

AIR RECORD BROKEN AGAIN

Speed of Over 87 Miles an Hour is Made in Sixteen Mile Dash Over the City of Memphis.

SURELY GOING SOME

Hamilton Met With Accident and Wrecked His Machine When He Crashed to the Earth.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., December 8.—Rene Barrier established a world's record when he flew more than sixteen miles in ten minutes and fifty-five and one-fifth seconds, thereby winning \$5,000 offered by a Memphis newspaper.

Barrier traveled at an average of 87.38 miles an hour. The previous record over a closed course was established by Leon Morane at Rheims, last August. In this flight sixty-five miles an hour was attained.

Barrier ascended two minutes and thirty-five seconds after 2 o'clock. Describing uniform spirals, he rose to a height of 8,500 feet. Then he darted westward and in three minutes was over the downtown district.

Charles K. Hamilton in his heavier airplane missed death by a hair's breadth in his efforts to perform a spectacular feat. He had reached a height of 200 feet when his motor went dead.

Roland G. Garros, who suffered a broken nose when he fell, several days ago, demonstrated his pluck. His face was bandaged when he went aloft for ten minutes. Then came Moisant with a series of aerial tricks, and Rene Simon and John J. Frisbie.

FOUND THE BODY THREE YEARS AFTER

One of Eight Men Burned to Death Remained Unburied for Long Time.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—Three years ago last Thanksgiving eve eight men died in a rooming house fire at 1110 Union avenue. Seven of the bodies were buried by relatives. The eighth body remained three years where it fell at the bottom of an elevator shaft to be found by John Lewis, a workman. In the three years the building had been remodeled and again occupied. Then a second fire, within a day of three years from the first, burned the building. The second fire is responsible for the discovery.

In one of the pockets of the decayed clothing was found \$38.15. An old watch of a cheap pattern and without works or case number was found nearby.

EXPLOSION WAS FATAL TO BABY

One Child Burned to Death and Father and Mother Sent to the Hospital.

TEMPLETON, Pa., Dec. 8.—In a gas explosion that shattered the home of John French and set fire to the building today, a one-year-old child was burned to death, and French and his wife were so badly burned that they were taken to the hospital.

WANT MEN TO GO TO PANAMA

Boiler Makers Are Offered Good Wages to Work Along the Big Canal.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—That the U. S. government is alarmed over labor conditions in the Panama canal zone is indicated by the arrival here today of agents from the isthmus who are offering high wages to boiler workers. They are offered 72 cents an hour and free transportation to Panama, their wages to start when they sail.

MUST NOT GO TO SEE SALOME

Catholics of Milwaukee Are Requested by Archbishop to Stay Away From the Opera House Tomorrow.

CALLS IT LEWD SHOW

Opera Is Denounced as Absolutely Repulsive and Themselves Too Sacred For the Stage.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 8.—In a letter to all the priests of this city, Archbishop S. G. Messmer has ordered that the prelates request Catholics to stay away from the performance of "Salome" billed here for Friday night.

The local chief of his church denounces the opera as "absolutely repulsive," while he admits he has not seen it nor read the lines of the work.

It is calculated that the effect of the order will be great, for there are hundreds of Catholic music lovers in the city who had planned to see Mary Garden in the much-talked-of opera, but they will not go to the performance in the face of the archbishop's denunciation.

The letter follows: "The subject with its surroundings is absolutely repulsive to Christian feeling. Even if the dance of Salome be not in itself openly immodest and lewd, a thing I do not know, yet the whole tendency of the opera, if reports are true, is glorification of divorce and debauchery.

"The character of the story, and especially the death of St. John the Baptist, is too sacred a theme to be brought on the stage as it is done in 'Salome.'"

"Hence, you will please request the members of your parish to stay away from this production and thus to express their emphatic protest against the public production of this opera in our city."

