

MAN TAKEN HERE FOR BELGIAN BANK ROBBERY

Police Say Finger Marks Left by Criminal Brought About Capture.

THIEVES SECURED \$80,000

Marck Brothers' Safe Opened with Instrument that Looked Like Big Can Opener—Prisoner's Denial.

After a search covering two continents and extending over six months the police captured a man yesterday who gave his name as Louis Mendelbaum, whom they charged with the theft of \$80,000 from the banking house of Frangois and Emile Marck, in Liege, Belgium, in January of this year.

In the first week in January the banking house was entered with skeleton keys. The large safe was forced with an instrument made in the shape of a gigantic can opener. This tore a hole about a foot in diameter in the safe, the strong-box was rifled and property worth 400,000 francs carried off.

Pierre Mall, the Belgian Consul General in this city, secured from his government the depositions taken before the judge who conducted the investigation into the affair, and these were accompanied by photographs and thumb marks of the alleged safe breakers.

In April the local detectives got clues which led them to believe that they had the men who were wanted. The trio got away, however, before they could be captured. The man arrested yesterday, the police say, had left a satchel behind, from which his name, Brjjski, was learned and his alias Mendelbaum.

The police have never given up the chase, and yesterday Detectives Unger and Deutsch got on the right trail and landed the man at Police Headquarters. After communicating with the Belgian Consul General Inspector Russell subjected the prisoner to a long and searching cross-examination.

Mendelbaum, as he calls himself, is about twenty-five years old, and he gave his occupation as that of tailor. He denied any knowledge of the crime with which he is charged, and seemed to know nothing whatever about the banking house of the Marck Brothers, or the city of Liege, where the crime is said to have been committed.

Much of the amount stolen was in jewelry and bonds. The bonds were recovered in London, but the jewelry and about \$8,000 in cash have not been found. One of the clues which led to the fastening of suspicion on Mendelbaum, or Brjjski, was an allegation that he had been seen melting metal some days before the robbery, and it is supposed he was making a duplicate of the key to the banking house and apartment adjoining.

Consul General Mall will make a formal charge, and an application for extradition will be made in due time by the Belgian government.

DOLLY'S WASH MAY COST LIFE

Child Falls from Fire Escape While Hanging It Out.

The doctors and nurses at the Lincoln Hospital are trying to save the life of little Alice Boudit, and her dolly's clothes hang suspended on the fire escape, where she hung them just before she fell and was so badly hurt yesterday afternoon.

Seven years old is Alice and as neat as a pin. "Miss Prim" she is called by those who know what a tidy little body she is. Every afternoon, when she brings dolly back into her home, at No. 237 East 134th street, after a day's play in the street, she hangs dolly's clothes and hangs them out to dry.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon she was out on the fire escape hanging up the tiny bits of lingerie and cambric. Her foot slipped and she fell through the opening to a fire shed two stories below, where she lay unconscious.

At the Lincoln Hospital it was found that Alice had concussion of the brain and a fractured jaw. Dr. Dunlap assured the mother that the child had a chance to live.

CAUSES A LAWYER'S ARREST

Brooklyn Widow Says She Gave O. H. Stearns \$10,000 to Invest.

Gen. H. Stearns, a Brooklyn lawyer, was arrested yesterday at his office, in the Arbutnot Building, charged by Mrs. Georgiana Whitshire, of No. 623 Macon street, with failing to make an accounting of \$10,000, which she gave him to invest.

Magistrate Dooley, of the Adams street police court, held him in \$5,000 bail for a hearing next Monday. The complainant is the widow of Frank G. Whitshire, a furniture manufacturer. Mrs. Whitshire claims the return of the principal and \$1,996.31 in interest.

Mr. Stearns had not been bailed out at a late hour last night. He is sixty-seven years old, is married and lives at No. 2127 Union street, where he is well known socially and in church work.

LOST IN LONDON STREETS.

London, July 19.—Miss Jane Havens, fifty years old, was found wandering, apparently deranged, in the streets here too-day, and returned to give the addresses of friends, but it is thought that she belongs in Boston.

MR. DREXEL'S FINE FLIGHT Carries a Passenger 35 Miles, Partly Over Sea.

Bournemouth, England, July 19.—Mr. Drexel, the American aeronaut, carried a passenger in a Blériot monoplane from Bournemouth to Beaulieu, in Hampshire, a distance of thirty-five miles, this evening. The flight was partly across the sea, and the passenger kept a log of the journey.

