

Conquerors of Air Have Fortunate Day

LUCK IS WITH THE AVIATORS

Several Escape From Death Arc Recorded at the Aviation Meet Now on at Chicago.

ATWOOD KEEPS GOING

Ballooning is the Only One to Lose His Life While Giving Exhibition for Benefit of People.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Arthur Stone, driver of a Queen monoplane, was snatched back from death at the international aviation meet here after he had been given up.

Howard Gill, in a baby Wright, came almost as close to death, but escaped from under the wreck of his machine unhurt.

Lincoln Beachey, after being driven far to the south and fighting his way back above the field, glided 3,000 feet in safety to the earth.

Stone's machine fell into the lake at dusk. He leaped from the falling plane and was rescued at the point of exhaustion by a motor boat after he had supported himself in the water for more than an hour.

That Stone was rescued was attributed largely to the insistence of his wife that he guard himself with a life preserver.

In spite of the order that all flyers should wear life preservers, Stone, with others, started for their machines unguarded.

Mrs. Stone ran from the hangar just before the flight and insisted that her husband wait, while she tied an inflated automobile tire about his shoulders.

Involved by the deaths of William R. Badger and St. Croix Johnston and deterred by a high wind, many of the flyers here protested against going on and warned the contest committee that the aeroplanes could not be controlled in the half mile that prevailed in the upper air.

The judges were insistent and finally half a dozen flyers arose for a cross-water race from the shore around the crib, three and a half miles out.

Thomas Sopwith had completed the second lap of the race and been declared a winner, when a cry arose that Stone's machine had fallen into the water and that the aviator was drowned.

Later it was reported that Stone was rescued and a tug was bringing his body to shore. None of these could be verified and Stone's fate was unknown until Commodore James Pugh's motor boat Disturber II reached the Chicago Yacht club's landing with Stone alive and well.

Reports that Stone had been drowned were quickly flashed to the hangars. Almost the first to hear of his disappearance was his wife, Mrs. Irene Stone, who with her baby, awaited Stone's return from the race far over the lake.

Robinson, hydroplane pilot of the Curtiss team, darted in, and told that he had been unable to find any trace of the missing aviator.

At this Mrs. Stone began to weep. She turned over the child to a friend. "Here, take the baby," she exclaimed, "I'm going out to the lake to help find Arthur."

Killed by Balloon.

MOUNT VERNON, Ind., Aug. 17.—While making a balloon ascension at the Mount Vernon fair T. Y. Artway, a balloonist, was instantly killed when his parachute became entangled with some guy wires just as he was leaving the earth.

Artway had given the signal to cut loose. As the balloon was clearing the poles which supported the balloon the parachute caught in the guy wires, hurling the unfortunate man to his death, a distance of about 25 feet.

One year ago Jack Cassell, a balloonist, lost his life at the Mount Vernon fair when his balloon burst, hurling him a thousand feet to his death. Artway's home was in Shelbyville, Ind., and he was 30 years of age.

Verdines Falls Into Ocean.

TORVILLE, France, Aug. 17.—Julius Verdines, the French aviator, flew from Paris to this place in 5 1/2 hours. He missed landing on the beach and

fell into the sea, but was rescued unharmed.

Atwood's Progress. TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 17.—Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator who is attempting to fly from St. Louis to Boston, arrived in Toledo at 4:02 p. m., after a spectacular and record flight of thirty miles in forty-two minutes.

Tired and worn out after a strenuous day's flight, Atwood went to a hotel, where he got a good rest over night. At 7 o'clock this morning he left for Sandusky. He expects to reach Cleveland, a distance of 130 miles, by noon.

Atwood came down at Pettitsville, thirty-seven miles west of Toledo, at 10:12 to replenish his supply of gasoline.

Since he left St. Louis Atwood has been in the air 12 hours and 30 minutes, and has covered 520 miles. He was in the air 2 hours and 6 minutes after leaving Elkhart, and when his first stop was made at Pettitsville had covered ninety-six miles in continuous flight.

Atwood Lands at Noon.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 17.—Atwood left Toledo at 10:20, flying over the lake. He alighted at Venice at 11:26, three miles from Sandusky.

