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TAMMANY LEADER ATTACKS CARDINAL

D. F. COHALAN VIOLENT IN HIS PAPER.

"The Gaelic American" Publishes Bitter Editorial on Cardinal Gibbons's English Address.

Leaders of the Catholic Church in this country, prelates and laymen, have been astounded by the receipt of a weekly newspaper, "The Gaelic American," published in this city under the supervision of Daniel F. Cohalan, in which attention is directed to a bitter attack on Cardinal Gibbons, the distinguished prelate who has just returned from a visit to Rome, England and Ireland. Copies of the paper have been circulated in every section of the city and mailed, by zealous followers of Cohalan to priests and prelates throughout the country.

While several prominent priests in this city have been attacked, from time to time, in "The Gaelic American," no one thought it would have the hardihood to make a public attack on the acknowledged leader of the Catholic Church in this country—Cardinal Gibbons—and it was not to be dreamed of that the man who was recently elevated to the coziest corners in Tammany Hall and the Tammany Society would approve of even a whispered word against such an eminent citizen and prelate.

Mr. Cohalan is Bourke Cockran's successor in the good graces of Charles F. Murphy. He is his confidential adviser, chairman of the law committee of Tammany Hall and grand sachem of the Tammany Society. His brother, John P. Cohalan, just named for Surrogate, is depending upon the Catholic vote to elect him. John Devoy writes the editorials for Brother "Dan's" paper, and Brother "Dan," as "president of the Gaelic American Publishing Company," with offices at No. 12 Dutch street, dictates the policy it shall pursue, and it always reflects his opinions on matters of Irish politics and of ecclesiastical prudence.

The Cardinal's discourse, delivered in Westminster Cathedral during the Eucharistic Congress, is made the basis of the attack in a bitter editorial in a recent number. On that occasion the American prelate referred to the relations between the Catholic Church in England and the Catholic Church in this country in these words:

Maryland, the mother Church of the United States, was founded by English Catholics. Leonard Calvert, the brother of Lord Baltimore, and the leader of the English Catholic colony, desirous of securing liberty of worship for his co-religionists, sailed with them from Cowes, Isle of Wight, in the Ark and the Dove—fitting messengers to carry the fortunes of the pioneer pilgrims. They reached their destination on the banks of the Potomac in 1634. . . .

I will add one more link to the chain of hallowed associations between the Catholic Church in England and America. The first Bishop of the United States was consecrated in England by an English prelate. John Carroll, the first Archbishop of Baltimore, and the patriarch of the American church, was consecrated in 1790 in the chapel at Lulworth Castle, Dorsetshire, the elegant seat of Thomas Weld. Now the daughter excels the mother in the wealth of her institutions, and in the number of her bishops, clergy and laity.

After quoting these paragraphs, Mr. Cohalan's journal proceeds to lash the aged Cardinal to the mast-top, as follows:

The Cardinal's flattery both in New York and London has failed to impress the English people. John Bull himself is an adept at flattery; in fact, this weapon has been more useful to him than brute force, and he readily recognizes it in the mouth of a neighbor or adversary. Shaun Buidhe cannot be convinced that he is either a sire or mother of the Catholic Church, for he is too well aware that he has been a persecutor and not a champion of Catholicity. He is also aware that he has no part in the progress of Catholicity in either his own bailiwick, his colonies or in any land under the sun. . . .

It is highly insulting to the Irish people to be classified with their enemies, and they resent the term "English speaking" people. This classification is not the less insulting because it has been made by a prelate who is himself the son of Irish parents. Carbinal Gibbons would be well advised if he left such phrases as "common language," "common literature," "Great Charter of Liberty," etc., to the Choates, the Reids and other Anglomaniacs. The gush that may be excusable in a champagne primed descendant of the Puritan at the table of Dives becomes a blasphemy when spoken by an Irish-American prelate from a Catholic pulpit to an audience which is mainly composed of Irishmen.

The fulsome praise of Edward, the most prominent libertine in Europe, and of the mother of this old roué is particularly nauseating. We venture to assert that the Cardinal's own mother was a purer woman, a better mother and a more exemplary Christian than the commonplace, covetous Mrs. Guelph. . . .

