

LONG VOYAGE IN THE AIR

Hulbert and McCullough Leave St. Louis in Heavy Wind for an Attempt to Fly to New York.

AWAY IN THE DARK

Balloon Sailed Rapidly off Across the River and into the Darkness of the Illinois Sky.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—After overcoming many difficulties of making a balloon ready for the air in darkness, with a strong wind blowing, J. Cowan Hulbert and Paul McCullough got away from the Rutger street gas works at 6:50 last night, St. Louis No. 4 of the Aero Club of St. Louis.

The wind it was estimated, was blowing more than forty miles an hour when the balloon was let go and it disappeared in the darkness almost immediately, except for the small electric light in the rigging, which was visible for several minutes. It is estimated that in two minutes after the balloon left the gas works it had crossed the Mississippi river and was over Illinois.

Hulbert, who was the pilot, had New York as his objective, but he stated before starting that he believed the direction of the wind in the low air pressure, where he hoped to keep the balloon, was such that it might be carried into the same Canadian territory where Hawley and Post landed. He said that if they should be so fortunate as to have an opportunity to break the distance record he and McCullough were ready to go anywhere and endure hardships of the worst kind to accomplish it.

The course from the start was east by southeast, but it is believed that this altered soon after, so that the aerostat went either due east or northeast. The great speed at which they were traveling—fully forty miles an hour—makes it possible the aerostats may cover a great distance before landing, although only about twenty-five sacks of sand were aboard at the start.

To avoid the danger of being borne down on telegraph wires and chimneys by the downshoot of air from the tops of buildings and containers in the gas works yard, it was necessary to get away "light," as aeronauts phrase it, meaning that the balloon was not weighed to a nicety, but prepared to ascend rapidly and clear all obstructions.

It was well that such a provision was made, for in spite of the precaution the start was a low one and wires and house-tops were cleared with little leeway and it was not until the St. Louis No. 4, was over the river that the down force of the current in the yards was lost and the big 78,000 cubic foot bag began to rise rapidly, the speed of an electric light, showing its location.

The aerostats had hoped to start at 4:20 p. m. and were delayed by the slowness of the workers. Further delay was caused by the strong wind and if there had not been a full score of spectators present, who lent their help the balloon might not have started.

On the launching of the balloon the ballast bags rose out of reach and a negro worker climbed up on the foot ropes to cut them down. In cutting away the bags a foot rope was accidentally cut and the negro came down to the ground from a height of 15 feet with a thump. Then it was necessary to pull down the balloon. The wind, acting on the big envelope, made this a hard task and it was not until Hulbert assumed command of spectators and workmen awoke that this was accomplished.

Woman Pleads Guilty.
NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 9.—The trial of Mrs. C. B. Martin, jointly indicted with her sister, Mrs. Mary Sneed, for the murder of O. W. M. Sneed in East Orange over a year ago, came to a sudden end today when Mrs. Martin entered a plea of guilty to manslaughter. This disposes of the most interesting murder case in New Jersey, but the mystery of the case remains unsolved.

Minister to Peru.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The president today nominated H. Clay Howard of Kentucky to be minister to Peru.

Wreck on Elevated.
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—Traffic was resumed today on the elevated railroad between the two Kansas Cities following the wreck of last night in which several were injured.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

Findings in the Investigation of the Los Angeles Dynamite Outrage in Which Twenty-one Were Killed.

GUILTY ONES KNOWN

Explosion Was Caused by Nitro-Glycerine and Not From Gas as Reported by Labor Committee.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—The report of the grand jury which has investigated the Times dynamiting on Oct. 1, when twenty-one employees were killed, and which recently returned twenty-three indictments against seven persons, is made public.

The jury finds the theory of a gas explosion untenable and declares it is satisfied the explosive used was nitro-glycerine purchased at Giant; that the identity of some of the destroyers is known by the authorities, and that they have been members of labor unions and officials and organizers therein, but that no testimony was given to show any labor organization participated in the commission of the crime.