NEW SOUP SPOON IS INVENTED

It's Noiseless and is Expected to Revolutionize the Soup Drinking Habit.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—The noiseless spoon is here. A St. Louisan designed it to prevent that whistling noise which accompanies the intake from the spoon now in use. He guarantees positively that one cannot inhale soup through his spoon and make a noise at the same time.

The inventor's name is H. S. Campbell. His spoon is made somewhat like those drinking cups for men with troublesome mustaches. The spoon has a lid over one-half of its surface with a slit through which the soup enters the mouth. One of its advantages, in Campbell's estimation, is that with it the diner must dip his spoon from him, not toward him, thus conforming to necessity to the accepted canons of soup eating.

Consumption of navy bean, cream of tomato, and most varieties of vegetable soup can be absorbed through the spoon as it is now made. If mulligatawny, split pea, mock turtle and like soups are found to require a larger aperture, a special type of spoon will be constructed.

EXPECTED TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE

Juan Azcona Had Political Aspirations in Case Mexican Revolution Succeeded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Insisting that he is a political prisoner held on a trumped up charge, in the hope of being returned to Mexico and put to death as a traitor, Juan Azcona, today admitted that he had political aspirations if the uprising in Mexico was successful and he would have been secretary of state.

He declares the rebels are winning victories every day against the Diaz troops and are growing in strength.

MRS. SHONTS IS UNDER FIRE

Had \$20,000 Worth of Jewels in Her Luggage on Return From Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the president of the Interboro Traction System, and formerly a resident of Centerville, Ia., was today ordered to appear before the surveyor of the port to explain the presence in her baggage of \$20,000 in jewels when she returned from Europe.

HOBBLE SKIRT PROTECTS BANK

Woman Who Carried Her Wealth in Her Stocking, Saved the Money on Account of Dress.

CHAUFFEUR WAS FOILED

Taxicab Driver Not Only Failed to Rob the Passenger But Landed in Jail Under Heavy Bond.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—Joseph Berne, a chauffeur, is charged with attempting to take a roll of bills from the stocking of his passenger, Mrs. Laura Louise Scott, a guest at the Auditorium Hotel, who says she is the widow of a millionaire brick manufacturer of St. Louis and a member of a prominent St. Louis family.

When she told Judge Newcomer at the Harrison street police court an unusual story of how Berne had attempted to rob her of \$120, following a struggle with him in his taxicab at a lonely spot on the south side, the court showed his belief in the story by holding the chauffeur to the grand jury in \$3,500 bond.

According to Mrs. Scott, who said she felt as if she had been drugged, Berne drove her to an out-of-the-way street, pulled down the shade of the cab window and tried to pull up her hobble skirt to get the roll of bills from her stocking.

The strange feature, Mrs. Scott told the court, was that Berne believed her roll of bills was in her left stocking, when it was in the right one and, owing to the encircling hobbles, he had difficulty getting at either.

Mrs. Scott omitted no details in her story. She says she went riding because she could not get a room at the hotel until later in the day.

KEOKUK COUNTY IS ENTIRELY DRY

No Saloons and All Druggists Have Turned Over the Permits They Held.

SIGOURNEY, Dec. 8.—The grand jury of this term of court has been in session for over a week and while its proceedings are supposed to be an entire secret, it has leaked out that that body has for several days been hearing testimony in reference to illegal sales of intoxicating liquors by druggists' permit. While no report has been made by the grand jury yet it has become known that as a result of their work all of the druggists of the county holding permits to the clerk of the court. There were about ten in all and with the closing of the saloons by the court in what cheer last week no more intoxicating liquors will be sold in Keokuk county from now on, and all of Keokuk county will be dry. This is a new order of things, not only have the saloons in what cheer been running for the past ten years, but druggists have held permits in various towns of the county for the past twenty-five years.