The Cardinal's sermon cannot be commended for accuracy or for intelligence. Like many discourses that have been carefully prepared for a special purpose, it has fallen flat where it was intended to make an impression. The sermon has given offence to the ever faithful Irish Catholics, at whose expense facts have been distorted and who are asking the question, Is this the reward of our fidelity?

HONOR FOR CARDINAL.

Non-Catholics Give Him a Loving Cup at Baltimore.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Baltimore, Oct. 11.—A company of non-Catholics visited the Cathedral this afternoon, and in token of their admiration of Cardinal Gibbons presented him with a silver loving cup. The company included Protestants, Spiritualists and Hebrews, the presentation address being made by ex-Congressman Charles R. Schirm, who is a Spiritualist. In his address he referred to the fact that among the donors was a rabbi. This interested the Cardinal and he asked for the rabbi. The Rev. William E. Rousman, of the Eutaw Place synagogue, stepped forward and was cordially greeted by the Cardinal and they exchanged felicitations.

The centennial of the founding of Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md., will be celebrated on Wednesday and Thursday. The college was actually begun on October 6, but the celebration has been deferred to suit the convenience of Cardinal Gibbons, who is president of the board of trustees. Besides the Cardinal, Archbishop Falconio, Apostolic Delegate, and Bishops Chatard, '53; Northrop, '60, and Allen, '78, are expected.

LOAN OF FIFTY MILLIONS.

Britain May Guarantee South African Company's Venture.

London, Oct. 12.—"The Standard" understands that as a result of the prolonged negotiations between the Colonial Office and the Chartered South Africa Company, the government has consented to guarantee either a loan of $50,000,000 or interest on Rhodesian Railway debentures to a similar amount, with the object of assisting in the development of the companies' territories and railways.

SNAPSHOTS OF ROYALTY.

Profits from Queen Alexandra's Book to Go to Charity.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Oct. 11.—It has been arranged that "The Daily Telegraph," of London, shall publish for Queen Alexandra a gift book containing 130 photographs of an intimate and personal character taken by her majesty. The profits from the book will be devoted exclusively to charity. The interest of this unique work is greatly enhanced because the Queen has also written the descriptions of family snapshots.

FIGHT ON BRIDGE TOWER.

Hundreds See Insane Man Try to Kill Policemen with Razor.

Armed with a razor, a powerfully built man fought two policemen and a bridge superintendent on the top of the Brooklyn tower of the Williamsburg Bridge yesterday, while hundreds of persons on the roadways and in the streets below looked on. After a ten minutes' struggle the man was disarmed and handcuffed to the policemen, and was taken, still struggling, down the tower ladders, trying at every step to throw himself into space.

Shortly before 3 o'clock persons on the bridge promenade were horrified to see a man climb to one of the cables of the bridge and start to walk up to the tower. His feet slipped frequently on the slippery cable, and it looked several times as if he would tumble to the roadway.

Michael Dowling, superintendent of the bridge, telephoned to the bridge police station. Patrolmen C. E. Smith and Dennis O'Donnell went with him to the top of the tower by way of the stairs. When the man saw them coming through the manhole he drew a razor and slashed at them, muttering and running dangerously near the edge of the platform.

In the Eastern District Hospital, where he was put in a padded cell, the man told the surgeons that he was Joseph Kratz, a Pole, of No. 17 Prospect street. He said that he had been discharged from the Arbuckle Sugar Refinery in Yonkers, and had been without food for three days. He said he had intended to slash his throat with the razor and then hurl himself from the tower of the bridge, which is 535 feet from the ground. The surgeons said he was suffering from acute dementia.

"JONES, AVENGER," KILLS.

Man Who Fired at Guiteau Shoots Employe Down.

Washington, Oct. 11.—William Jones, known locally on account of having attempted to avenge the death of President Garfield by shooting at Guiteau, the assassin, as "Bill Jones, the Avenger," to-night shot and killed John A. McPherson, of Detroit, at Bates farm, near Brookland, on the outskirts of this city. The weapon used was a shotgun. McPherson was employed by Jones.

