jelliffe, who was walking with a companion along the Canadian Pacific Railroad track close to the elevator, and an unknown woman who was with her, were burned to death.

The elevator was owned jointly by the Canadian Pacific and Boston and Maine Railroads, and was occupied by the Quaker Oats Company, of Chicago. The amount of grain it contained was very large. The flames, which are supposed to have been started by spontaneous combustion in the dry rust of the grain, spread so quickly that the limited fire apparatus of the village was of no avail. Nothing could prevent the entire destruction of the elevator and its contents.

The heat set fire to a flour shed near the elevator and the shed, together with 75 freight cars standing near it, were burned.

The wreckage and fire blocked the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Railroad completely for many hours, so it was necessary for trains to make a detour by way of Sherbrooke, Que. The total loss is estimated at \$400,000.

ONE KILLED, EIGHT INJURED.

Walls of Burning Elevator Collapse in Buffalo.
Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—One fireman was killed and eight injured in the collapse of the burning walls of a small grain elevator on Broadway.

The elevator and a flour and feed mill, owned by A. Nowak & Son, were destroyed, causing a loss of about \$100,000.

The dead fireman was Joseph Schellhammer.

The elevator burned fiercely for over an hour before the firemen got the upper hand. Then two companies were sent through the windows on the third floor to drench the smoldering interior. The last man had no more crawled off the ladders when the opposite wall collapsed, hurling the entire two companies to the ground in a mass of shattered timbers. Schellhammer was taken out dead.

Willed \$50,000 To Dry Party.
Chicago (Special).—The prohibition national party is to receive \$50,000 to carry on its work against the liquor traffic, according to announcement made from the Chicago headquarters. The fund probably will not be available for this campaign.

The request was made by Dr. Charles E. Latimer, of New York, who died at Palm Beach, Fla., September 20.

Earl of Rosslyn Weds Again.
London (By Cable).—The Earl of Rosslyn, who last year was divorced by his second wife, who was Miss Anna Robinson, of New York, Thursday entered upon a third matrimonial venture. He was married in a registry office to Vera Bayley, the daughter of an ex-officer of Lancashire.

FINANCIAL
London has sold this week about 175,000 shares of American stocks. Nipissing's output now has climbed well above \$100,000 a month.

Ten years ago the average freight train on the Reading carried 192 tons. Last year the average load was 457 tons.

Last year the Pennsylvania Railroad paid in taxes \$3,979,000 and the New Haven & Hartford \$3,592,000.

A committee of three shareholders has been appointed to audit the books of the Monaca Mines Company and to prepare a plan of reorganization.

Railroad officials say the number of idle cars is steadily decreasing. The chief demand for cars comes from the West.

The great Roosevelt drainage tunnel at Cripple Creek is in 3,500 feet and progressing at the rate of eleven feet a day.

GIRL SLAIN ON THE EVE OF HER WEDDING

Horse With Shoe Missing Key to the Mystery.

TWO BULLETS IN GIRL'S SKULL.
Ora Lee Found on Road With Two Bullets in Her Head—Was Wed Guy Razor—Horse, With Shoe Gone, Found in Stable of Razor—Police Hold Him.

Wadsworth, O. (Special).—With unusual energy the police authorities are endeavoring to unravel the mystery of the murder of Ora Lee, 21 years old, a handsome factory girl, whose body, pierced by two bullets, was found on the road between Wadsworth and the hamlet of Custard Brook.

Guy Razor, the man whom Miss Lee was to have married, is detained by the police pending developments in an investigation. Razor denies all knowledge of the tragedy, and in support of his denial exhibits a marriage license procured at Wooster.

The body of the young woman was found by Charles Razor, a cousin of Guy Razor, as he passed along the road in the early hours of the day. Two bullets had entered the girl's skull, one piercing the forehead, while the second crashed through between the eye and nose.

No positive motive for the murder of the pretty young woman has yet come to light. The band of farmers, led by Marshal Bricker, that hurried to the scene of the murder as soon as word of the tragedy was received, met Guy Razor on the road walking toward Wadsworth.

The police theory is that Miss Lee was killed while riding in a buggy with a male friend. The principal clue that led to the detention of Guy Razor is the fact that along the road where the murder was committed are plainly seen the tracks of a horse with one shoe missing.

An examination of the stables at the Razor home disclosed the fact that one of Razor's horses has a shoe missing from one of its front feet. Razor refuses any explanation concerning this feature of the case. He declares he can prove an alibi.

Another police theory is that a rival for the affection of Miss Lee may have shot the girl on learning of her approaching marriage to Razor.

Miss Lee left Wadsworth ostensibly to prepare for her wedding. When the body was found the hands were folded over her breast and the legs straightened out as if the corpse had been carefully arranged after death. The girl's suitcase was on the ground beside her. Her handbag was still on her right wrist, and in her left hand she clutched a handkerchief. There was no evidence of a struggle.

