

Air Racers Were in This Vicinity

BALLOON FLOATS OVER KEOKUK

Big White Gas Bag From Kansas City Goes Over the City This Morning Headed for the East.

BIG RACE IS STARTED

Seven Aeronauts Left Last Evening in Elimination Race to Select Two Representatives of America.

One balloon passed over the center of Keokuk, going east, this morning at 10 o'clock.

Balloon reported at Montrose this morning at 6 o'clock, going north.

Two balloons reported from Kahoka and Wayland this morning, shortly after 9 o'clock.

Three balloons passed over Fort Madison during the night at 10:30 p. m. and 2:30 and 5:00 o'clock this morning.

Of the seven balloons which left Kansas City last evening in the elimination race, at least one of them had the courtesy to come sailing majestically over Keokuk this morning and every one had an excellent chance of seeing it.

It came from the west and was visible for about a half hour, soaring high in the sky right over the heart of Keokuk and disappearing at last over the hills of Hancock county, Ill.

It was too high up for the watchers to distinguish any name or number upon it, even with powerful glasses but later on it will be learned which one it was.

At about 9:40 o'clock the big white round ball was noticed in the sky coming slowly out of the west and at 10 o'clock it was directly over the postoffice. Thousands of people were watching it by this time.

It made a pretty sight, the balloon being a perfect sphere and snowy white. It was high in the air and appeared about the size of a football. It was too high to distinguish even the basket, but the anchor rope could be plainly seen hanging down from the gas bag.

It swept over the city slowly and was soon lost to view.

A short time before it was sighted from Keokuk, reports came from Kahoka and Wayland that two balloons had been sighted there, headed for Keokuk. Montrose reports having seen a balloon this morning at 6 o'clock, floating north.

One Seen at Downing. [Special to The Gate City.] DOWNING, Mo., July 11.—A large balloon traveling northeast passed to the north of Downing at eight-thirty this morning.

Stilesville, Iowa, reports another one passing to the west of that place at four-thirty this morning. Stilesville is an inland village twelve miles northwest of Downing.

Headed for Lakes. ST. LOUIS, July 11.—At midnight the seven balloons which left Kansas City yesterday evening were believed headed for the great lakes.

Four of the balloons passed over Hamilton, Mo., seventy miles from Kansas City, shortly after 8 o'clock last night, sailing low. One was going east and three northeast. W. F. Jacobs, in the Topeka No. 1, a non-contestant, landed at 8 o'clock last night near Polo, Mo., sixty miles from Kansas City. Three other balloons, 500 feet high, passed over Polo later, sailing northeast. Jacobs reported five air craft bunched near Excelsior Springs.

Start of the Race. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 11.—The seven balloons which ascended from Kansas City, between 5 and 6 o'clock last evening, competing in the third national balloon race and for two vacant places on the team to represent the United States in the International balloon race from Kansas City, Oct. 5, are believed to be traveling in a northeasterly direction, with the great lakes and the Canadian wilds before them. Two other balloons, non-contestants, also started, but it is believed there will land today. The others probably will be in the air a day or two.

Weather conditions were comparatively good when the airmen got away, but the starts were hindered by the

crowd of 50,000 persons that surged on the field, tearing down the wire netting fence after the start of the non-contestant.

Every balloon was so well balanced that it would rise to a high altitude quickly, and in each case the balloonists encountered a downward rush of air a half mile from the starting point, which forced the aeronauts to discard from one to three sacks of ballast to avoid landing. The gas proved to be all that was claimed for it.

The official representative of the Aero club of St. Louis, balloon St. Louis No. 4, started with forty-two sacks of ballast, and the other balloons were proportionately well supplied. This should enable them to remain in the air twenty-four hours, and some may stay aloft for nearly two days. A brisk ground wind did not prove to have any connection with the upper current, except that its direction was apparently the same, coming from the southwest. While on the ground the wind was twenty miles an hour, it was apparently less than ten miles an hour at an altitude of 500 feet and upward.

How They Started.

The order and time of start follows: No. 1 balloon, Kansas City; Honeywell, pilot; Watts, aid. Time, 5:10 p. m.

No. 2, Miss Sophia; Assmann, pilot; O'Reilly, aid. Time, 5:15 p. m.

