

Will Teddy Go

He Went Down in a Submarine, and the Army Balloons May Yet Allure Him Aloft.

A LITTLE more than a year ago President Roosevelt created something of a sensation by taking a trip in a naval submarine vessel beneath the waters of Long Island sound. There was naturally some anxiety as to what might befall the chief magistrate of the nation down in the water's depths, but it was slight as compared with what would be felt should the strenuous head of the government take a trip in the clouds to test the value of air navigation for military and naval purposes.

There has been talk in Washington that the president might favor the army aeronauts as he did the naval submarine men if congress decides on the creation of a war fleet for the air. Premier Clemenceau of France and the minister of war recently made an ascension in a government balloon. Experts who have visited Europe and observed what Great Britain, France and Germany are doing in this direction say that the United States is far behind other countries in the matter of applying air navigation to warfare.

The importance of the United States keeping up with the procession in the matter of aerial science as connected with warfare was emphasized at the international aeronautical congress, which met in New York at the conclusion of the aerial carnival at St. Louis.

Prominent among the speakers at this congress were members of the United States army who have given special study to aeronautics. One of these, Major George O. Squires, who has had charge of the government balloon experiments at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., said: "The success of aerial navigation has been established, and the success of aerial navigation means the introduction of new and radical methods in warfare, extended possibilities of producing decisive results by strategic movements against untenable positions rather than by loss of human life. It means the ultimate passing away of warfare in the present sense and the eventual dawn of the era of peace."

The big government balloon United States, piloted by Major Henry B. Hersey, who went to Spitzbergen with Wellman, expecting to sail from there for the pole by the air route, was among the balloons which sailed in the contest for the James Gordon Bennett cup. It landed in Canada. Captain Charles DeForest Chandler was another army aeronaut who competed for the cup, and it was he who sailed the balloon America from St. Louis to West Virginia in the race for the

Up In the Air?

Brigadier General James Allen, Who is Planning a Fleet of Fighting Airships For Uncle Sam.

Lahn cup. The achievements of Major Hersey and Captain Chandler in the international contests were highly pleasing to Brigadier General James Allen, chief of the United States army signal corps, who has supervision of the aeronautical experiments of the army. He hopes for an appropriation of \$200,000 from congress for the aeronautical work, and Secretary Taft is understood to favor such action. General Allen has studied every type of balloon and flying machine and thinks that the dirigible balloons with cigar shaped gas bags offer the best opportunities at present for achieving practical results in connection with warfare.

General Allen, who first won fame as press censor at Key West during



BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES ALLEN.

the Spanish-American war, graduated from West Point in 1872 and spent three years with the Third cavalry in Wyoming. He was then detached for signal service and remained in that branch of the army until 1878. He saw service later in New Mexico and Indian Territory and on the staffs of Generals Miles, Ruger and Merritt, besides being an instructor at West Point for several years. He succeeded General Greely as chief signal officer in 1904. Fort Omaha is balloon headquarters for the army, and instruction in military aeronautics will be given at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

RUSSIAN HOLY CITY.

Visit to the Tombs of the Imperishable Saints—Childish Peasants.

A correspondent of a London paper writing from Russia says: "Kiev is the holy city of Russia. It is the place where Vladimir, the first Moscovite Christian, was baptized. It is full of churches, golden domed. Deep voiced bells are ever booming. On the plains of Tchernigoff I have met peasants in pilgrimage tramping to Kiev to gain merit. When rising above the swirling waters of the Dnieper they see the white walls of the monasteries, the soft green of the roofs, the mighty domes of gold, they kneel in the dust and thrice cross themselves.

On Sunday I went to the Lavra, the great monastery, churches within churches, dark save for the flicker of thousands of tapers. The walls were lined with icons and weird pictures. The air was thick with incense. Gorgeous robed priests—they cultivate facial likeness to Christ—intoned in old Slavonic.

With a taper in my hand, I joined the pilgrims in visiting the tombs of the "imperishable saints"—men so good that in death their flesh has not decayed. The passages were just wide enough for one person at a time. There were hundreds of us, and we all carried candles. The atmosphere was hot and tallowish. In black alcoves service was being held. There were tiny windows through which in olden days food was passed to the monks who lived in seclusion and died in sanctity.

The tiniest of lamps blink. On ledges are open coffins, but shields of silk hinder a glance to see how imperishable the saints really are. The peasants believe; they reverently kiss the breast. At corners stand black garbed priests whisking with a broom holy water into the faces of the passers. It is all eerie and mysterious and, as I write, rather like a dream.

Peasants come hundreds of miles to worship in the Lavra at Kiev. They are in Russian garb—blue and red shirts, baggy velvet trousers and top boots. The women wear dresses of homespun much embroidered, swathe the head in black and wear high boots of the brightest red leather.

