

YOUNG ACTRESS SAILS AIRSHIP

MISS DE VAUGHN UNDAUNTED BY ACCIDENTS

Seven Attempts Made to Reach Earth Before Landing Is Accomplished. Frame of Airship Badly Broken

Standing on a slender rod 1000 feet in the air, with one shapely hand lightly holding a rod, while with the other she waved to the thousands of spectators in Chutes baseball park, pretty Nellie DeVaughn made her first trip in an airship yesterday.

Miss DeVaughn and Prof. Trombly made the ascension in The Bullet from Chutes park about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and from the beginning met with a series of accidents.

Drops Crank to Ground The aeronaut had decided to wait until he reached a sufficient height before using his engines, as he attributes some of his former failures to turning on the power too soon.

With all these accidents Miss DeVaughn maintained perfect composure and asserts that at no time was she frightened.

At this point the airship came to a dead standstill in the air. By hard work Mr. Trombly succeeded in turning it around but the wind caught it and carried it rapidly east, beyond the vision of the spectators in the park.

East of Eastlake park a strong wind was encountered and the aeronaut attempted to make a landing but was caught in some trees. He again ascended and a little farther on dipped for the ground but was caught on a fence. He made seven efforts to reach the ground and not until the airship had nearly reached El Molino could he make a landing.

FIRE THREATENS LIFE OF AN AGED COUPLE

NEAR TO DEATH IN A BURNING HOUSE

Supposed Incendiary Fire Completely Destroys One House, Guts Another and Burns Roof From Third

Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed two houses, damaged a third and nearly caused the deaths of an old man and woman, who were sleeping in one of the burning buildings.

The fire started in the home of W. W. Perrine, 1785 Albion street, which was occupied by his aunt and uncle. Before they could be awakened the house was in flames and the fire had spread to the house at 1781 Albion street, formerly occupied by W. J. Still, and to 1780 Albion street, occupied by F. P. Fungate.

Rushing from the house just in time to save their lives, Mr. Perrine's relatives aroused the Fungate family. Before the fire department could get the flames under control the Perrine house was completely destroyed, the unoccupied house was gutted and the roof burned from the Fungate residence.

The houses were owned by Mrs. V. E. Theleferro, 346 West Avenue Fifty-seven. She is of the opinion that incendiaries did the work, as she has had trouble with persons whose names she refuses to make public. She estimates the damage at about \$4000.

To Keep Watches Clean

Open the front case of the watch and with a soft match, cut chisel-shape at the end, rub a little vaseline all round seat of the case where the lid fits. Close the front, open the back and treat in the same way. Only a very small quantity is required, just enough to grease it thoroughly all round.

A family living in the city of Tiflis, in the Caucasus, consists of five members whose combined age is 395 years.

LOS ANGELES GIRL BRAVES DANGERS OF FLIGHT IN AIRSHIP



Miss Nellie De Vaughn

GHOST OF AGED CRONE APPEARED

WAS NOT BURIED WHERE HER WILL DECREED

Died of Starvation With Wallet Full of Banknotes Pressed to Her Bosom—Wedding Silver in Hovel

Special to The Herald. MONTGOMERY, Pa., Sept. 24.—An odd story comes from the western part of White Deer valley, near the village of Ellmsport. The ghost of Cassie Foster is declared to have been seen in the vicinity of the hovel where, several years ago, she was found dead, from starvation.

The apparition of the scrawny old woman is declared to have been seen by a lonely traveler on his way from Collomsville to this place. The traveler declares that, owing to the light from the moon, he was able to see the ghostly form distinctly, and that at one point near the entrance to the little old log house, back from the road, the shadowy thing stopped and waved its arms as though it were about to fly.

A Good Character for a Ghost

Cassie Foster was a fine character for a ghost play. Eccentric even to oddity, the old woman for many years lived alone in a log hut at the foot of the mountain, and in the very heart of a forest that lined itself along on either side of the road, the latter running a rod away from the hovel. She was reported to be wealthy, and in a small room upstairs was stored heavy silver plate that was given to her as a bridal gift when she was married to a rich farmer in the far west. After his death she came into the White Deer section, purchased twenty acres of timber land and built upon it the little log house. In this she lived with a flock of pigeons which were taught to roost upon the roof of her bed.

Surrounded thus the old woman—for she was nearly 70 years old when she died—lived severely alone. Occasionally the farmers' wives who lived nearest would call on the old lady, but she was never amiable enough to boken much of a welcome, so she was permitted to live the life of a recluse.

Rats Ate Fingers and Ears

One day two wives of farmers, nothing having been seen of Cassie for more than a week, trudged over the rocky road to the hovel in the woods. The door of the cabin stood open. The old woman's shoes were on the floor in the kitchen. But she was not in sight. One of the women climbed to the head of the stairs, where, almost within arms length from the top step, lay the old woman, dead in bed, her wasted form and face having already taken on the horrible caricature of a skeleton.

She had been dead several days, and an official investigation brought out the fact that she had literally died from starvation. She was dressed as fully as she ever dressed, and under her waist, in the cavity of her sunken chest, was found her wallet. In this was a number of nicely-pressed bank bills, and her bank book, showing that she had on deposit in a Williamsport bank a considerable amount of money.

Named Her Burial Spot

In the Williamsport bank was also a will, and in this she designated the spot where she desired to be buried. The spot selected was at the foot of an old chestnut stump, five paces westward from the door of her cabin, and her declaration in this respect was so pronounced that she stated specifically that her remains, under no consideration, should be buried elsewhere. But before the will was read the body had been interred in a cemetery at Ellmsport, and there it remained. The old lady had bequeathed all her money to the headquarters of the Salvation Army in New York, so that there were no funds available for a reinterment.