Jones was arrested shortly after the crime was committed, while he was on his way to Baltimore, where he owns property. He was brought to this city and lodged in jail. Jones admitted to Coroner Nevitt that he shot McPherson, but claims that he acted in self-defence.

Several days following upon President Garfield's death Guiteau was taken to court for a preliminary hearing, and it was while he was being returned to jail under charge of District Marshal Corkhill that Jones drew a revolver and fired into the van. Guiteau, who was sitting near the door, caught a glimpse of Jones as he drew the weapon, and dodged. The bullet sped over his head and lodged in the side of the wagon.

DIES IN HER 110TH YEAR.

Seneca Falls Woman Wed Last at Age of 102.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Mrs. Charlotte Decker died here last night. She would have been 110 years old on November 27. Her father, Godfrey Reals, was a volunteer in the Colonial Army, and served until the Colonies were free. Mrs. Decker could remember her father telling of the privations of the soldiers at Valley Forge. She remembered the year 1813, when no grain could be raised and it was sold for $5 a bushel.

Mrs. Decker was married to her first husband, Thomas Preston, in 1818. Following his death she married Albert Brainard. He died ten years ago, and in June, 1900, Mrs. Brainard was married to Samuel Decker. He was then sixty-two and Mrs. Decker 102. She never had but one child, which died in infancy.

PANIC AT BALL GAME.

Brooklyn Grandstand Collapses, Injuring Seventeen Spectators.

There was a panic at the Brighton Oval yesterday afternoon at the baseball game between the Brighton Athletic Association nine and the Brooklyn National League team, when part of the grandstand collapsed, throwing three hundred spectators to the ground and injuring seventeen of them. Most of them suffered from cuts and bruises, the most seriously injured being Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGuire and their daughter Edna, of No. 284 Grand avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Converse and their son, of No. 304 Grand avenue, all of whom fell from the top row.

Police reserves were soon on the scene and restored order, after which the ball game was resumed, the Brooklyn nine winning by a score of 2 to 0.

CHAFIN CREDITS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Politicians and Statesmen Not Responsible for Progress, Says the Prohibition Candidate.

Atlanta, Oct. 11.—Eugene W. Chafin, in addressing a large audience at the Baptist Tabernacle today, declared that the great accomplishments and successes of the United States were due to Christian Science and the Word of God, and not to political schemes and acts of statesmanship.