PLUGGED NICKEL FOR 13 Gypsy and Her Brood Tie Up Crosstown Traffic.

A gypsy and her twelve children rode in a 125th street crosstown car from the Fort Lee ferry to Eighth avenue last evening without paying any fare. The nearest she came to paying was when she gave the conductor one plugged nickel to pay the transportation charges for the party. When the conductor refused the coin and demanded that she either pay for herself and three of the children who were of suitable age or seek other means of getting to her destination she calmly ignored him.

After a wait of several minutes at Broadway the conductor decided to proceed before traffic got into such a snarl that the temper of the homegoing crowd would be lost. At Eighth avenue an inspector boarded the car, and when he saw the condition of affairs—all the available space occupied by thirteen gypsies and their goods and chattels—he was furious. When he found that they were not even paying for the accommodations he was more furious. A number of conductors and motormen left their cars and assisted in putting the woman off. The children followed.

The conductor explained that the gypsies got into the car before he had taken his position at the entrance and that they compounded their failure to pay as you enter by refusing to pay at all.

A. B. HEPBURN OPTIMIST Sees Good Crops and Great Volume of Business Ahead.

St. Paul, July 19.—That the United States has a good general crop assured, a volume of business ahead that will be heavier than ever, and an outlook warranting a general feeling of optimism is the opinion of A. Barton Hepburn, president of the Chase National Bank, of New York, who is in Minneapolis to-day.

The fall promises to bring out competition for money, Mr. Hepburn said, and rates will probably remain firm. "Because the wheat crop has not turned out well in North Dakota, one finds in Minneapolis now a feeling like that often to be found in New York when prices of stocks are down," said Mr. Hepburn. "The New York feeling is never a safe one to follow, for any view of conditions to be of value must take in the country as a whole."

HELD HEART IN HANDS Surgeon Coolly Stitched Organ Between Pulsations.

Philadelphia, July 19.—For the second time in five weeks Dr. Francis T. Stewart, of the Pennsylvania Hospital, has taken stitches in a fight. To-day he put five stitches in the heart of Joseph Spence, a negro, who received a knife thrust in a fight early this morning. The man was nearly dead when rushed to the hospital, three squares away. Dr. Stewart took each stitch between a pulsation and coolly held the throbbing organ in his hands. In a few hours the victim had regained consciousness, and to-night there is every indication of full recovery. A negro similarly operated on five weeks ago has been discharged from the hospital as cured.

WEALTHY, BUT TAKES \$400 JOB Retired New Jersey Business Man Has Distaste for Idleness.

South Orange, N. J., July 19 (Special).—Distaste for idleness and a desire to perform some civic duty have combined to induce Benjamin S. Comstock, who recently retired from business, to accept the clerkship to the Board of Education at a salary of \$400 a year.

Mr. Comstock was secretary-treasurer of the Central Sales company, of New York, and secretary of the National Products company, of Providence. He was graduated from Princeton in 1880, and had been in the leather business since that time and until he sold out his interests last fall.

The new clerk is a member of the Princeton Club of New York and an Princeton Alumni Association of the Oranges. He is also a member of the American Alpine and the Canadian Alpine clubs and the Explorers' Club. He has been on exploring expeditions to British Columbia eight times.

MEET AFTER 45 YEARS

James Edie, of Flushing, who is visiting at the home of his brother, Richard Edie, in Yonkers, was standing on the public dock there yesterday morning awaiting the arrival of the Albany Day Line boat when James T. Griffin walked across the pier. Edie and Griffin were members of the 14th Regiment, and fought side by side in many Civil War and fought side by side in many battles, and though they had not met in forty-five years they recognized each other instantly. With tears in their eyes the old comrades embraced each other, and a crowd, not knowing the cause of the unusual scene quickly gathered.

Before parting each secured the address of the other, and they promised it would not be forty-five years before they met again.

COLD JULY DAY IN VIRGINIA.

Norfolk, Va., July 19.—To-day was the coldest July 19 in Norfolk, with two exceptions, in forty years. The mercury dropped to 67 degrees. Up to this time 4.8 inches of rain has fallen in this month and grass is turning many truck crops.

READY FOR FIGHT TO CONTROL NEXT HOUSE

Democrats Have Formidable Task to Make Good Their Boasts.