They are simple people, very devout, very superstitious. As I went with them I thought their ideas on matters spiritual must be about the same as prevailed in England during the dark ages.

In one of the churches of Kiev is a bell put there by Mazaepa. All I knew of Mazaepa till I came to Kiev was what I learned as a youngster when the circus was my supreme delight—that he was a man strapped to the back of a white horse which was turned loose to race the mountains. But politically Mazaepa was a traitor, and until recently a solemn service was held in Kiev and the soul of Mazaepa was most solemnly cursed by the dignitaries of the Russian Orthodox church.

FOR THE DEBUTANTE.

Pretty Fashion of Sending Flowers For the Coming Out Party.

The fashion of sending flowers to a debutante is unquestionably increasing each year, and the popular debutante of today receives anywhere from 100 to 300 gorgeous bouquets. Unquestionably these flowers are generally kept back at the florists and not sent until so very near the time for the guests to arrive that there is little opportunity given to arrange them effectively as might be desired.

However, with the aid of a clever florist a large empty drawing room can be swiftly converted into a perfect bower of orchids, gardenias, chrysanthemums, carnations, violets, roses—a fitting background for the charming debutante. A high wire screen in which is massed either a solid bank of one colored roses or different bouquets as they arrive makes an effective and becoming background against which to stand while receiving one's guests.

Shower bouquets are the favorite with both brides and debutantes, and, indeed, no style of bouquet is so pretty as this. All white is the accepted color for a debutante, as for a bride, so that a large shower bouquet of lilies of the valley or of white orchids and gardenias tied with a white satin ribbon, from which fall the showers or sprays of tiny lilies and maidenhair fern, make a truly exquisite finish to the conventional gown of soft white lace and chiffon.

To Wash Carpets.

A preparation for washing rugs and carpets is made of four ounces of any good white soap dissolved in four ounces of boiling water.

When cool add five ounces of ammonia, two and a half ounces of alcohol, two and a half ounces of glycerin and two ounces of either chloroform or ether. Bottle and cork tightly.

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The same preparation is also good in cleaning clothes.

Two tablespoonfuls to a pint of water will remove the most obstinate stain.

Queer Habits of Bats.

Nearly all bats have the faculty of hibernating. Their hibernating, however, is not perfect—that is to say, that when the warm days occur in the middle of winter they wake up, together with the insects which are their food. Still, theirs is a true hibernation trance, differing from sleep, with very low rate of pulse, heart action and respiration. Probably they would endure immersion in water for an hour or two without drowning, as other hibernators have been found to do.

Conscience makes cowards of us all, but lots of fellows are cowards without conscience.

ROMANCE IN HIGH LIFE.

The Adventures of Ex-Crown Princess Louise, Now Signora Toselli.

The history of royalty furnishes few cases like that of the ex-Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, who recently wedded the Italian teacher and composer of music, Signor Enrico Toselli.



SIGNOR AND SIGNORA TOSELLI.

In London, Signora Toselli might have been a queen now had her domestic relations at the Saxon court been to her taste. But she and the crown prince, now King Frederick, did not agree, and a little less than five years ago she fled from the palace under the escort of her brother, the Archduke Leopold Ferdinand. At Geneva, Switzerland, she joined the young French tutor, Giron, who had been taken into her husband's service the previous summer. The crown prince got a divorce, and shortly after the decree had been issued a girl was born to the crown princess, the Princess Anne Monica Pia. The affair with Giron did not last. He went to Brussels, where he is now bank clerk.

About a year ago the former crown princess was presented to Signor Toselli at the Villa Montanto, in Florence, and their acquaintance soon developed into more than simple friendship.

Last July, after surmounting many obstacles, the couple left Florence quietly in an automobile one day, took a train at a small station and were

soon on their way to London. There they encountered difficulties on account of the insistence of the authorities that the divorce certificate be produced before a marriage ceremony was performed. Obstacles were at last removed, and they were married at the registry office, a witness being the noted author, William Le Queux.

JUDGE GROSSCUP'S ARREST.

Noted Federal Jurist and the Significance of the Charge Against Him.

An unusual spectacle was presented in Chicago a few days ago when Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the United States circuit court of appeals was arrested on a warrant charging him with manslaughter. Three others were served with warrants at the same time, all leading citizens and directors of the Charles and Mattoon Interurban Electric railway, on which a fatal wreck occurred last summer. The sheriff in serving the warrants said:

The fatal wreck last August was the third serious accident on the road in the last three years. The people who patronize the line have come to expect an annual calamity, and there was a very



JUDGE PETER S. GROSSCUP.

strong public sentiment in Coles county in favor of indicting the officials. Moral effect in causing the directors of traction companies to give closer attention to the management of their properties is what is desired in this action.

Judge Grosscup is one of the best known of the jurists of the federal courts. He was born in Ohio in 1852 and it was in the Debs trial, over which he presided, that he first obtained a national reputation.



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