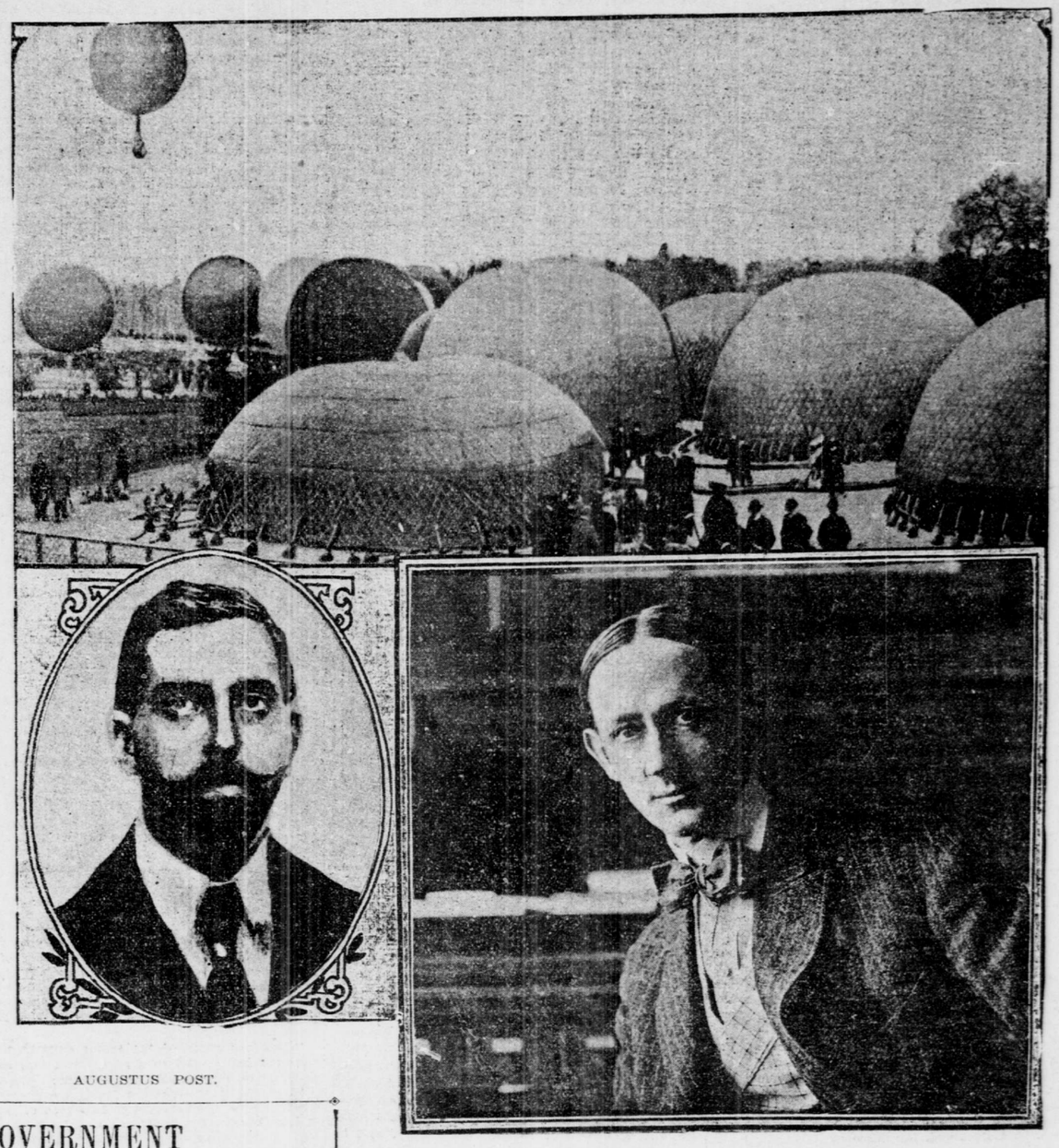
POLICEMAN FALLS, STAIRS NOT HURT.

This message was received at Police Headquarters at 2 o'clock yesterday morning from the Church street station:

Patrolman Thomas Rohe fell down stairs at this station, receiving a lacerated wound of left side of head. Attended and went on patrol. Stairs in good condition.

"I'm glad he didn't hurt the stairs," observed the lieutenant at the telephone board as he entered the slip on the blotter.

START OF A BALLOON RACE AND AMERICANS WHO FELL 2,000 FEET.



AUGUSTUS POST. A. HOLLAND FORBES.

"GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION"

WHAT HUGHES DID AND CHANLER WOULD UNDO.

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THE FRANCHISE LEASING GRAFT.

Speaking at Springfield, Ill., on Saturday about the fight being made against him and his reforms, Governor Hughes said: "Ask the crooks of New York about it. Do not ask them whom they are for; ask them whom they are against. Then you will learn the truth." One of the reforms about which a great many crooks are bitter is the law subjecting the sale or lease of public franchises to supervision. What that reform means is clear when it is seen how the former "personal liberty" in high finance was used to wreck the traction system of this city and divert the income from the development of the property to the pockets of the insiders. Here is the story:

BEFORE.	AFTER.
A franchise could be sold by one company to another, or it could be leased on such terms and for such periods as the traction magnates wished, without the necessity of any supervision.	A franchise cannot be transferred or assigned without the approval of the Public Service Commission, nor is any contract made with regard thereto valid without the approval of the Public Service Commission.
The Twenty-third Street Railroad Company was leased to the Metropolitan Street Railway Company at a rental requiring the payment of 18 per cent dividends a year, and the receivers are still paying that rental.	The present receivers of the Metropolitan have found it necessary to break leases because of the ruinous rental charges loaded upon the system, thereby cutting off transfers. That is a confession of the need of the present law. If the leases had been made on reasonable terms, as would now be required, there would have been no occasion to break the connections and deprive the people of transfers.
The Broadway and Seventh Avenue was leased on a 10 per cent dividend rental.	
The total annual interest charges and rentals in the Interborough-Metropolitan system were $23,851,587. That's where your fare went, and not to keep up the tracks and rolling stock.	