No. 3, Topeka No. 2; Jacobs, pilot; Emerson, aid. Time, 5:26:10.

No. 4, Million Club; Berry, pilot; McCullough, aid. Time, 5:36:20.

No. 5, Buckeye; Wade, pilot; Hitchcock, aid. Time, 5:43.

No. 6, St. Louis, No. 4; Lahm, pilot; Hart, aid. Time, 5:49:30.

No. 7, New York; Harmon, pilot; Post, aid. Time, 6:02.

Non-contestant, Topeka No. 1; N. C. Jacobs, pilot; F. W. Stern, aid; Carl Dienstbach, passenger. Starting time, 4:47:30.

Missouri, J. Cowan Hulbert, pilot; Henry Weber, aid. Time, 8:05.

Virtually every participant in the race started with the determination to remain in the air until the last ballast is used, including clothing and equipment. For this reason, and because nearly all the pilots are well-seasoned balloon men, old timers predicted after the start that it would be the greatest national race ever held.

Three Balloons at Fort Madison. [Special to The Gate City.] FORT MADISON, Iowa, July 11.—Three of the balloons that left Kansas City last night passed over this city during the night and early this morning. The first one was discovered last night about 10:30 sailing in a northerly direction and the second one was seen about 2:30 this morning, sailing northeast. It remained in sight for a long time. The last balloon showed up at 5 o'clock this morning and was about 4,000 feet high. It remained about the same altitude until directly over the city when ballast was unloaded and the balloon took a shoot upward. It was impossible to distinguish the numbers.

JAPANESE STORM WAS GREAT ONE

Details Tell of Great Loss to Life and Property by the Recent Tidal Wave.

SEATTLE, Wash. July 10.—Details of the great storm on the Japanese coast June 20 were brought by the steamship Kumerik, which arrived from the Orient. Several hundred lives were lost and many ships destroyed.

A tidal wave swept the Port of Alaska, where the water rose 5 feet and the Miye Maru was washed ashore. At Nagoya, where the water demolished the breakwater, the Kanon Maru, 1200 tons, was thrown upon a pier and twenty-four sailing vessels and junks were wrecked. It was estimated that seventy vessels were wrecked or damaged between Yokohama and Nagoya.

Along the coast of the Alchi prefecture, more than 500 vessels, large and small, were reported as wrecked or damaged, while many lives were lost. The damage to agricultural products was estimated at 1,000,000 yen in the Alchi prefecture alone.

In the City of Nagoya, 125 buildings collapsed and 370 were damaged. Off Odawara, thirty fishing vessels were blown out to sea and more than 100 fishermen perished.

Revolution in Hayti. PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, July 11.—Severe fighting between insurgents and government troops under Gen. Antoine Simon, president of Hayti, who is personally directing his forces, is reported today from Fort Liberte. The uprising is spreading and the government troops at several points are reported to have been repulsed today.

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OVER VIADUCT TO THEIR DEATH

Express Running 40 Miles an Hour is Wrecked in City and Several Lives Are Lost.

WRECK CAUGHT FIRE IS TOO NEAR

Dozen Killed Outright and Score More Will Probably be Added to the Death List.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 11.—Pushing eastward forty miles an hour the Colonial express on the New Haven railroad, plunged over a forty foot viaduct, killing twelve to fifteen people and injuring thirty-five or more, twenty of whom will die.

The wreck caught fire and the city fire department had to be called out to save the passengers from being roasted.

The train was made up of seven coaches and was more than an hour behind time. At State street and Fairfield avenue, in West Bridgeport, the train swayed over and fell against the coping of the viaduct, crashing down into the street, carrying down all of the cars excepting the last two sleepers.

The passengers in the two coaches which remained on the track started the work of rescue immediately. It was necessary to chop a hole through the roof of the topmost car of the heap to get at the dead and injured below.

In plunging to the street, the express blocked all trolley traffic for several hours.

There was a brilliant electrical display from the torn trolley wires but none of the passengers were electrocuted as was early reported.

Wreckers came from New Haven, Bridgeport and the Harlem river yards and ambulances and doctors from this city.