IN THE DOUBTFUL DISTRICTS

Congressional Campaign to Be Formally Opened in Less Than Two Weeks—Demand for Literature.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, July 19.—The campaign for the control of the House of Representatives will be formally opened in less than two weeks. The Republicans will make New York their base of operations, while the Democratic headquarters will be in Washington and Chicago, in both of which cities the Republicans will also maintain branch headquarters. Millions of copies of speeches and other so-called "literature" is now being printed, and for the next three months the mails will be loaded with the messages of hope and promise to American voters.

The House of Representatives consists of 391 members, the Republican majority being 44. Francis Curtis, the expert of the Republican Congressional Committee, has compiled a list of so-called "doubtful" districts. He has included in this list all districts where the plurality of the successful candidates two years ago was less than 5,000. The campaign of both parties will center in the 145 doubtful districts. Mr. Curtis's figures show that the 145 doubtful districts are now represented by seventy-seven Republicans and sixty-eight Democrats.

The fight will be fiercest in fifty-four districts, where the pluralities of the successful candidates two years ago were less than 2,000. These fifty-four districts are now represented by twenty-four Democrats and thirty Republicans. Twenty-nine members of the present House, nine of them Democrats, were elected two years ago by pluralities of less than 1,000. If the Democrats hold what they have and gain in the twenty districts where Republicans were elected by less than 1,000 plurality, the next House will be Republican by five votes.

A Formidable Task.

Notwithstanding the insurgent dissensions in the Republican ranks, the figures show that the Democrats are confronted with a formidable task if they are to make good their boast that they will control the next House. If the Democrats carry every district which they now control and are successful in every other district where the Republican majority two years ago was less than 2,000, the next House will be Democratic by 16 majority. The magnitude of this task will be appreciated when it is remembered that in nine districts two years ago Democrats were elected to the House by less than 1,000 plurality, while in fifteen other districts the Democratic pluralities were less than 2,000. In many of these districts the Republican leaders are confident they will make gains this year.

In five districts the pluralities two years ago were less than 100. In the 10th Massachusetts District the plurality of Representative O'Connell (Democrat) was only four. E. W. Saunders, a Democrat, was elected by 91 plurality in the 5th Virginia District. The plurality of Representative Norris, of the 5th Nebraska District, was twenty-two. Mr. Norris, who was one of the leaders of the insurgents, is facing another hard fight this year. Representative Joyce carried the 15th Ohio District two years ago by a plurality of 57, while Representative Sheffield had only 61 plurality in the 1st Rhode Island District.

Champ Clark's Close District.

Some of the most prominent members of the House come from doubtful districts. Champ Clark, the minority leader, will have to give close attention to his district. Mr. Clark is serving his eighth term in Congress. Two years ago his plurality was only 1,388. Representative Lloyd, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, will not be able to overlook his own fences while conducting a campaign for a Democratic House, for his plurality two years ago was only 3,011. Representative Tawney, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, was elected two years ago by a plurality of 2,861. The Democrats are camping on Mr. Tawney's trail this year, but the Minnesota Representative is accustomed to hard fighting, and his success in November is predicted by persons familiar with the Minnesota political situation. Speaker Cannon's district is not classed as doubtful, inasmuch as "Uncle Joe" had a plurality of 7,375 two years ago.

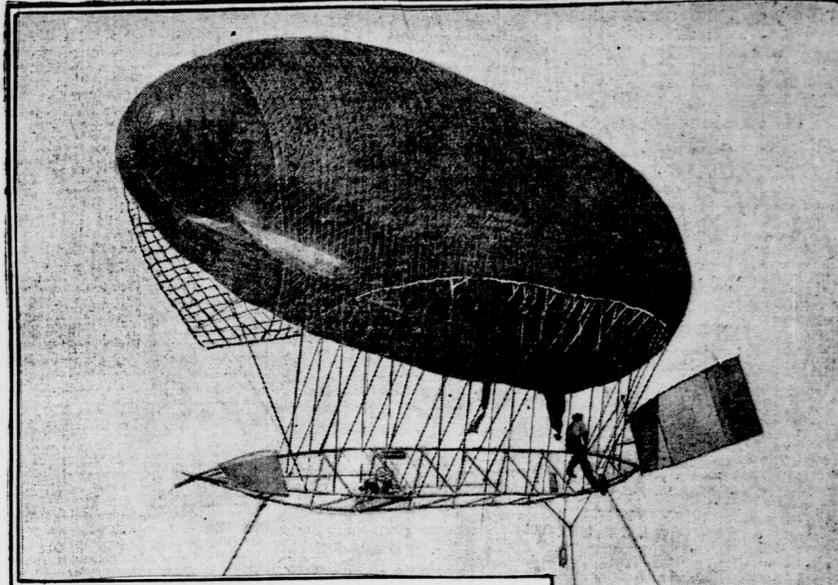
Of the Republican insurgents eleven come from doubtful districts. They are Representatives Cary and Nelson, Wisconsin; Fish, New York; Steenerson, Minnesota; Madison, Kansas; Haughen and Kendall, Iowa; Hayes, California, and Hinshaw, Norris and Kinkaid, Nebraska.