Of course, the men who want "personal liberty" to loot public service corporations, under cover of improvident leases, are against Governor Hughes. But are you among them?

HITCHED TRAIN TO HOTEL

Part of Building Containing Non-Union Men Pulled Down.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 11.—An attempt was made this morning to wreck a hotel at Mahoning and Oak Hill avenues by hitching a freight train to it and pulling it down. Part of the building was wrecked, and the lodgers in it, mostly non-union iron workers, were tumbled about, but not seriously injured.

There have been several fights between union sympathizers and the non-union men housed in the building. Early this morning, while a freight train was halted on the Baltimore & Ohio tracks beside the hotel, a band of union sympathizers hitched a wire cable to a corner beam of the building and attached it to the rear car of the train. When the train started a corner of the building was torn down, and the whole structure would have been wrecked had not the cable parted.

AMERICAN KILLED BY INDIANS.

Reported Death of J. O. Curwood, of Detroit, in Hudson Bay Wilds.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Oct. 11.—It was reported today that James Oliver Curwood, an author, of Detroit, who recently went into the Hudson's Bay wilds for a Detroit publishing firm, was killed by Indians in the Lac La Ronge country. Details are wanting, but, according to the trader who brought the report, the Indians say that the white man began the trouble by shooting one of their number. The mounted police are investigating the case.

DR. YOUNG ATTACKED.

Minority Members of Pittsburg Church Allege Sensationalism.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Pittsburg, Oct. 11.—The minority membership of the Second Presbyterian Church, in a pamphlet issued to-day, makes a vicious attack upon the Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young, their pastor, who has been called to the Bedford Presbyterian Church, of Brooklyn, at a salary of $10,000 a year. After asserting that before Dr. Young came here the church had a membership of 615 and an average attendance of 750, whereas it now has an alleged membership of fifteen hundred and an average attendance of two hundred, the pamphlet continues:

Then (before the pastorate of Dr. Young) the preaching of the Gospel was relied upon for the conversion of sinners. Now a maximum of brass bands, orchestras, theatre and opera singers, $5,000 a year chorus, cornetists, famous pianists, stereopticon and moving picture shows, Sunday newspaper sermons, theatre and park services, newspaper, billboard and circus style advertising, generally at an enormous cost, with a minimum of the Gospel, have been among the high pressure methods employed to bring men and women into the church kingdom.

Has the un-Presbyterian experiment been a success? Witness a scattered flock, a disorganized and discouraged congregation. Witness the empty pews.

In addition to his $7,000 salary the pastor enjoys a large income from his contributions to the rather un-Presbyterian illustrated Sunday newspapers, has the services of an office secretary, to whom the church pays $780 a year, as well as paying his telegraph, telephone, automobile and carriage bills. He has also sought and accepted jury duty, from which ministers are always exempt.

Dr. Young says that he will answer the charges at the congregational meeting to-morrow night.

BIG SUM FOR MISSIONS.

More than $62,000 Pledged at Christian Alliance Convention.

More than $62,000 was pledged for foreign missions at the two sessions yesterday of the convention of the Christian Missionary Alliance, held in connection with the annual metropolitan convention of the alliance, at the Gospel Tabernacle, No. 692 Eighth avenue.

While this amount is slightly under that contributed last year in New York, the total gifts to the alliance for the year are the largest in the history of the organization, more than $250,000 having been pledged.

The sessions yesterday were conducted by the Rev. A. B. Simpson, president of the alliance, and missionaries from nearly every country in the world where missionary work is being done were present.