SAYS DR. COOK IS DEAD ONE

Nansen Believes Peary Found the Pole But Should Show His Proofs.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 8.—Commenting on the publication of Knud Rasmussen's report from Dr. Cook's Eskimo followers on his alleged trip to the north pole, Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, said: "The report definitely confirms my private opinion of Dr. Cook's claim. To all intents and purposes he is a dead man. Let him rest in peace. I have no doubt that Robert E. Peary reached the pole, but it is necessary that he should place scientific proofs of the fact before the public. To show these proofs to a few friends is not enough if he wishes to stand in the world's history as the undisputed discoverer of the north pole.

"Commander Peary must send his proofs to the University of Copenhagen, the most competent authority on arctic questions."

Alderman Too Officious. MASON CITY, Dec. 8.—E. G. Boyer, alderman at Alcona, may be in serious trouble. He is chairman of the street and alley committee and because the Western Union did not move wires and poles quickly enough he assumed the authority and cut them. In doing this he got onto the Northwestern railway lines and crippled their service. Officers are there investigating.

BURIED IN BRONZE CAFFET

Funeral of Mrs. Eddy Was Today After Simple Ceremony at Residence of the Deceased.

ONE FLORAL TRIBUTE

Remains Were Taken to Mount Auburn Cemetery and Placed in Vault There This Morning.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The body of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy was laid in the vault at Mount Auburn cemetery after simple ceremonies at her home. Only 120 persons were at the funeral.

The coffin of bronze stood in the rear parlor and on it was only one bunch of pink roses, sent by the relatives.

MRS. JAS. M'KINNEY DIED IN HOSPITAL

Wife of Illinois Congressman Never Regained Consciousness After Her Stroke.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Mary McDonald McKinney, wife of Congressman James McKinney, of Alamo, Ill., died at the Emergency hospital here, Mrs. McKinney was stricken with apoplexy last Thursday while walking on Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. McKinney never regained consciousness from the time she was stricken. Her husband and her brother, Robert J. McDonald, were with her at the time of death.

Mrs. McKinney was born at New Concord, O., on December 5, 1855, and received an academic education. She was married November 6, 1878, but no children survive her. The body will be taken to Alamo, Ill., for burial.

WOMAN SHOT IN ELEVATOR

Man Stopped the Car Between Floors and Then Put Five Bullets into Her Body.

CUT HIS OWN THROAT

Then Tried to Drown Himself in Bath Tub All Because He Was Jealous of Her.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The police started an investigation today of the double shooting here in a small hotel when James Whitley shot Mrs. Barclay five times, and then cut his throat and immersed himself in a bath tub. Neither will recover.

Whitley is said to be wealthy, while Mrs. Barclay was the divorced wife of an Oakland grocer.

The couple met here and became partners in a small hotel. The man became jealous, and while the two were riding in the elevator, Whitley stopped it between floors and shot the woman. He then sent the body up to the top floor in the elevator and cut his throat.

CHARGED WITH KILLING FAMILY

Rascoe Hurried Across Country in Auto and Secretly Arraigned.

MARYSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 8.—Herrick Rascoe was hurried across country in an automobile from St. Joseph and arraigned at 6 o'clock this morning, charged with the murder of the entire Hubbel family in Nodaway county. He entered a plea of not guilty and was taken back to jail. The fact that he had been arraigned was not generally known until several hours afterwards.

GARMENT WORKERS IN BAD SHAPE

Actual Starvation Faces Some of Them and Other Unions are Coming to the Rescue.

PUBLIC APPEAL MADE

More Than Half of the Strikers Are Depending Upon Charity Now to Keep to Keep Alive.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The condition of the 40,000 garment workers is so desperate that every union in Chicago has agreed to contribute 25 cents per man for relief. A public appeal for help has been made to prevent actual starvation.

This general assessment will be in addition to separate funds already being contributed by unions. The first of these came today from the brery workers who gave \$500 and 1,000 musicians who gave \$1,000. With 40,000 bread winners idle, however, even the aid of the unions is not considered sufficient while the fight goes on.