A hundred yards from the body tracks in the dust indicated where a horse and buggy had been hitched to the fence.

Razor apparently is bowed with grief. He declares the last time he saw his fiancée was Wednesday night, when they went driving.

BATTLE WITH RIFLES.

American Fishermen and Canadian Officers in Combat.
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (Special).

A fight with rifles between American fishermen and Canadian officers is said to have taken place on Lake Superior, opposite of Whitefish Point, the boats arriving at the Canadian shore of seeing the trouble at a distance. Local Canadian officers admit hearing of the affair, but decline to discuss it. Americans are said to have been fishing in Canadian waters at this end of the lake for some time and several days ago officers went to the scene to make a seizure. It is reported that the fishermen escaped.

Prefers Death To Bride.
Philadelphia (Special).—Rather than marry the young woman of his choice, though arrangements had been completed and the license obtained, John Fitzpatrick tried to end his life with gas, but his chance for recovery is said to be good. The marriage was postponed a year ago, from time to time, because Fitzpatrick believed he did not love the young woman well enough to become her husband, until he finally became despondent.

Boy Kills A Bear.
Winchester, Va. (Special).—After a lively fight with a big black bear on Massanutten Mountain, a spur of the Blue Ridge, in Shenandoah County, Linden Allen, a young man of Mount Jackson, killed the beast with a shotgun. Allen was squirrel hunting when the bear sprang out of the undergrowth and attacked him, after knocking over his dog with one of its paws.

The bear was almost on Allen when the boy fired both barrels into its body. It weighed nearly 200 pounds.

Slain in Philippines.
Manila (By Cable).—Charles H. Trotter, an American, and Vincente Toledo and Jose Canyon, Spaniards, were killed near Lubao, in the Province of Pampanga, by a party of Filipinos. The men were murdered with bolos and their bodies mutilated.

Fired On The New Flag.
Constantinople (By Cable).—One of the boats of a Bulgarian company, which runs a steamship line between Constantinople and Varna, narrowly escaped serious trouble as a result of firing the new Bulgarian royal flag, which is unknown among the nations of the world. The steamer attempted to enter the Bosphorus, and the observers in the forts, not knowing her nationality, fired two blank shots across her bow. Thereupon the steamer turned around and departed.

RATE LAW UP TO THE SUPREME COURT

Government Awarded Right To Appeal Its Case.

Philadelphia (Special).—Judges Dallas, Gray and Buffington, of the United States Circuit Court, handed down an order allowing the government to appeal from the decision of the court in the suit of the United States in the matter of constitutionality of the "commodities clause" of the Hepburn rate bill.

Counsel for both the government and the defendant coal roads will petition the Supreme Court of the United States to give this case precedence over all other on account of its great importance.

The assignment of errors upon which the appeal was allowed are about 10 in number and were filed by L. Allison Wilmer, special assistant to Attorney General Bonaparte, and by District Attorney J. Whitaker Thompson.

It is contended that the Circuit Court erred in holding that the "clause" is not a valid exercise of the powers of Congress under the Constitution, as to the regulation of commerce, and that the measure would deprive the railroads of their property without due process of law.

It is also contended that the court was wrong in declaring the law discriminatory and a prohibition, and not a regulation of interstate commerce.

Judge Buffington filed his opinion dissenting from the decision of Judges Gray and Dallas, who declared the commodities clause to be unconstitutional. Judge Buffington quotes and indorses the words of Chief Justice Marshall, who in an opinion said:

"The question whether a law be void for its repugnancy to the Constitution is, at all times, a question of much delicacy, which ought seldom, if ever, to be decided in the affirmative in a doubtful case."

The opinion says that the prior action of any state in authorizing carriers to own manufacturing or mines can in no way detract from the power of Congress to thereafter regulate interstate commerce. "Manifestly," he says, "such purchase under state authority created no obligation or contract on the part of Congress that it never would, in pursuance of its power to regulate commerce between the states, enact laws which might restrict carriers from the interstate carriage of their own products. In effect, it would place in each state a veto on the power to regulate conferred on the United States."

ELEVEN PEOPLE PERISH IN TENEMENT FIRE

Incendiary Reaped Grim Harvest in New York.

New York (Special).—Eleven persons were killed, more than a dozen injured and 30 more escaped death by the narrow margin in the incense, diary fire which wrecked the tenement house at 71½ Mulberry Street.

That a deliberate attempt was made to destroy the house and its occupants as well, the police and firemen do not doubt. Three barrels stuffed with rubbish soaked with oil were blazing fiercely in the lower hall, cutting off the escape of the 50 or more persons who were sleeping on the upper floors. Some of these died in their beds overcome by smoke and then caught by the flames. Others, who had been aroused too late, fell unconscious before they could reach a window and were burned to death, scarcely an arm's length from safety. Many were injured by jumping from upper windows to the street or by being crushed as they fought for positions of safety on the choked fire-escapes.