Disobedience of standing orders which compelled trains entering Bridgeport to run at a slow rate of speed is the reason assigned by the New Haven officials for the wreck of the Federal express, in West Bridgeport early today when thirteen persons were killed and more than fifty injured, of whom many will die.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY HORSE

Only Lived Twenty Minutes After Being Stepped on by the Animal.

WAPELLO, Iowa, July 11.—Corona, one of the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schmeiser, residing west of Wapello, was trampled to death by a horse. The father arose earlier than the rest of the family, and went to the pasture to drive the horse into the barnyard, and the little girl followed him. Coming in with the horses, the father saw the child, and called to her to leave by another gate. But she was too late, and the horse stepped on her and she was stepped on by one of them. Doctors from Wapello were summoned, but the child lived only about twenty minutes after the accident.

She was aged about 3 1/2 years, and her death is a shock to the entire community.

America Lost Meet. LONDON, July 11.—With five firsts against four to their credit, the athletes representing Oxford and Cambridge universities of England, won the grand international athletic meet here today, against Harvard and Yale, representing the United States.

Railroad Rates. WASHINGTON, July 11.—A decision ordering 250 railroads to re-establish their previous tariffs on products of southern tanneries, destined to northern markets and declaring the present rates to be unreasonable, was handed down today by the interstate commerce commission.

Austrian Red Tape. At Kopist, near Bruox, in January last a miner named Brzek risked his life in saving a boy from drowning. His heroic action cost him a severe cold, resulting in a long sickness. On the advice of friends, he appealed to the authorities for some assistance. After a delay of several weeks he received an answer informing him that he had been fined one crown because he had omitted to place the proper stamp on his petition for help. Austrian red tape could scarcely go farther.—Prague correspondence Pall Mall Gazette.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

UNCLE SAM WARNS GERMANY

Does Not Like the Idea of the New Naval Base on the Southwestern Coast of Morocco.

AMA SIDE ISSUE COMEDY

London Newspapers Tell the News Which Meets With Prompt Denial From State Department.

LONDON, July 11.—That Germany has received notice from Washington that the establishment of a German naval base upon the southwestern coast of Morocco would be considered by the United States as threatening American interests and be a menace to the Panama canal, is the statement printed today by several London afternoon papers.

The newspapers affirm that the United States has advised the German government that it would support England in the latter's protest to Germany's action in sending a warship to Agadir.

We Deny It. WASHINGTON, July 11.—Positive denial of cable reports from London, that the United States had protested to Germany against the establishment of a naval base at Agadir, Morocco, was made at the state department today. This denial was followed with the statement that the United States is holding no communication what ever with Germany on the subject of her action in the Morocco situation.

HOME COMING AT ALEXANDRIA

Little Missouri Town is Having the Time of its Life Entertaining Many Former Residents at the "Home Coming."

IT IS A HAPPY REUNION

Renewing old Acquaintances, Recounting Past Experiences, and Social Features Furnish Enjoyment.

[Special to The Gate City.] ALEXANDRIA, Mo., July 11.—The Home Coming celebration opened officially at noon today with many former residents present. It was a happy gathering and former Alexandrians have been busy for a number of hours renewing old acquaintances, recounting incidents of the past, and enjoying each others association. The attendance is large and will be increased tomorrow. For several weeks invitations have been going out all over the country asking former residents to return to the "old home" for a few days pleasure and the social profit that is accruing is of great satisfaction. Many responded to the "come home" signal with the result that the mingling is agreeable. The little town is entertaining in a most royal way. The program was opened this afternoon and the address of welcome by J. D. Rebo appears in full elsewhere in this issue.

Exercises in the Park. The exercises are being held in the park, a very pleasant place for the celebration. There is a large crowd in attendance. On the grand stand which is decorated with flags and bunting, the word "welcome" stands out in conspicuous letters. The exercises were introduced about 2:30 this afternoon by Roy Sharts of Gorin, who presided on account of the absence of Judge Callihan, who was to have acted as presiding officer.

One of the pleasing features of the occasion is the presence of the Keokuk citizens band of fifteen pieces. This afternoon a ball game between Warsaw and Alexandria is furnishing some excitement.