Socialists May Be Represented.

It is possible that the Socialists may have one or two representatives in the next House. The election of a Socialist Mayor in Milwaukee has inspired the members of that party with the hope of carrying the 4th and 5th Wisconsin districts in November. Victor Berger, one of the best known Socialists in the United States, has been nominated for Congress in the 5th District, now represented by William H. Stafford. Nearly ten thousand votes were cast two years ago by the Socialists in the Milwaukee district, now represented by William J. Cary. The New York headquarters of the Republican Congressional Committee will be on the thirteenth floor of the St. James Building. They will be opened August 1, with Representative Loudegar, of New Jersey, in charge. Representative McKinley, chairman of the committee, will divide his time between New York and Chicago. All the campaign speakers for the Middle West and the Pacific Coast will be directed from the Chicago headquarters, where Colonel Henry Casson, sergeant-at-arms and chief of the Republican staff, is now in residence.

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FRANK GOODALE AND THE DIRIGIBLE WHICH MADE NIGHT FLIGHT OVER CITY.



THE YOUNG AERONAUT WHO SURPRISED THE "GREAT WHITE WAY."

AVIATOR HAS CLOSE CALL KILLED IN GRAND CENTRAL

Stevenson Wrecks Machine, but Escapes with Few Bruises.

ASKS FOR A CIGARETTE

This Is the Stock Expression After an Accident—Baldwin Travels Fast.

Garden City, Long Island, July 19 (Special).—Fifteen hundred persons saw an accident to-night in which "Joe" Stevenson came near losing his life as he ever will and come out with a whole skin. In a similar accident an aviator was killed last week in Rheims, France, during the last year.

Stevenson has a machine which is made almost entirely of bamboo, and has a Harriman engine. To-night he intended to make a short run across the field before the other aviators came out. His engine was started and ran well, and when the airplane was released it started away like a shot.

For three hundred feet the machine ran along the ground; then, whether Stevenson lost his head or part of the guide wires bound is not known; at all events, the front control was turned sharply and the machine shot into the air for a height of forty feet, turned almost over, and as the air went from beneath the planes it shot to the ground like lightning.

Every one thought that the aviator was killed, and the crowd swarmed over the fences and ran to the side of the injured man, who was lying beneath the wreck of the machine. The airplane was lifted, and to the surprise of every one, he crawled out and asked for a cigarette.

This asking for a cigarette by aviators every time they meet with a mishap is getting to be a stock expression, but all stick to the formula.

As soon as it was seen that Stevenson was uninjured a cheer went up, but about that time he began to grow pale, and it was then feared that he had been injured internally. He was put in an automobile and sent to the aviation shed, where Dr. R. D. Grimmer made a thorough examination and found that he was only slightly bruised. The airplane, however, was a complete wreck.

Captain Baldwin made a number of good flights to-night, being in the air an hour and a half altogether in short runs. He made five circuits of the field at top speed with his airplane, let out just as fast as it could go, and the way it tore through the air brought the crowd to their feet and had them cheering, each round of the field being made in as good as a mile a minute.

"Joe" Seymour had another narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident. Just as he rose from the ground his wheel was torn off. Seymour felt the shock and looked to see what was the trouble, but kept on and rose to forty feet. After making two rounds of the field he came down slowly.

Tarrytown Merchant Missed Car; Was Crushed to Death.

BIG CROWD SEES ACCIDENT

Unable to Render Assistance for Fear of Third Rail—Women Faint at Sight.

In sight of several hundred concrete yesterday afternoon, on the concrete concourse of the temporary depot of the New York Central Railroad, John Felter, a retired merchant and a Grand Army veteran, was crushed between the electric shoe of a Tarrytown local train and the concourse. He lived for a few minutes after the accident.

Mr. Felter was returning from a fishing excursion. He reached the depot barely a minute before the train he wanted to take, the 5:47 o'clock Tarrytown local, was to leave from Track 4. He ran for the train, but instead of entering the rear car he ran up the platform until he had reached the second car from the motor car. He caught hold of the handrail and swung himself up on the steps. Just as he reached the car platform he lost his balance and fell headlong to the concourse.

