

AERIAL SPIES.

THE GERMAN MILITARY BALLOONS WORRYING THE RUSSIANS.

The Polish Frontier Fortresses of the Muscovite Empire Being Systematically Examined.

The Prophecy of the "Nation's Airy Navies" Grappling in the Central Blue" Apparently Nearing Fulfillment.

French Dynamitards Notify the Customs Officers to Look Out for Themselves.

Foreign Anarchists Ordered to Leave France - Ravachol Taken into Custody by the Paris Police - Germany and Alsace - Lorraine.

WEATHER BULLETIN. WEATHER BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WICHITA, KAN., MARCH 30, 1892.

Forecast for Wichita and vicinity - Warmer and fair. During the past 24 hours the highest temperature was 70°, the lowest 49°, and the mean 55°, with warmer, cloudless weather; fresh northwest, shifting to gentle south to southwest winds. A slight rise in pressure. For the past three years the average temperature for the month of March has been 49°, and for the month of April 57°.

WAR BALLOONS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The presence of balloons over the forts and encampments in Poland is becoming more frequent than ever, and the fact is causing much indignation among army officers who are helpless to prevent military secrets from becoming known to the Germans, who are known to be taking observations from a height that places them beyond the reach of any bullets aimed at them. One of these balloons from the German frontier was suddenly reported at Kovno. It hovered above the fortress there until the officer in command became so greatly exasperated that he ordered some of the soldiers to fire at the balloon, and, if possible, bring it to the ground. Had the soldiers been able to hit the big silken bag floating so high in the air and to bring it down, it would have meant a horrible death for its occupants, but the range was too great, and the powder burst in the attempt was wasted. The Germans continued their observations, in no way disturbed by the firing, and when they had concluded their returned whence they came.

This seems to indicate that the Germans have solved the problem of aerial navigation. These balloons, which have appeared over various places in Poland, are under perfect control. They move in any desired direction, and wind currents have no perceptible effect on them. In fact, in at least one instance, it is known that the balloon sailed directly against a strong wind. The man who was employed as the means adopted for steering are unknown, but all the facts in connection with the appearance of these balloons go to show that they are under perfect control. The possibilities of a perfect system of aerial navigation are thoroughly understood by the Russian officers, but they are absolutely helpless to guard against them. It is the fact of their utter helplessness that renders their indignation more deep and bitter.

Two nights ago the inhabitants of Warsaw were startled by an intensely bright light that fell from the sky upon the city. All eyes were turned upward, but nothing could be seen save a path of light that ended in a small form. A crowd of the people in their excitement thought that it was a comet in close proximity to the earth and were greatly frightened. Suddenly the ray of light changed its direction, and when the eye became accustomed to the darkness they could see, up in the sky, a balloon. Then it dawned upon the people that this was an electric search light that had caused the brilliant illumination, and that the Germans were continuing their observations of the Russian frontier. Reports of similar occurrences have been received from Sosnowitzky and other places along the frontier. The balloons, which were at a great height, remained stationary for some time, and would then proceed in any desired direction.

FRENCH DYNAMITARDS.

PARIS, March 30.—It is affirmed in certain quarters that there was an explosion of dynamite in this city late yesterday afternoon at the building of the Credit Lyonnais, one of the largest banks and financial institutions of the city. The exact amount of damage has not been learned. Two persons are reported injured. There were no arrests. The damage is believed to be comparatively slight. The director of the Paris custom house has received the following notice:—At an Anarchist meeting it was decided that the customs department is included among those to be blown up by dynamite. Look out for yourself! Dynamite was discovered in the parsonage in front of the ministry of justice.

THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—At a meeting of the Democratic congressional campaign committee today John I. Mitchell of Wisconsin was elected chairman. Lawrence P. G. Brown of the District of Columbia, secretary, and J. I. Morris of the District of Columbia, treasurer. The chairman was authorized to appoint an executive committee among the members of the committee are S. E. Nesler of Kansas, W. C. Colo of Missouri, and Dudley B. Madden of Oklahoma.

TANEY COUNTY LYCHERS.

OSARK, Mo., March 30.—Yesterday evening two deputy sheriffs of Taneey county went up in the neighborhood of Reno, a small town in the southern part of Christian county, and arrested two men, who were thought to be implicated in lynchings at Fayette. James Stewart was one of the men arrested, but the other man's name could not be learned. The preliminary trials are still in progress. Later reports say that quite a number of men were arrested last night, all living in the western part of Taneey county.

A BUCKEYE APPOINTMENT.

COLUMBUS, O., March 30.—Governor McKinley has appointed Hon. C. L. Poorman secretary of state, vice D. J. Ryan, resigned.

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A LADY COURT CLERK.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 30.—Judge Caldwell today appointed Miss Lillian Litter clerk of the circuit court of the United States for the western division of the western district of Missouri, at Kansas City.

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