Mrs. Robbins, president of the Tradeswomen's league, today issued a call for funds. The situation is becoming desperate. 25,000 of the strikers are getting their daily food from the commissary stores, their means having been exhausted by the ten weeks strike.

No vote is likely to be taken on the compromise peace offer, soon. It is being printed in 9 languages and given to the strikers to read and digest. Then they will vote on it.

TEXAS POPULATION SHOWS SMALL GAIN

Growth of Oklahoma Has Caused Texas to Fall Off This Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The population of Texas is 3,896,542, as compared with 3,048,710 in 1900 and 2,235,382 in 1890. The increase from 1900 to 1910 is 847,832, or 27.8 per cent, compared with an increase for the preceding decade of 813,187, or 36.4 per cent.

Texas in Washington are keenly disappointed that the official figures fail to show a population of more than 4,000,000. All Texans had been looking for a figure considerably above the 4,000,000 mark. This was especially true of members of congress and politicians, who were counting on a largely increased delegation in the house.

The failure is attributed to several causes, notably among which is the almost phenomenal development of Oklahoma, which has drawn largely from the population of North Texas.

Following is the census by counties: Dallas county, including Dallas, 135,748; 82,725 ten years ago and 67,042 in 1890.

Harris, including Houston, 115,693; 63,786 in 1900 and 37,249, ten years previous.

Tarrant, including Fort Worth, 108,572; 52,376 in 1900 and 41,142 in 1890.

El Paso, containing El Paso, 52,599; 24,886 in 1900 and 15,678 in 1890.

Galveston, including Galveston, 44,475; 41,116 ten years ago and 31,475 in 1890.

Bexar, including San Antonio, 119,676; 69,422 in 1900 and 49,266 ten years before.

Travis, which includes Austin, 55,620; 47,386 in 1900 and 34,322 in 1890.

Mellennan, including Waco, 73,250; 59,772 ten years ago and 39,204 in 1890.

Ellis, 53,629; 50,059 in 1900 and 31,744 ten years previous.

Grayson, 65,996; 63,661 ten years ago and 52,211 in 1890.

Harrison, 37,243; 31,878 in 1900 and 26,721 in 1890.

CHINESE GIRLS WERE SLAVES

Seven of Them Stolen From Home and Brought to America Where They Were Rescued by Officials.

HAD ROUGH VOYAGE

Locked in a Little Coop of Ship and Lived on Dried Fruit and Cold Tea For a Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Seven Chinese girls, captured on Sunday, when an attempt was being made to smuggle them ashore from the steamer Manchuria, told a story that for brutal horror concedes nothing to the workings of the earlier African slave trade.

Their ages are from 14 to 19 years. All but one of them declare that they were kidnaped in Hong Kong. This one had previously been in America and had been deported.

They said that they had made the journey from China in a locker fourteen feet square below decks, a place without ventilation and with none of the conveniences of modern life. Not a ray of light did they see on the whole voyage. The eight Chinese men who were captured at the same time, were with the girls in this den, but no one else visited them until they reached port. Their only food and drink were some dried fruit and cold tea, of which a supply had been left for them before the departure of the boat.

One of the girls says she had come from her country home on a visit to Hong Kong. A smooth-tongued countryman told her a great pageant was being held on the big American steamer and said he thought he might be able to gain admission for her. She fell into the trap. Another says she was drugged by her kidnaper.

There was plenty of action to the main contest, with Westergaard always the aggressor until the last five minutes of the first fall, when he weakened and proved an easy victim for the big man from over the seas. In the main Hack confined his efforts to applying half-Nelsons and hammerlocks, and while he frequently had Westergaard in tight holes, the husky Iowan always managed to wrench himself out of danger.

In the first preliminary Willie Schultz of Germany defeated Waffles, a Russian, in a one-fall affair, winning with a body hold in 16:15. The Mysterious Conductor defeated Paul Martinson in 16:25, with a body scissor and wrist lock, in the second preliminary. Eugene Tremblay and Young Jordan then went on for thirty minutes until hissed from the arena for work up.