Utah Ridicule. WASHINGTON, July 11.—Ridicule of the initiative, referendum and recall was voiced in the senate today by Senator Sutherland (rep. Utah).

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TURNING DOWN HIS AMENDMENTS

Senator Cummins is Only Able to Muster Handful of Votes for His Ideas on Reciprocity.

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WASHINGTON, July 11.—The senate's record vote on the amendments of Senator Cummins to the Canadian reciprocity measure served only to increase the majority against them by twenty over the vote taken Saturday. Saturday's vote was 52 to 14 against the free meat clause, and this was increased to 53 to 12 when Senator Curtis of Kansas voted against the amendment to place agricultural implements on the free list. When a vote was taken on the clause providing for free lumber the figures were 51 to 12. Other amendments offered by Cummins and Simmons of North Carolina were defeated by vive voce votes.

Senator Thornton of Mississippi, who voted for the free meat amendment, announced that he would not take a part in a comedy, since every one realized that no "side issues" would be adopted, and said he would abstain from voting. He said he had no intention of "dodging," and if the democratic free list bill was offered as an amendment to the bill he would vote for it.

Several earnest speeches against the reciprocity bill were made by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, democrat; Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, insurgent republican; Senator Dixon of Montana, a republican who is an insurgent on this measure, and Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, regular republican, who declared he would not join the "raid" or try to seek revenge through amendments to the bill, but would not vote to tear out one brick of the tariff wall between this country and Canada.

He said the country was being "gold bricked," and told of a recent incident wherein a Michigan newspaper publisher was solicited for business by a Canadian news print paper salesman. In anticipation of the passage of the reciprocity bill the publisher asked the salesman to knock off the difference in tariff which would be deducted when the law goes into effect. The salesman declined. He then asked that one-half the difference be deducted, but the salesman declined, adding that when the new law became effective the Canadian paper manufacturers expected to sell their produce in the United States at American prices.

"This was an illustration of how the Americans are to profit by the wiping out of the tariff a sample of Canadian reciprocity," said Senator Smith.

Forecast of Passage. WASHINGTON, July 11.—Friends of the reciprocity bill in the senate today were jubilant over what they believed was a definite prospect of adjournment of congress by the first week in August.

The defeat of the Cummins and Simmons amendment measure by a majority of more than 3 to 1 was believed to forecast a similar fate for other amendments to the measure and the early passage of the bill.

MEXICO IS NOT PACIFIED YET

Reports of Dissent in the New Cabinet Indicate That Crisis is Approaching.

MEXICO CITY, July 11.—Persistent rumors of dissensions and reports that a cabinet crisis is approaching, indicate that all is not working smoothly in the new Mexican government. An attempt, it is declared, is being made by the Madero group to oust the Cretifco element from the cabinet, the charge being made that they are reactionaries.

Four Crazy Women. NEW LONDON, Iowa, July 11.—Four women patients from the hospital at Mt. Pleasant caused some excitement here. They had walked down from Mt. Pleasant and expected to take the train here for Monmouth. They were detected by their peculiar actions and were gathered in by the marshal and placed in the city hall. The authorities at the hospital were notified and they came down after them.

Farmers in Convention. CHAMPAIGN, Ill., July 11.—The annual three days session of the state farmers institute opened here today with several hundred Illinois farmers in attendance.

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THREE MORE DAYS OF PARBOILING

Hot Wave Continues and Intends to Continue for Several Days More in This Section of the Country.

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CHICAGO, July 11.—Chicago and vicinity is to for three days more of baking and parboiling, according to official weather forecasters. Sixteen deaths of adults had been recorded up to 10 o'clock and fourteen babies died directly from heat causes.

The threatened ice famine has materialized and warnings were issued today to all consumers to use the utmost economy. Deliveries were eight to ten hours late and only half supplies were to be had. Restaurants and hotels suffered considerable loss in perishable foodstuffs as a result. Ice companies and health officials notified the public that extravagance would reduce the city to the plight of Hartford City, Ind., where the last 150 pounds of ice was distributed among the sick Saturday. Dispatches say Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia and other cities are on the verge of ice and milk famines.

Minor thunderstorms only increased the suffering, for the scant rain that fell was instantly reduced to steam and doubled the humidity.