BARKS LIKE DOG FIVE YEARS AFTER

Mrs. Irwin Was Bitten by Canine and Now Has Bad Case of Rabies.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Barking and frothing at the mouth Mrs. Amanda Irwin commanded in the insane ward at the Bellevue hospital today is suffering from one of the most severe cases of hydrophobia the hospital has ever had.

She was bitten five years ago. Adjournalment Delayed. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Because of complications in the senate, congress will probably not adjourn until September 1, when President Taft says he will go to San Francisco and break ground for the Panama canal exposition.

KNOW WHO CHICKEN DESTROYERS ARE

South Side Residents Aggravated by Killing of Five of their Fowls and May Prosecute.

The chicken yard at 420 South Second Street, was visited last night, and five very choice chickens were killed. The family at this number is incensed at the cowardly deed, and will likely make things interesting for the guilty one unless said party, who is known to the family, pays full value for the chickens.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Bessie Nygren went to Mount Pleasant this morning to visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Hennings, attended the fair and horse races at LaHarpe today.

Salem News: A. Fuller and family and their guests, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Fims of ...verside, went to Keokuk last Thursday in the Fuller car to see the big dam.

Mrs. Fims left Friday for their home. Quincy Whig, Aug. 16: Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCurdy and daughter Nona, of Alva, Ill., who have been visiting friends and relatives in Keokuk, together with Mrs. John Roberts and Mrs. Climmie McCurdy, of Keokuk, came down to this city yesterday from Keokuk on a pleasure trip.

L. M. Gregory, of Keokuk, was in the city yesterday looking after business affairs and incidentally visiting among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Walton and Mr. and Mrs. Nort Walton left today for an auto trip to Macon and other Missouri points.

Rev. Father Kern, of Fort Madison, was in Keokuk yesterday afternoon, the guest of Rev. Father Gillingier of St. Mary's church.

Mr. George Crowell has gone to Elkhart, Ind., where he has accepted the foremanship at the Riverside bakery.

The steamer Columbia will leave Davenport next Saturday night for Keokuk with an excursion party, and upon arrival here Sunday, a lay-over of four hours will be made to give the Davenport excursionists an opportunity of seeing the dam. The boat will return to Davenport Monday noon.

Chief Schovers of the police force was taken ill today and had to surrender his duties at the office to rest up at home. The chief is apparently "under the weather" from a touch of summer gripe.

The Sidney arrived in port last night from Ft. Madison about eleven o'clock with the several hundred excursionists who took the outing during the afternoon to upriver points.

PIONEERS AND OLD SETTLERS

Forty-First Annual Reunion of the Lee County Pioneers and Old Settlers in Session Today at Donnellson.

MANY ABLE SPEAKERS

Special Train From Keokuk Carries Members of the Association to the Meeting Place—Program an Interesting One.

[Special to The Gate City.] DONNELLSON, Iowa, Aug. 17.—The old settlers and pioneers of Lee county in goodly number are in this little city today recounting the days of long ago when Lee county was largely a wilderness and when the comforts of life were in great contrast with present pleasurable conditions.

This is the forty-first annual reunion of the Lee County Pioneers and Old Settlers' Association. Some pretty decorations are displayed in honor of



HON. JOS. FRY Vice President of the association, former president, and well known Lee county farmer.

The event. The attendance is somewhat limited on account of the threatening weather, rain falling during the forenoon. A special train of five coaches left Keokuk at 8:30, bringing a large number of old settlers and Ft. Madison sent about an equal number.

The Lowell band gave a street concert during the forenoon which was appreciated and then the audience adjourned to the fair grounds where the morning program was given.

Forenoon Exercises.

James Cruikshank, of Donnellson, president of the association, called the meeting to order after the audience



HON. E. W. McMANUS One of the speakers at old settlers' meeting.

had assembled in the amphitheatre. After a selection by the band Rev. W. B. Ireland of the M. E. church, Donnellson, delivered the invocation. President Cruikshank then introduced Jos. Fry, of Wever, vice president of the association, who presided during the morning program.