AUTO RUNS INTO RECTOR'S.

Broadway's Sunday Parade Interrupted by Machine's Vagaries.

A red touring car containing a party of men and women created much excitement yesterday afternoon in upper Broadway, when it ran on the sidewalk at 43d street in front of the Hotel Cadillac, and finally wound up its wild career by crashing into the steps of Rector's. For a few seconds this section of Broadway had its first real excitement of the day.

The automobile, which bore the number 59,468 N. Y., was bound north in Broadway, and behaving in a perfectly respectable Sunday manner until it passed 42d street, when something happened to the steering gear. It swerved across the street and headed for the Cadillac, but on reaching the sidewalk and seeing Rector's sign just ahead of it, steered for that eating place.

With a jolt the machine struck the steps and came to a stop. The occupants got out of the automobile and stood by, while the chauffeur, aided by a few cabmen, pushed the machine out into the street. Quiet was restored, the diners went back to their tables, the parade up and down Broadway moved on again and the car started off.

A. F. OF L. MAN FOR TAFT

"LABOR NOT PARTISAN."

Vice-President Keefe Says Members Will Vote as They Like.

Daniel J. Keefe, sixth vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, said in an interview yesterday that no attempt had been made or would be made to swing the members of the organization over to the support of the Democratic national ticket.

"We insist," he said, "that the labor movement shall remain as free and independent from political domination as it has ever been in its history. Personally, I am going to vote for William H. Taft, because as Secretary of War he did more to enforce laws in favor of organized labor than any of his predecessors."

Mr. Keefe, who lives in Detroit, is a member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. He said that while the organization had felt it to be its duty to present the needs of labor to both parties it intended to leave the question of voting entirely to the judgment and consciences of the individual members. He said he believed the attitude of Mr. Gompers, president of the organization, had been misunderstood.

"The American Federation of Labor is not committed to any political party, nor has any candidate for President been indorsed by the executive council," said Mr. Keefe.

"I am of the belief," continued Mr. Keefe, "that the general public does not fully understand the position of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in the present campaign. The policy of the labor movement is non-partisan, and is as follows:

"We desire to refute here the aspersions that have been cast upon the executive council, and particularly one of its members, President Gompers, that it is our purpose, or his, to dictate to the working people of our country how they shall cast their votes in the coming elections, nor has any one promised the vote of the working people to any particular party. We have strongly, clearly and emphatically, as it was our duty, presented the situation in which the working people of the country find themselves, the demands which labor has made upon both political parties as to necessary action which they should take, the treatment they have received, and have appealed to the judgment and patriotism of the working people and the friends of labor throughout the country, since both political parties have spoken, to make their choice as their conscience may dictate.

"The misrepresentation of newspapers and others to the contrary notwithstanding, we repeat and insist, and we have so conducted and propose to so conduct our course, that the labor movement shall remain as free and independent from political domination as it has ever been in its history.

"Some of the members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor no doubt will support and vote for Mr. Bryan, which is their individual right. I shall support and vote for Mr. Taft, who was admitted to membership in the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredge Men on account of his strong advocacy of the enforcement of the eight hour law on all government work coming under the jurisdiction of the War Department; and if the eight hour day did not become an established fact in connection with dredge work it was the fault of the workmen and not the fault of the Secretary of War."

CRANE FEELS CONFIDENT.

Things Look Pretty Fair for Taft, Senator Says.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, Oct. 11.—Senator W. Murray Crane has returned from his Western trip in an optimistic frame of mind regarding the Taft campaign.

"There are still some mighty dark places," he said to-day, "but, take things as a whole, they look pretty fair for Taft. The apathy and indifference of the last month are disappearing and the Republican campaign is taking on new life."

Haan's Restaurant, Park Row Bldg. Refined surroundings for ladies. Luncheon. Din. Music.—Advt.

FORBES AND POST FALL 2,000 FEET

AMERICAN AERONAUTS SLIGHTLY HURT.