Passengers cried out with horror as they saw him fall close to the edge, and three women fainted. As he struck the platform, head foremost, his right leg slipped in between the shoe of the next car and the concourse, and his body was drawn under the slowly moving train.

A porter, standing at the end of the concourse, hearing Mr. Felter's cry and seeing him fall, signalled to the motorman, William Rankin, to stop the train. Putting on the emergency brakes, Rankin brought the train, which was moving slowly, to a sudden stop before it had gone half a car length.

The guards of the train jumped down and ran to the man's assistance. By this time more than five hundred people had crowded into the narrow space. Because of the danger of coming into contact with the third rail none dared to go to his aid, until E. J. Davies, a guard, placed his arms around the man's shoulders and lifted him out.

Dr. McCloud, of the medical staff of the New York Central, who is stationed in the emergency ward which the railroad company maintains at the station, was hastily summoned, but by the time he reached Mr. Felter's side he was dead.

FIRST TO KNOW ITS POPULATION.

Washington, July 19.—Rhode Island will be the first state to know its total population as revealed by the thirteenth census. The announcement for the entire state is almost ready, and may be made public to-morrow. Special effort by the Census office was made on account of some local requirements.

GOMPERS WINS AT LAST

Buck's Stove Company Abandons Open Shop Policy.

MAY END PROSECUTIONS

Victory Comes After Death of J. W. Van Cleave, Consistent Enemy of Federation.

Cincinnati, July 19.—A peace agreement was reached to-night between the Stove Founders' National Defence Association and President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. This, it is believed, will end the prosecutions by the Buck's Stove Company against officers of the American Federation of Labor. The stove company, it is announced, has abandoned the open shop policy and will employ none but union men in the future.

James W. Van Cleave, head of the Buck's company and former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, died on May 15, after six years' warfare against the Federation of Labor.

In the course of his fight he obtained an injunction from the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia forbidding the Federation to boycott his company or to print its name in the "unfair list" in "The Federationist," the organ of the organization. For violating that injunction Judge Wright imposed a sentence of a year's imprisonment on Gompers, six months on Secretary Frank Morrison and nine months on John Mitchell.

Alton B. Parker, of New York, was retained to argue the appeal of the labor leaders. James M. Beck, of New York, argued for the company. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia upheld the action of Judge Wright. Then an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, which has not yet passed on the question.

ACTOR CRUSHED IN ELEVATOR

Robert Dempster Recently Signed Contract with the Shuberts.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Milwaukee, July 19.—Robert Dempster, the leading man of the Alhambra stock company, who last season played in the company with Mabel Barrison, narrowly escaped death in an elevator accident here this morning.

Dempster was returning to his apartments. The janitor was out, and Dempster started to run the elevator himself. He lost control and was caught at the fifth floor and crushed. It is feared that he may be crippled for life. He recently signed a contract with the Shuberts for the coming season.

WANT \$45,000 FOR LYNCHING

Etherington Estate Asks \$5,000 Penalty and \$40,000 Damages.

Newark, Ohio, July 19.—George Bohon, president of the Mercer National Bank at Harrodsburg, Ky., and administrator of the estate of Carl Etherington, the anti-saloon detective, who was lynched here on July 8, made formal demand upon the Licking County authorities to-day for the \$5,000 penalty authorized by the state to be paid by the county to the estate of persons lynched.

Bohon stated to-night that he would bring suit in the federal court for \$40,000 damages against ex-Sheriff Linke and his bondsmen.

ROCKEFELLER MUST PAY MORE

Forest Hill Tax Valuation Increased Over 500 Per Cent.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Cleveland, July 19.—Taxes on Forest Hill have been increased over 500 per cent by the quadrennial appraisers. They value the favorite home of John D. Rockefeller at \$1,415,300, and have so reported to County Auditor Prestein. The last appraisal of this property, made in 1900, was \$282,220.

Unless Mr. Rockefeller appears in protest before the county board of equalization he will be compelled to write a check for the increased taxes. It is expected he will make a fight.

GETS \$700,000 FOR KIND AOT

Motorman Helped Stranded Miner—Now Gets a Fortune.

Macon, Ga., July 19.—Shortly before the Klondike gold boom, W. W. Miller, a motorman of this city, met J. F. Curley, a miner, stranded and without funds. He took him in, fed him and gave him money with which to travel as far as Birmingham. That was the last he heard of the bread he received until yesterday, when he received word that Curley had died in Dawson City and left him a fortune estimated at \$700,000.