Mr. Fry said that they were fortunate in securing the excellent speakers for the occasion and then introduced Attorney E. W. McManus, of Keokuk. Mr. McManus made an interesting address in which he gave a picture of pioneer times and alluded to the character of the old settlers.

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HIGHEST DAM IN THE WORLD

Idaho Proposition at Arrow Rock is Going to be 350 Feet in Height When Completed.

THE IRRIGATION PROJECT

Will Require Five Years to Build and Will Cost Between Five and Six Millions.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 17.—The highest dam in the world will be built at Arrow Rock, in the Boise river canyon, 22 miles from Boise, Idaho. The reclamation service has begun the gigantic task, which will require five years to complete, and will cost between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

The work is one of the most extensive ever attempted for irrigation purposes. The dam will impound flood waters that will be used to irrigate 300,000 acres of rich land under the Boise-Payette project.

The dam will rest on a bedrock that has been located 90 feet below the river bed. Concrete and native boulders will be used. While the projected dam will be the largest built by the reclamation service and the highest in the world, its storage capacity falls below that of other big dams.

The dimensions of the big irrigation dams of the world are as follows: Assuan, Egypt, 6,562 feet long, 141 feet high, 107 feet deep; Roosevelt Ariz., 1,050 feet long, 284 feet high, 242 feet deep; Shoshone, Wyo., 176 feet long, 326 feet high, 324 feet deep; Pathfinder, Casper, Wyo., 226 feet long, 215 feet high, 195 feet deep; Arrow Rock, Boise, Idaho, 1,025 feet long, 350 feet high, 260 feet deep.

STRIKE CRISIS IS POSTPONED

Desperate Efforts Being Made in England to Put an End to the Disastrous Labor Troubles.

NO MILK FOR BABIES

Liverpool is Beleaguered City and the Food Supply Will Last For Only a Few Hours.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Instead of putting into effect the threatened country-wide strike at 8 o'clock this morning the executives of the railway union, suspended their strike orders and went into conference with President Buxton of the board of trade. It was determined that there should be no settlement unless the ship owners of Liverpool rescinded their orders locking out the dock workers.

All night long desperate efforts were made to avert the crisis. Although the railroad managers still refuse to treat with the strikers except through the reconciliation board it is expected they will make some exceptions. Twenty thousand troops were ordered massed at Aldershot. It is estimated that there are 175,000 men employed in the railway service. Sir Guy W. Grenet, manager of the Midland railway said today that with the assurances of the government of full protection his company expected to continue a fair service.

Beleaguered City. LIVERPOOL, Aug. 17.—Liverpool is today a beleaguered city with food supplies for only a few hours and 1,000 babies near death because of no milk. Five thousand troops are camped on the city streets and war ships are at the docks. The admiralty is rushing four warships to the harbor. The world has been giving out that they are to protect shipping.

The warships will probably be used in unloading the vessels on which the ship owners refuse to let the men do the work. There are hundreds of tons of provisions in the ships.

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WATER POWER BILL PASSED

Congress Takes Action on Southern Project and Establishes Precedent Concerning Power.

FEDERAL TAX IMPOSED

One Dollar Per Horse Power Must be Paid by Promoters of the Big Work at Birmingham.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—In passing what is known as the Black Warrior dam bill the house established an important precedent concerning the granting of water power rights on navigable streams to private corporations. This bill as it finally passed, provides that the Birmingham Water, Light and Power Company, which is given a twenty-five year franchise on the water power which will be developed by the construction of a dam for slack water navigation shall pay a federal tax of \$1 per horse power per annum.

In speaking against the bill, Representative Martin of Colorado made reference to the veto message of former President Roosevelt on the James river dam bill introduced in the sixtieth congress by Representative Russell of Missouri. President Roosevelt in that message, demanded that provision be made whereby the federal government would derive a small tax for the valuable right bestowed, and announced that he would approve no water power proposition unless such provision were made.

Representative Martin declared he would work out a plan whereby the government would derive taxes for the use of all navigable waters, including rivers, lakes and even the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, so far as the coastwise trade is concerned. He declared this proposition was no wilder than the principle enunciated by President Roosevelt and contained in the Black Warrior bill.