TO ISSUE CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

Red Cross Will Sell Them To Swell Tuberculosis Fund.
Washington, D. C. (Special).—In an effort to increase its fund for fighting tuberculosis the National Red Cross Association will issue a special Christmas stamp for use on holiday mail. The stamp will have, of course, no carrying power, but will be used simply as a Christmas greeting.

A special design has already been prepared by Howard Pyle. Beneath a wreath of holly will be the inscription, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." The stamps will sell for 1 cent each, or in little book of nine for 10 cents.

The idea originated in Denmark, where the stamps were sold by the government. The first experiment netted \$20,000.

A Rumored Conflict.
Vienna (By Cable).—A telephone message received here from Budapest says Servians killed three Austrian gendarmes on the Bosnian frontier, whereupon gunboats bombarded the Servians. No confirmation of the story has been received here.

\$75,000 Fire At Williamsport.
Williamsport, Pa. (Special).—The cutting mill of the Williamsport Nail Works was totally destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

City Hall In Back Yard.
West Point, Ga. (Special).—Mayor George W. Howard, of Lanett, Ala., locked up the Council chamber and refused to deliver the city property to the newly elected Mayor, J. B. Rutland. Rutland took the oath of office at 5.30 o'clock A. M. in the street in front of the City Hall four hours later and his counsel were sworn in by Judge Jordan. The first Council meeting was held in the back yard of the City Hall.

AUSTRIA AND SERVA ON THE BRINK OF WAR

Turkey Sends Four Warships to a Greek Island.

WAR DEMANDED WITH AUSTRIA.
Vienna (By Cable).—War between Austria-Hungary and Servia is a recognized possibility, although it is believed here that it will be averted.

King Peter is in a difficult position on account of the clamor of the Servians for war, particularly since his tenure on the throne never has been very safe.

The Austrians, on their part, have a new feeling of national enterprise on account of the forward movement in the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and would be more ready for further adventures now than they were a week ago. That the government recognizes the possibility, the military precautions in Hungary show. All the bridges over the Save and the Danube near the Servian frontier are strongly guarded by patrols, and four Danube River monitors were concentrated at Budapest.

The government explains that this maneuver was planned sometime ago, but the Austrians would have Belgrade at the mercy of their guns if that were necessary.

The newspapers contain warnings to Servia. The Wiener Tagblatt says: "The next few days will show whether official Servia joins in this game of bluff. If it wishes to make a declaration of bankruptcy, that can soon be managed. The people of Belgrade must not forget that when once the mischief has begun there can be no pardon."

The Die Ziet says: "Servia seems to be drifting into an adventure. It cannot be warned too strongly against this error. Servia can, under certain circumstances, lose its independence."

Other Vienna papers say that the sleepy days of Goluchowski have gone and that Von Aehrenthal is not to be trifled with.

Berlin (By Cable).—A special dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Budapest says that four Austrian monitors proceeded down the Danube. All passengers coming from Servia by railroad are compelled to show their passports at the frontier before entry into Austria.

SERVIANS DEMAND WAR.

Wild Demonstration At The King's Palace Becomes Threatening.
Belgrade (By Cable).—The clamor for war with Austria-Hungary because of the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is growing here constantly and scenes of wild enthusiasm are being witnessed on the streets of Belgrade.

A mob of demonstrators forced its way to the precincts of the palace and demanded to see King Peter. The attitude of the crowd was so threatening that troops and gendarmes finally had to be called out. They surrounded the palace and had to charge several times before the war-frenzied patriots would disperse.

Great crowds again surrounded the palace at night, shouting for war and calling for the King to appear. Finally King Peter, accompanied by the Crown Prince, came to the balcony and implored the people not to cause disturbances. He said: "Trust me and my government. Both will do their duty."

The crowd cheered the King, but continued to shout "War with Austria!"

KILLED IN WRECK.

Great Northern Passenger Train Jumps Track In Montana.
Butte, Mont. (Special).—Two men were killed and one injured in a wreck of a Great Northern passenger train at Marias River. The dead: William F. Ramsbeck, fireman.

Unknown engine wiper. Engineer Charles McClintock was severely injured.

The train while traveling at high speed struck a soft stretch of roadbed, the engine rolling into the ditch followed by the baggage and smoking cars. Ramsbeck and the wiper were buried under the wreckage. The passengers were severely shaken up.

Can Go Home To Vote.
Washington (Special).—It was announced at the White House that the President would not consider it perilous political activity on the part of an employe in the classified service in going to his home to vote at the coming election. The President said it was the patriotic duty of every employe of the Government, who is entitled to vote, to go to his home and cast a ballot.

