

BLERIOT TUMBLES FROM THE CLOUDS

Thousands, Breathless, Watch Blazing Machine Drop Through Air.

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aviators who hope to beat Farman's record for the Michelin prize are also on today's card.

Curtiss again will be the center of interest when he tries to take the lap record from Bleriot.

A special prize has been established to encourage mechanicians. The mechanic of every machine starting today will be given five francs for each kilometer covered in addition to the three prizes of 2,000, 1,000, and 500 francs, which go to the pilot.

Curtiss' official record when he won the Gordon Bennett trophy, otherwise known as the international cup of aviation, was 20 kilometers (12.42 miles) in 15 minutes and 50.35 seconds. The competition lay between Curtiss, the one American entered, the Englishman, using a French car, and three Frenchmen. The Austrian and Italian cars entered and defaulted.

Curtiss brought over one machine and accomplished his purpose. The most remarkable feature of the whole race was the cool reception given the American when he scored his victory. The Frenchmen believed they had everything in their favor and thought they had the race practically won. The manner in which Curtiss upset their calculations was a severe blow to their national pride.

The race lay between Bleriot and Curtiss. Latham, during the early stages, had a chance. Bleriot was handicapped by having to fly in a machine that was practically new since an accident two days ago made extensive repairs necessary.

Makes Early Start.

Curtiss started early. At 10 o'clock in the morning he considered the conditions favorable and after a short trial trip over the course on which he had set one record the day before he started in the race for the cup.

Curtiss' flight was watched with consternation in the Bleriot camp. On a trial trip the French favorite could not touch the early performance of the American. Santos-Dumont, who was in the camp as an adviser, thought that a two-bladed propeller be substituted, but on a second trial trip this brought the Frenchman to a standstill.

Bleriot replaced the original propeller and tinkered with his machine for several hours.

When the flight was finished the American flag was run up on the signal pole in the "timekeepers' stand and the hand struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner." There was a prolonged demonstration among the American spectators and a marked coolness among the Frenchmen.

Ambassador White was one of the first to congratulate Curtiss after he climbed off his machine.

"I came to see you win," the ambassador said, "and you have done it." Quentin Roosevelt said, "It was bully."

MAY ENTER PROTEST AGAINST FARHAM

PARIS, Aug. 28.—The Figaro says in its issue of today that a protest will be lodged against Henry Farham, who made the record distance aerial flight at Rheims, and won a grand prize of \$30,000.

It is charged that Farham changed motors just before his ascent, thus infringing upon the committee's conditions. In the event of the protest being upheld, the prize will go to Hubert Latham.

Le Matin announces the organization of a long-distance aeroplane race to take place before the end of August next, over a course extending from Paris, Belfort, Nancy, and Lille. The first prize will be \$30,000.

ZEPPELIN SAILS IN, GETS ROYAL HONORS

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Church bells clanged, royal salutes were fired, and hundreds of thousands of residents cheered just after noon today when the airship Zeppelin III, with Count Zeppelin steering, appeared over Tempelhof field.

After gracefully dipping three times to the Kaiser, who stood with his suite in the center of the field, the large craft swooped away gracefully like a great bird, in the direction of Kreuzer, and then returned to the point where the Emperor stood.

The Emperor embraced Zeppelin enthusiastically, and abandoning all reserve, showered felicitations upon the count as Germany's greatest aeronaut. The entire city was wild with excitement over the flight, and nothing else was discussed for several days.

The enthusiasm started when the big ship was seen coming from Potsdam, carrying the "grand admiral of the German navy."

Earlier in the day several of the newspapers issued extra or receipt of news from Grossrieden, near Bielefeld, that the Zeppelin III had been sighted approaching the end of the 400-mile journey from Friedrichshafen. Count Zeppelin left the latter place at daylight on Friday morning. During his voyage he lost the propeller near Schmolmin and descended Saturday morning at Bitterfeld for repairs.

Zeppelin's performances and his courage in the face of adverse incidents have led to the counting of the phrase "dementia Zeppelina" as a synonym for perseverance.

The expression is commonly heard that the count has conquered the winds.

MAY BE BREAKING BALLOON RECORDS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 28.—All records for long-distance balloon flights with five persons in the basket are believed to have been broken by Louis Sylvester von Puhl and four friends, business men and brokers, who ascended last night for a night trip. At an early hour this morning the party dropped a message in Tennessee, just across the border, that they were in the best shape, and still going.