The bill as finally passed was so amended that the senate will hardly recognize it when it is formally delivered to that body today. Originally, the bill granted a fifty-year franchise, did not require the payment of a federal tax and left the Birmingham Water, Light and Power Company free to fix rates to the consumer. The house amended the bill so as to require the payment of the tax, reduced the life of the franchise by one-half, gave other corporations a chance to get the franchise, authorized the secretary of war to fix the rates which consumers must pay, and provided other restrictions.

Many democrats were opposed to the bill and waged a bitter fight upon it. Representatives James of Kentucky and Underwood of Alabama had a sharp clash over the measure that for a moment threatened to result in a personal encounter. Several republicans spoke in favor of the bill.

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BLEW MOTHER OUT OF BED

Black Bomb Failed to Kill Woman and Her Little One.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A mother and her new born baby were literally blown from their bed in the bee hive district today. The outrage was the work of black handers. That both were not killed is due to the fact that the bed, in anticipation of the arrival of the stork, had been moved to the center of the room.

The woman was Mrs. Jennie Callarous. The baby was born 24 hours before the dynamiting.

Changed the Order. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—That three members of the cabinet took the side of the Corn Products Co. against the decision of the food and drug board and allowed the company to sell glucose, was the statement of Dr. Wiley today. The company, according to Dr. Wiley, succeeded in having the board report suppressed and had a new order issued permitting them to sell glucose in the form desired by them.

Pope is Out of Bed. ROME, Aug. 17.—The pope yesterday for the first time since his illness spent the entire day out of bed. He walked about and sat at his writing desk. The physicians were amazed at his speedy recovery, but insist he shall not work. The pope obeys patiently, but complains that he can not bear remaining idle.

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Elements Aroused And Damage Results

AN EARTHQUAKE WAS RECORDED

World Had Chill Last Night and Gave Shake Which Lasted for Two Hours at Sundown.

HEAT WAVE BROKEN

Tornadoes Are Busy in North Dakota Where Three Small Towns Are Reported Wiped Out.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17.—An earthquake which lasted over two hours was recorded yesterday on the seismograph at St. Louis University. The shocks began at 5:01:30 and ended at 7:01 p. m. The principal waves passed under St. Louis at 6:02 p. m. The waves were all long, indicating that the center of the quake was a long distance away on an east and west line.

The observer, Father John B. Goesse, said it would be difficult to determine the distance or direction of the center from St. Louis on such a record, but he conjectured that it was not a very violent disturbance and was distributed over a great area.

Tornadoes Get Busy. GRAND FORKS, N. D., Aug. 17.—Tornadoes have wiped out three towns and laid large sections of the northwestern part of this state in ruins.

Wires are down and communication with many localities completely cut off. The towns known to have been wiped out are Noonan, Ambrose and Crosby. Four farmers are reported to have been killed and scores injured.

The towns of Kermit and Larson suffered extensively. Efforts are being made today to get into communication with the ruined towns.

Heat Wave Broken. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17.—The weather bureau made doubly sure last night that the hot wave will take itself off today, when it reiterated its forecast of yesterday morning for cooler weather today and added showers to it. The showers are due by tonight at the latest, and will put the temperature down 20 degrees or so. The last rain in St. Louis was the night of August 7, when a brilliant electrical storm swept the city.

With a moderate degree of humidity prevalent St. Louisans did not find yesterday as oppressive as some days last week, when the temperature was about the same. The maximum on the thermometer was 94 degrees from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m., and the greatest humidity was 71 per cent. One heat prostration had been reported up to midnight.

A shift in weather conditions yesterday put the center of the hot wave into Nebraska and Iowa, while Oklahoma, Texas and the southwestern states generally experienced somewhat lower temperatures than on Tuesday. Omaha with 106 degrees was the most torrid spot in the middle west. Des Moines, Iowa, had 102.

Other samples of the weather elsewhere in this region were: Chicago, 92; Cincinnati, 90; Kansas City, 94; Keokuk, Iowa, 96; St. Joseph, 98; Springfield, Ill., 94; Springfield, Mo., 86.