The report, in part follows: "We unanimously report that there was placed in the Times building, in that part thereof known as 'Ink Alley,' a high power explosive in the nature of dynamite or nitro-glycerine, and that the origin of the catastrophe may be found by the destruction wrought by this agency. "We made exhaustive inquiry into the explosive action of illuminating gas. The possibility of gas being the destroying agent, the explosive force, received full consideration. Expert evidence and testimony of those who have had observation of gas explosions was extensively taken. Such evidence makes the theory of exploding illuminating gas not only untenable, but futile.

"On Oct. 26, 1910, there was published and widely circulated what purported to be a report and findings of a committee appointed by the State Federation of Labor to investigate the catastrophe. We desired to have the benefit in our investigation of any information which such committee might have in its possession, or have knowledge of, and which might be material to the inquiry. We therefore called before us all members of the committee who could be found in the state, namely, six of the seven. "A remarkable condition at once became apparent. It appears from the testimony that only three of the seven members of such committee signed the report, heard the evidence upon which it was founded, or even read such report before its publication. It was made and written by John Kenneth Turner for a financial consideration.

"After a full, fair and impartial hearing of the committee's witnesses, and of many others, upon the subject, we find that there is not a scintilla of evidence upon which to base the findings of such report, and that it was issued, as explained by its author, not as a finding of the facts of the explosion, but as an argument in defense of accusations made.

"This jury is satisfied from the testimony that the explosive used at the Times building was a part of a quantity of nitro-glycerine purchased at Giant and that the identity of some at least of the destroyers of the Times building is known by the proper authorities as well as by us, and that in God's good time the murderers will be brought to punishment. "While we are satisfied from the testimony that the perpetrators of this terrible catastrophe have been members of labor unions and officials and organizers therein, and moreover, intimately associated and connected with certain leaders and high officials of labor unions, we have had no testimony that any labor organization, as such, participated in the commission of those crimes.

RECTOR BEATEN AND ROBBED

Two Burglars Got Away With Cash and Jewelry From the House.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 9.—Following a battle with the Rev. A. C. Howell, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, in his home here, two burglars got away with \$2,000 in money and jewelry. Howell was beaten unconscious, but will recover.

A Public Meeting of Citizens

Of the City of Keokuk is hereby called for Thursday, January 12th, at the Keokuk Opera House 8 p. m. Doors open at 7:30. To discuss the future needs of Keokuk.

Mr. Hugh L. Cooper will speak.

No reserved seats, except the boxes, which will be reserved exclusively for ladies, who are cordially invited to attend.

J. F. ELDER, Mayor.

LEGISLATURE OPENS TODAY

Governor Carroll Will Probably Read His Message to Iowa Statesmen at Tomorrow's Session.

IS STILL DEADLOCKED

No Agreement Has Been Reached as to the Election of Senator to Take Place of Dolliver.

DES MOINES, Jan. 9.—The state legislature met at 10 o'clock this morning in biennial session. Governor Carroll's message will probably be read tomorrow.

PETER THE PAINTER MADE HIS ESCAPE

Leader of Gang of Anarchists Got Away During Bombardment of House.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—More human remains and several bombs were found today in the ruins of the Sydney street house.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity—Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Warmer Tuesday.

WOULD FIGHT AGAIN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Jack Johnson heavyweight champion, today offered to meet Jeffries again for a suitable purse. He made the offer following a statement from Barney Oldfield that Jeffries was drugged last Fourth of July.

Weather Conditions.

The depression, which passed through the Upper Mississippi Valley Sunday, is central in New England this morning, its passage having been attended by light snow in portions of the Lake Region, and rains, with higher temperature in the Northeastern states.

Local Observations.

Date. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather.
8 7 p. m. ... 30.14 26 W Clear
9 7 a. m. ... 30.47 14 W Clear
Mean temperature, Jan. 8, 36.
Highest temperature, 45.
Lowest temperature, 26.
Lowest temperature last night, 14.
FRED. Z. GOSSEWISCH, Observer.

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