No further message has been received from them, and it is believed that they have landed in the Tennessee mountains away from telegraphic communication.

The ascension was made by Von Puhl, who seeks his pilot's license. The party ascended from the aero grounds of the Aero Club of St. Louis, in the St. Louis III.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 28.—Joseph Moore, a veteran of the civil war, who filled an old canteen he carried during his service with gold, complained to the police today that it had been stolen. The police arrested William Watterson, of Durham, on whom was found \$300.

VICTOR OVER FRENCHMEN



GLENN CURTISS.

TRAINS IN CRASH; NO DAMAGE DONE

Passengers, Panic-Stricken, See Freight Bearing Down on Them.

Passengers on the Chesapeake Beach train leaving Washington at 11 o'clock this morning were treated to all the sensations that accompany a rear end collision without any one being injured or any damage being done to the work train and passenger train involved.

When the 11 o'clock beach express had gone about ten miles on its journey the engineer discovered something wrong with the airbrakes and brought his train to a standstill. The first operator, an inspection of the brakes showed that an air hose had been punctured and the crew started to repair the damage. While the repairs were being made a work train came thundering down the line from Washington. The brakeman brought his red flag, the track torpedoes exploded noisily, and two toots from the work train engine assured the stalled crew that the signals had been done. But the work train was having its troubles also, for when the engineer of the approaching train attempted to bring his cars to a stop, his brakes wouldn't work either.

There was excitement to spare when the passengers saw destruction approaching, and began to pile off the coaches. But the catastrophe did not happen, thanks to the same upgrade that had stopped the express. The engineer on the work train reversed his engine, and when the grade was struck the train slowed down. The engine struck the express a savage jolt, and scraped some paint from the platform rails. Otherwise no damage was done. Several of the ladies in the rear coach of the express grew hysterical, and were sent back to Washington, but the repairs to the air hose were soon made, and the express was sent on its way after slight delay.

SLAYER OUT ON BAIL, SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Kentuckian, Who Was Facing Term in Penitentiary, Is Instantly Killed.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 28.—E. L. Johnson was shot from ambush and instantly killed while standing at his gate, in Elliott county today.

Johnson was given twenty-one years in the penitentiary last term of the Elliott circuit court for killing his brother-in-law, Will Harper, but got a new hearing and was out on bond.

STEAMER IS AGROUND IN FOG OFF CALAIS

CALAIS, Aug. 28.—The channel mail steamer Nord, plying between Dover and this port, ran aground in a fog here this morning.

For a while there was almost a panic among the passengers until they were assured by the captain and crew that there was no danger.

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HUNGER AND DEATH REIGN IN MONTEREY

Floods Recede—Living Victims Face Pestilence and Starvation. (Continued From First Page.)

For shelter, the food supply began to grow slim today.

Business Suspended. The inhabitants who are high and dry, as well as those stricken, must depend upon the incoming trains for provisions, as the markets have been closed, all business at a standstill, and outside communication practically cut off for nearly three days.

The fear of pestilence is worrying the authorities today. The health office, inadequate and poorly equipped, is hardly able to cope with the situation, and the stench from the dead bodies had already become a menace by noon today.

A canvass this morning of the damage places the actual loss to property at \$2,000,000. The effect of the flood on the business interests can hardly be estimated yet but it will be felt for many months to come.

A loss of nearly a million dollars is reported from the great steel plant at Monterey. The huge smelter of the Mexican Lead Company is submerged and is completely cut off from the city. Just how much it is damaged can not yet be told. It is thought that the loss will reach \$3,000,000 at the least.

Consulate Damaged. The American consulate was damaged to the extent of \$100,000. For a few hours the employees at the consulate had to abdicate, and though great inconvenience was caused no lives were lost.

Many of the houses wrecked were not directly injured by the flood, but by the wreckage that was swept past them by the swift current of the Santa Catarina. When the flood was at its height, the current attained a speed of over twenty miles an hour.

Residents say today that unnecessary damage was done when the rescuers were caught off their guard. Yesterday afternoon the river had receded to its banks, and though great inconvenience was caused no lives were lost. Many of the houses wrecked were not directly injured by the flood, but by the wreckage that was swept past them by the swift current of the Santa Catarina. When the flood was at its height, the current attained a speed of over twenty miles an hour.