In the semi-final Charles (Kid) Cutler won in straight falls from Carl Pons, who was substituted at the eleventh hour for Leo Pardo. Cutler grabbed the first fall in 18:18 with a reverse Nelson and the second in 15:33 with a bar-arm and body hold.

We Are Growing. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Over 92,000,000 is the total population of the United States according to the census bureau estimate. This includes the complete figures from all but eight states and shows a gain of 17,000,000.

ELECTION RETURNS IN ENGLAND

Liberals Claim Plot on Part of Conservatives Not to Abide by the Result.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—At the beginning of the voting today the result stood: Conservatives 170, Liberals 123, Irish Nationalists 38, Laborites, 23, a total for the coalition 184, showing a liberal loss over yesterday's results.

The liberals claim a plot on the part of the conservatives, not to abide by the result.

Guilty of Manslaughter. TIPTON, Dec. 8.—Harry Adams was found guilty of manslaughter after a week's trial in the district court here on the charge of murdering Mathias Lang, who died of injuries received in a fight last September. Sentence was deferred, but it is rumored that Adams will get eight years.

Farmer a Suicide. VINTON, Dec. 8.—John Cochran, aged 65 years, a farm hand, committed suicide by drinking a large quantity of concentrated lye at the home of Robert Minett, living a short distance from here. He died in terrible agony. He has been despondent for some time.

Robbers Get Busy. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 8.—Five robbers looted the Centennial national bank at Virginia, five miles from here last night after blinding Patrick Kinney the watchman. The loss is unknown.

Lina is Coming. PARIS, Dec. 8.—Madam Lina Cavalli-Chanler has sailed for New York to fill a theatrical engagement. She denies having received an offer of \$50,000 not to appear in New York, from the Chanler family.

HACKENSCHMIDT THROWS IOWAN

First Fall Did not Come Until After an Hour of Wrestling on the Empire A. C. Mat.

SECOND CAME QUICKLY

Gotch Was Present But Refused to Make Statement Excepting That He Came as a Spectator.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—George Hackenschmidt, "the Russian lion," got the jump on Jess Westergaard in the wind-up of the Empire A. C. wrestling show last night at the Coliseum by winning the first fall of their match in 1:02:15 with a double bar arm hold. Eight thousand hungry mat fans were on deck for the show, which attracted Frank Gotch, the retired heavyweight champion of the world. The Humboldt strong man climbed through the ropes just before the big chaps were summoned together, but refused to make a statement other than that he had come here from the old home in Iowa to witness a match from the ringside.

When the grapplers emerged from their dressing-rooms for the second fall it was apparent to all that Westergaard could hardly last through another hard tussle, and Hackenschmidt, going to work with a vengeance, easily scored the second and deciding fall with a reverse body hold in 11:20.

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THE WEATHER.

(Until 7 p. m. Friday.) For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and probably Friday. Slowly rising temperature.

For Illinois, Iowa and Missouri: Fair tonight and probably Friday. Slowly rising temperature.

Weather Conditions. There has been snow, with high winds, in the lake region, with the depression from upper Michigan passing to the St. Lawrence valley which generally fair weather has prevailed in all other districts.

A large field of high pressure extends from the northern mountain region southeasterly to the gulf and southeastern states, the temperature continuing low in this area, and the lowest temperatures are in the upper Mississippi valley.

In the mountain region the temperature is rising slowly. Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight, and probably Friday, with slowly rising temperature.

Local Observations. Dec. 7 p.m., 30.19 23 W Clear 8 7 a.m., 30.31 12 W Clear River below low water of 1861 1 foot 8 tenths. Change in 24 hours fall 4 tenths. Mean temperature, Dec. 7, 25. Highest temperature, 30. Lowest temperature, 20. Lowest temperature last night, 11. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH Observer