China Legalizes Mexican Dollar.
Peking (By Cable).—An edict just issued established the Kuping Tael as the standard coin of the empire. The tael and the half tael will be 98 per cent. fine, and the smaller coins 88 per cent. The Mexican dollar has been legalized, pending the preparation of the Kuping coins.

Thrust Ramrod In His Eye.
Staunton, Va. (Special).—Cadet Savage, of the Staunton Military Academy, is lying at a hospital here with a serious injury which he received in a singular manner. While he was asleep in his room at the academy a fellow-cadet in an adjoining room thrust a steel ramrod through the wall and it ran into his eye by accident. Young Savage is from New York and his father was summoned here at once. He may lose his eye.

WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAPH

Attorney General Bonaparte has announced that James H. Wilketson, of Chicago, a special attorney for the Department of Justice, had been offered the position of assistant attorney general, to take the place vacated by Alford W. Cooley, but had refused to accept.

Bidding fair to rival the cottonseed industry of America, the palm oil and nut industry of West Africa only awaits improved methods of cultivation and preparation for the market, says Consul W. J. Yerbey, of Sierra Leone.

The records in the case of Capt. Solomon Avery, Jr., of the Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at the Presidio, of San Francisco, Cal., are now under consideration at the War Department and will be transmitted to the President for his action in a short time.

A special train left Washington for Fort Smith, Ark., carrying 100 prisoners, transferred from the United States jail to the Fort Smith penitentiary, because of the crowded condition in the Washington institution.

Orders were issued to the cruiser Charleston, now at Bremerton Navy Yard, to proceed on October 26 to the Asiatic station via Honolulu and Guam to become the flagship of the third squadron of the Pacific fleet, replacing the cruiser Rainbow.

The greater portion of the world's tonnage for several months has remained unproductive, reports Consul General Dierich, of Antwerp, in furnishing statistics concerning the depressed condition of the world's shipping trade.

Postal savings banks and parcels post were both warmly indorsed by Fira, Assistant Postmaster General Charles P. Granfield in his address to the convention of fourth class postmasters at Des Moines, Iowa.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray has announced that he will put into immediate action a plan for the formation of 11 districts of national bank examiners with a chairman examiner in charge of each.

The Navy Department has invited the various wrecking companies to submit bids for salvaging the cruiser Yankee, wrecked off Buzzard's Bay, at the entrance of Biscasset Bay, about two weeks ago.

The commandant of the naval training station at Newport, R. I., informed the Navy Department today of the death of Warrant Machinist George L. Peary from heart failure.

The proposed arbitration treaty between China and the United States has been signed at the State Department, Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister, acting on behalf of the Chinese government.

Mrs. Donald McLean announces that she has arranged for a \$200,000 loan to complete the Continental Hall for the Daughters of the Revolution.

To abolish all grade crossings on railroad lines in Belgium, says Consul Johnson, of Liege, would cost approximately \$60,000,000.

That the United States government may be sued and enjoined from infringing the patents of the Fried Krupp Company, of Essen, Germany, in the manufacture of Springfield rifles and other Army ordnance, was decided by the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in an opinion by Associate Justice Robb.

More than ever impressed with the fact that an efficient army is the surest guarantee of peace, Major Paul E. Straub has returned to Washington from Germany, where he witnessed the workings of the German medical department.

The importance of India's growing northwestern port of Karachi has led to the establishment of an American consulate there.

W. A. G. Clark, at Roubaix, says that while the great English wool manufacturing industry is steadily increasing, the United States and Germany are rapidly forging ahead and Italy beginning to struggle for a place among the leaders.

The Department of Justice will remove from the District Jail 100 prisoners and transport them to an Indian prison at Fort Smith, Ark.

The National Conservation Commission has caused the first comprehensive attempt at a census of the standing timber in the United States ever undertaken.

Elbridge Henry Goss Dead.
Melrose, Mass. (Special).—Elbridge Henry Goss, author and banker, died here of pneumonia. He was 78 years old. Mr. Goss had been treasurer of the Melrose Bank for 24 years and was the author of numerous historical works, the best known of which is a life of Paul Revere, which he wrote in 1891.

Thousands Rush For Homes.
Dallas, S. D. (Special).—Thouging rush to register for the land lots of persons joined in the openery in which Uncle Sam will give away \$28,000 acres of the Rosebud Indian lands. Registration opened here and at Gregory and continues until October 17. The drawing begins October 19, but notification of the successful ones will probably not be until next March.

Guests Flee From Hotel.
Ebensburg, Pa. (Special).—A fire, which, for a time, threatened the total destruction of the town and caused guests in two hotels to flee for their lives, was finally extinguished by the use of dynamite and assistance given from adjacent towns. The loss is about \$75,000. The fire started in a grocery store from an unknown cause and quickly spread to the Central Hotel, Blair House and six residences, all of which were destroyed.