Is Unprecedented. The earlier records of previous floods unearthed today show nothing in many ways that equaled that of yesterday. This fact was responsible for much of the loss of life. Having seen the floods that came near their homes and then receded, the inhabitants lost time in deserting their homes, and even after they were almost surrounded, they refused to leave the houses, believing the waters would recede.

For many months in the year the Santa Catarina is a dry bed without a sign of water. During the rainy season it becomes a fair sized stream, and during the deluge of the last few days the lines of its banks were absolutely obliterated. Having seen the floods that came near their homes and then receded, the inhabitants lost time in deserting their homes, and even after they were almost surrounded, they refused to leave the houses, believing the waters would recede.

Work of Relief. The American Red Cross is ready to take any steps necessary to answer a call from Monterey for relief work. Secretary Magee has been in his office at the War Department all day, awaiting advice from the afflicted districts.

Absolutely no official news of the catastrophe has been received in Washington. No news has been received by the State Department from Ambassador Thompson, or any of the consuls scattered throughout the Mexican provinces. It is believed at the department that this dearth of news is due to lack of communication facilities between the afflicted districts, and the fact that Ambassador Thompson is waiting for official and authentic facts as to the number killed and injured and the loss.

An appeal that may come to the American National Red Cross for relief will come through the State Department from Ambassador Thompson. At present the society has no available funds for immediate dispatch. In case of a call for aid, however, a general appeal will be sent broadcast to the American people.

Senor Don Francisco de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador in this city, is also without news. He had received no news from Monterey until he was at a late hour this afternoon. It was said at the embassy that notification was hourly expected.

MATRIMONIAL COLONY.

PRESHO, S. D., Aug. 28.—The young unmarried men of Presho have organized an Anti-Bachelors' Association, their purpose being to form a fraternity and to induce young ladies to make Presho their home, as young women of marriageable age are scarce here.

JAILS HIS PRISONERS AFTER LONG SEARCH

After extracting his men, then losing them, and finally relocating them after a hard search, Detective Carl Flather this morning landed Lee Durling and Manuel Brown, both negroes, of 117 G street southwest, in cells at the Court House, where they are held to answer a charge of swindling John Handley out of \$1,000.

According to Detective Flather, the alleged game was with the ancient "pocketbook trick."

MUTE MAY MARRY BALTIMORE WIDOW

"Blushing" Young Woman Answers Rich Farmer's Advertisement for Wife. (Continued From First Page.)

PITTSBURG, Aug. 29.—A. O. J. Frederick, the rich young deaf and dumb farmer of Washington, Ohio, may get a wife. James E. Tague, inspector of employment agencies, has found an applicant for the position. She is Mrs. R. O. Stewart, of 105 Pleasant street, Baltimore, Md. It would be better, perhaps, to say that Mrs. Stewart, a blushing young widow, by the way, is in a receptive mood. She wrote Farmer Frederick in care of the inspector. Here is the letter:

"Noticing your advertisement for a wife, I am a widow, twenty-six years of age, and have one little girl two years old. Would like to have a companion. Hoping to hear from you, I beg to remain,

"MRS. R. O. STEWART."

As this is distinctly a commercial age, and Frederick is apparently practical in his methods, the letter may make a hit with him. Tague forwarded it to Washington last night.

TRIES SEVEN TIMES TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Every Time Girl Goes Out With Another Man William Perry Grows Despondent.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 28.—Every time his girl goes out with another fellow, William Perry, forty, of Columbus, attempts suicide.

Last night she went out with her seventh fellow and Perry made his seventh effort to kill himself. He took carbolic acid but the doctors saved him.

He has tried throat-cutting, hanging, asphyxiation, carbolic acid, and jumping off a bridge. The girl says she likes him, but just can't resist going to the park with another man occasionally.

Died. STRANAHAN—On Sunday, August 28, at 12:30 a. m. MELVILLA J., beloved wife of George N. Stranahan, aged sixty-three years.

CANDLER—On Friday, August 27, 1909, at 8:40 p. m. Mrs. BETTIE E. CANDLER (nee Girard), aged seventy years.

HOTELER—On Saturday morning, August 28, 1909, JOHN W., husband of Fannie M. Hoteler, aged seventy-eight years.

COTTRELL—On Saturday, August 28, 1909, at 2:40 p. m. EDWARD BRYAN COTTRELL, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

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