Dispatches from the east show that the heat wave has again enveloped all of that district. Last night crippled wire service indicates storms in the east. Weather forecasters said a cool wave was forming along the Pacific coast, but its effect would hardly be felt in Chicago for at least two days. The far west is enjoying temperate weather. Wyoming reports frost, and all the Rocky Mountain region is cool.

Unusual heat conditions throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and far across the Canadian border indicates that the late frost crops will be very short and canners and the market for fresh supplies must look to the Pacific coast for stock. Falling pastures and short hay crops also means scarcity in butter and cheese and correspondingly high prices.

FARMERS GIRL'S TERRIBLE PLIGHT

Injured by Sickle and Lay Bleeding in the Field for Several Hours.

VICTOR, Ia. July 11.—Terribly mangled by the sickle of the mowing machine which she had been driving, Miss Stella Novotny, a sixteen-year-old girl, lay for two hours in the boiling sun of the hay field before she was found. Though in excruciating agony, Miss Novotny managed to tear her skirt to pieces and make bandages with which she bound her wounds, partially allaying the flow of blood. But for her heroism the young woman undoubtedly would have died from loss of blood before help reached her. Surgical attendance was not secured until several hours after the accident, but it is believed Miss Novotny will recover although she will be maimed for life. Physicians say the amputation of one leg, and possibly both, will be necessary.

How the girl was caught under the machine is not definitely known. It is considered likely that she was fastening a harness tug, standing in front of the sickle bar without having thrown the machine out of gear, when the team started, the swiftly moving blades nearly severing her limbs just above the ankles.

Weather Conditions. The field of high pressure remaining in the southeastern states, and the depression from North Dakota moving to the Upper Lake Region, is attended by high temperature from the Upper Mississippi Valley to the northeastern states, and there have been scattered local showers over portions of this territory.

The northwestern field of high pressure is extending eastward along the northern boundary, and it is cooler in Montana and the Dakotas, while the pressure is low in the southwest and there has been heavy local rain in western Texas.

Conditions indicate unsettled weather, and probably local thunderstorms, for this section this afternoon or tonight, and generally fair, somewhat cooler weather Wednesday.

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River Forecast. The river will fall slowly during the next 48 hours.

Local Observations. Bar. Ther. Wind W'th'r

10 7 p. m. .29.94 90 SW Clear
11 7 a. m. .30.01 80 S Clear
Mean temperature, 82.
Highest temperature, 94.
Lowest temperature, 69.
Lowest temperature last night, 74.
FRED Z. GOSWISCH, Observer.

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SPEED RECORD IN MURDER CASE

Man Sentenced to be Hung Five Hours After the Trial Had Started in Colorado Court.

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KIOWA, Colo., July 11.—The speed record for murder trials in Colorado was broken today when George King was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Peter Jackson. The penalty was fixed at hanging. Immediately after the verdict was returned John Fields, the half-witted boy who was led to do the actual killing, was placed on trial.

The trial of King began yesterday morning and the case was in the hands of the jury less than five hours after it began.

The attorneys for the defense offered no testimony, merely presenting their arguments.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ARE IN SESSION

Grand Commandery of Iowa Meets at Spirit Lake for the Week.

SPIRIT LAKE, Iowa, July 11.—The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa convened here at 10 o'clock at Templar Park on the west bank of Spirit Lake, Grand Commander John William Edwards of Mt. Pleasant presiding. The commandery sessions continue through Friday and the general routine of camp is reviville at 6 a. m.; breakfast at 7 and drill at 9 a. m. Commandery sessions at 10 a. m. The afternoons will be devoted to band concerts, and dress parades and the evenings to receptions, dances and parties in the pavilion which overlooks the lake. Indications are from early arrivals that there will be about 1,200 knights in attendance. Plans are being made by hundreds to remain with their families after the convalesce for the entire summer in the commodious Templar hotel.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity—Unsettled weather with probably local thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight. Wednesday generally fair with somewhat cooler.

For Illinois—Unsettled weather with probably local thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight. Wednesday generally fair with somewhat lower temperature.

For Iowa—Unsettled weather with probably local thunderstorms east portion this afternoon or tonight. Cooler tonight and east portion Wednesday, generally fair.

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