Balloon Bursts, but Forms Parachute, in International Race Near Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 11.—Two American aeronauts had a miraculous escape from death at the start of the international balloon race from the suburb of Schmargendorf to-day. The American balloon Conqueror, the only American built craft in the contest, having on board A. Holland Forbes and Augustus Post, less than two minutes after the start burst at an altitude of four thousand feet. For two thousand feet it shot down like a bullet, and then the torn silk formed a sort of parachute, checking the rapidity of the descent. Coming close to the earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with slight injuries.

The race, in which twenty-three balloons took part, representing Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Spain, started at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of at least eighty thousand spectators. The day was clear and warm. Amid the strains of "America" and volleys of cheers the first balloon was sent away. It was the America II, under command of James C. McCoy, who was accompanied by Lieutenant Voghmann. The balloon was decorated with the Stars and Stripes, and it sailed away to the southeast at a rapid pace, the aeronauts waving their hats.

A representative of each of the other nations followed the American balloon in succession at intervals of two minutes, the national hymn of the respective countries ringing forth as the ropes were cast loose.

The second batch of eight balloons was led by Forbes, in the Conqueror, which was started with some difficulty owing to a gusty wind and too much ballast. It finally shot up and reached a great altitude in an incredibly short period, the basket swaying violently. Then a cry of horror arose from the crowd, which saw the silk collapse, and shouted, "The balloon is ripping up!"

The thousands stood for a moment as if petrified. Some turned away fainting as they saw the balloon falling with lightninglike rapidity. At the same time showers of sand and appurtenances of the balloon shot downward with equal rapidity, and then daylight was seen through the envelope, great ragged edges of the silk showing on either side.

"They are killed!" went in a hushed whisper through the crowd, but then the remainder of the envelope appeared to take, first, a triangular shape, and then was transformed into a sort of parachute at the top of the net, and the descent was considerably arrested.

It came down slower and slower, meanwhile being swept by the wind far to the southeast, and finally disappeared from view behind a block of houses. The suspense in the crowds was terrible, but a few minutes later a telephone message was received from Friednau which announced that the men had landed and had not been seriously injured. A great sigh of relief went up among the people, who threw their hats in the air for joy. The other balloons were sent up after a brief delay without further accident.

A. Holland Forbes, who appeared to be very little the worse for his experiences, except that he was suffering somewhat from shock, gave a thrilling account of the accident.

"We had some difficulty," he said, "in getting away, but once we left the ground everything seemed to be right. We mounted almost perpendicularly to an altitude of four thousand feet. As I looked at the recording instrument to make a note of the altitude I heard a peculiar swish, and said to Post, 'That sounds dangerous.' Immediately I saw that the envelope was rapidly deflating, the gas escaping in clouds. Instantly I threw the appendix clear of the basket and the ropes, and, drawing my jackknife, cut the ropes that were attached to the thirty-nine bags of sand hanging around the basket.

"Post in the mean time threw over everything portable. We could see, however, that we were falling more rapidly than some of the ejected articles. But later, when the descent of the balloon was checked, we observed one bag of sand fall into a baby carriage, which was smashed to pieces, but fortunately the nurse snatched out the baby and saved its life.

"Both of us sprang up and held on to the ring above, hoping in this way to avoid the crash. Then above us could be seen the envelope gradually spreading out. We continued to fall with terrific speed until a sort of parachute had been formed, and then we knew that unless a further mishap occurred we would probably be saved from death.

"Our speed did not decrease as much as we should have liked, and we were still moving at a rapid pace when we reached the tops of the high houses in the streets, which greatly increased the danger. We passed over one roof, almost touching it, and still holding on to the ring. We avoided the next block, but finally struck the mansard roof of a house in the block adjoining, and the net and envelope fell to the opposite side. The basket crashed against the tiles and went partly through into an occupied room. The man in the room was terrified, but, recovering himself, assisted us to the roof, down through the skylight and to the street below, where the crowds cheered us and shook our hands. Neither Post nor myself was seriously hurt. I have cramps in the body, but otherwise I am all right.

"I could cry with vexation," continued the aeronaut; 'after coming so far to take part in the race, and then to be knocked out by such an