Floods in China. PEKIN, Aug. 17.—Five hundred thousand persons are homeless and 30,000,000 more are menaced with starvation as a result of terrific floods that have been raging for two days in the province of Anhui.

The water has washed out 225,000 acres of rice and there is no hope of an autumn crop. This is the worst agriculture disaster that China has ever suffered.

The water in the streets of Wuhu is three feet deep and it is feared that a great epidemic will follow in the wake of the floods.

Cyclone at Galena. GALENA, Ill., Aug. 17.—A cyclone struck this city yesterday afternoon and resulted in a heavy property loss.

Portugal is Shocked. LISBON, Aug. 17.—A series of earthquake shocks, gradually increasing in violence, were felt in southern Portugal late last night. At Mertola, Aubeira and other points near the coast considerable damage was done and

some persons were injured. The first tremor continued for ten seconds. At Lagos the disturbance was accompanied by a tidal wave which caused a panic among those living near the coast.

JAP STOMACH REBELS AT BEANS

Admiral Togo Spends Today in Bed With Hands on His Stomach.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—Suffering from an acute attack of indigestion Admiral Togo cancelled his program for today. He will remain in his room at the hotel all day.

Prisoner Escaped. FT. MADISON, Iowa, Aug. 17.—A prisoner named Jones made his escape about six o'clock last evening while at work in company with other convicts at the state farm. He disappeared in a cornfield and no trace of him could be discovered although a posse immediately started in pursuit. The search was continued north of town late into the night. Jones was from Des Moines and was serving a five year's sentence for horse stealing. No trace of him had been discovered at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Postal Bank For Carthage. CARTHAGE, Ill., Aug. 17.—Carthage has been designated as a postal savings bank station, to take effect September 12th.

Held Prisoner by Dentist. SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 17.—A. W. McDavid, arrested on a charge of holding Miss Jessie McDonald, a high school girl under hypnotic influence, a prisoner for fifteen months, today refused to make any statement. The girl says she loves the dentist. She suddenly vanished from her home in 1910, and since then detectives have been searching for her in all parts of the state. She was finally found in a corner holding a baby in her arms.

Wet and Dry in Illinois. CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Politicians who see the wet and dry question involved in politics do not conceal their alarm. The anti-saloon league has issued the first notice to the voters stating that the question was a vital one.

The Wrong Bottle. FON DU LAC, Wis., Aug. 17.—Mistaking an unlabeled bottle, W. Nicholas, a wealthy manufacturer drank a portion of poison today and died.

Died of Broken Heart. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 17.—The body of Maj. David Castleman who died in a Los Angeles hospital, is expected to arrive tonight. He is said to have died of a broken heart after hearing that his wife had filed suit for divorce.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Slightly cooler tonight.

For Illinois: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Slightly cooler north-east portion tonight.

For Iowa: Generally fair tonight and Friday. Slightly cooler south-east portion tonight.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Friday.

Weather Conditions. The temperature has continued high east of the Mississippi valley, with the depression in the northeastern states filling up slowly, and the pressure moderately high in the south-eastern and gulf states.

The northwestern field of high pressure has advanced to the Dakotas, where it is slightly cooler, and there have been scattered light showers from the Missouri river to the western lake region.

Conditions indicate generally fair weather for this section tonight and Friday and slightly cooler tonight.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage Height, Change, Weather. St. Paul ... 14 1.4 -0.2 Clear La Crosse ... 12 2.3 0.5 Pt Clcy Dubuque ... 18 4.6 x0.2 Clcy Davenport ... 15 5.3 -0.5 Pt Clcy Galland ... 8 2.9 -0.1 Clcy Keokuk ... 15 5.9 0.0 Clcy St. Louis ... 30 6.9 x0.8 Clear

River Forecast. The river will fall slowly during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations. Aug. 16 7 p.m. ... 29.90 90 SW Pt Clcy 17 7 a.m. ... 29.96 74 N Clcy Mean temperature, Aug. 16, 84. Highest temperature, 95. Lowest temperature, 73. Lowest temperature last night, 74. FRED Z. GOSWISCH, Observer.