GOODALE OVER CITY IN FIRST NIGHT FLIGHT

Big Crowd in the "Great White Way" Cheers Young Aviator from Jersey.

PALISADES PARK AND BACK

Makes Round Trip in 40 Minutes and Gives Blase Roof Garden Audiences a Real Thrill.

The first night voyage in New York air currents was successfully accomplished last night by Frank Goodale, known a year or so ago as the boy aeronaut, who travelled from Palisades Park, on the Jersey shore, to Broadway and 42d street and back again in forty minutes.

Broadway did not give the daring young man the reception that would have been accorded to him, had he made the trip in daylight, or had heralded his coming. The streets were crowded when Goodale, who had been steering his craft southward over Eighth avenue, swerved to the east and allowed himself to be borne along in the current which sweeps the Times Building on its south side.

The streets were crowded at the time when he arrived, the presence of a certain negro pugilist as the principal attraction at a roof garden in that neighborhood bringing out hundreds of the curious who want to see the man who made Reno famous and sent the white champion back to the obscurity to which he voluntarily retired several years ago.

Pugilist Ceases to Attract.

But the fickle multitude demonstrated the strength of the fame of an exemplar of fistic prowess when compared to a sure enough demonstration of man's supremacy over the air. Johnson's automobile, standing in the street opposite the stage entrance of the theatre where he is appearing, ceased to interest the throng, and all necks twisted to give the eyes above them a free view of the marvel that was being unfolded before them.

Goodale could be seen plainly as he manipulated the machinery of his craft, the dirigible Strobel, built especially for his use by a manufacturer of Toledo. The aeronaut was sailing along high above the heads of his audience, but a number of searchlights on the Hotel Astor, playing on his dirigible, made his movements easily discernible to those who were standing on solid ground.

The streets became more and more packed with humanity. Traffic was practically suspended for the ten minutes that Goodale remained in the environs of Times Square, and the first desultory cheers of those who stood below and marvelled finally grew in volume until they reached the man in one loud current of sound. Audiences at roof garden shows heard and wondered. And the more they wondered the less the theatrical entertainment that was being provided for their amusement seemed to interest them.

Excitement on Roof Garden.

The patrons of Hammerstein's Roof Garden were thrown into great excitement when, in the middle of the fourth act, the sounds of "chug, chug" were heard overhead. Somebody yelled "Air-ship!" and instantly a thousand necks were stretched toward the sky. Barely fifty feet overhead they saw a man on the flimsy framework of what looked like a flying caterpillar. He sang out, "Hello, Hammerstein's," and the crowd scrambled to the open roof to cheer the aeronaut as he passed by. Few in the crowd knew that it was Goodale.

Late diners left their tables and rushed out to add to the troubles of a sorely distressed patrolman. Everywhere was the snarl of traffic except in the air. Goodale had the air to himself. Few of those who fought for a place to view his evolutions would have disputed his mastery with him.

Sweeps Over Big Buildings.

To show how complete that supremacy was the young aeronaut threw his rudder over and veered around the Times Building in a majestic curve. After making one complete circle he put his rudder over and swerved around the new building at Broadway and the 43d street, where the new George M. Cohan theatre is being constructed, and then, by daring manipulation of his machine, described a perfect figure eight by once more encircling the Times Building. Again he repeated this feat and then sailed northward in the direction from which he had come.

The eyes of the multitude followed him until his machine disappeared in the darkness. Only was the first to pick him up, refused to surrender Goodale to the mysterious gloom into which he had ventured to trust his machine, and followed him until he had completed his journey and had alighted safe and sound at his starting point in Palisades Park.

Goodale left the park at exactly 9:10 o'clock. At 9:50 o'clock he came back to earth to face a crowd that threatened to crush him and his dirigible, so determined was its desire to congratulate the young man who had shown the ferryboats that the competition begun by the tunnels under the river bottoms might yet be increased by aerial transportation routes.

Only a Beginning, He Says.

The aeronaut himself said after his return that his trip was only a beginning. His trip from a point on the Jersey shore to Broadway and 42d street occupied less than fifteen minutes, and he could have easily made a landing, he insisted, right in the centre of Times Square if he had sent his men there to assist him.

He spoke lightly of the dangers of his night trip, and said he had passed within thirty feet of one of the tallest skyscrapers in the city, and could easily make a landing on the top of a building if it were equipped with a proper platform. "I regard night time as the safest for