Not many months after her burial people passing the Cassie Foster hovel at night believed they saw a queer light in the place, and they heard sounds that reminded them of the old woman

praying, as she was wont to do by the hour. But this ghostly visitation gradually was forgotten until the experience of the Collomsville man, who one night last week was startled by seeing the apparition of the old woman moving restlessly in and out among the trees. The superstitious of the valley declare that the spirit of the old woman will never rest until the bones of her body are buried at the foot of the old stump, as she decreed.

STREET RAILWAY MEN MEET

Convention of Railroad Organizations Opens in Philadelphia This Week

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—More than 1000 men interested in the operation of street car lines, including manufacturers of street cars and appliances will be here this week for the annual convention of associations interested in street railways.

FRANCE ASKS VENEZUELA TO RECONSIDER NOTE

LATTER REFUSED TO TREAT WITH M. TAIGNEY

Declares Protest Can Be Considered Only an Act of Personal Hostility, Judge Calhoun Is Studying the Situation

CARACAS, Venezuela, Sept. 24.—The French government has asked the Venezuelan government to reconsider its note. The note referred to in the above dispatch was issued September 20 by the Venezuelan government and was in reply to a protest lodged September 19 by M. Taigney, the French charge d'affaires, against the closing of the land stations of the French cable company and the expulsion of the manager of the company, M. Brun. It said: "The government holds documents proving that the French Cable company has accepted the result of the judicial proceedings brought against it. The government is only waiting to establish new relations between it and the company. M. Taigney knows this and therefore the protest can be considered only an act of personal hostility. For this reason the government will abstain from treating with the French government through M. Taigney."

Former Judge W. J. Calhoun, who is charged with a special mission to Venezuela on behalf of the United States, is studying the situation brought about by the closing of the land stations of the French Cable company, the expulsion of the manager of the company, M. Brun, and the refusal of Venezuela to deal with the French government through its charge d'affaires, M. Taigney. Judge Calhoun conferred today for two hours with M. Taigney.

Hetty Green Advises Investors

"Oh, yes! And in what do you invest?" "Railroads and real estate. I believe in getting in either at the top or at the bottom. I like to buy railroad stock or mortgage bonds. When I see a good thing going cheap because nobody wants it I buy a lot of it and tuck it away. Then when the time comes they have to hunt me up and pay me a good price for my holdings. I own a lot of city mortgages in crowded sections. They seem to me as 'good' as anything." "How about stocks and bonds?" "I don't much believe in stocks. Wall street is no place for a woman; I try to steer clear of it and I never buy industrials. Railroads and real estate are the things I like. You see I believe in using common sense in business. Before deciding on an investment I therefore seek out every kind of information about it. There is no great secret in fortune making. All you have to do is to buy cheap and sell dear, act with thrift and shrewdness and then be persistent."—Carol Ford in National Magazine.

The municipality of Berlin will spend \$1,904,000 for harbor improvements, including construction of an elevator and railroad tracks.

BRINGS DETAILS OF NOME FIRE

STEAMER OLYMPIA ARRIVES AT SEATTLE

Conflagration Started in Alaska Saloon Building and Consumed Forty-Three Business Structures Before It Was Checked

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—The steamer Olympia arrived last night from Nome where she left September 15 with news of the fire which wiped out several blocks in the heart of the city on the morning of September 13. The Post-Intelligencer's special correspondent at Nome says of the fire: "The fire started at 3 o'clock in the morning in the Alaska saloon building, owned by Dean & O'Reilly, and was not checked until forty-three business buildings on both sides of Front street were destroyed. Some twenty or more cabins in the rear of the buildings on the north side of Front street were also destroyed. That the fire was checked in the west was solely due to the prompt action of Scheid & Co., assisted by many willing hands. In the short space of forty-five minutes Scheid & Co. had taken two boilers to the lagoon on River street, made connections with a pump, attached a hose and a stream was playing on the burning buildings. A second boiler was soon in position and another line of hose attached, and then only did the hundreds of people watching the fire breathe a sigh of relief."

When the fire started and during its progress there was little wind. So far as known up to the sailing of the Olympia there were no fatalities. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp. An alarm was promptly turned in, but by the time the chemical arrived the flames had gained such headway that little check could be made.

The inflammable nature of the buildings caused the fire to spread rapidly and this was accelerated by the explosion of gasoline tanks in the buildings on both sides of the street. With each explosion the burning gasoline was scattered far and wide. In the narrow street the heat was so intense that fighting the fire from that quarter became impossible.

The losses are: D. Bianchi, Tacoma grocery, \$6000; Monogram saloon, \$4000; King & King, grocery; \$500; city hall, \$5000; Hunter saloon, \$8000; Carmen building, \$7000; Eagle saloon, \$2000; Pioneer building, \$9000; bowling alley, \$1000; Monte Carlo building, \$3000; A. B. C. saloon, \$4000; Eldorado building, \$4000; Eldorado saloon, \$3000; Northern saloon, \$5000; Columbia building, \$5000; New York store, \$3000; Alaska building, \$10,000; Mather building, \$5000; Second Class saloon building, \$4000; Second Class saloon, \$2500; Royal cafe, \$5000; Monopole cigar building, \$2000; Royal cafe building, \$5000; Gem cigar store, damage \$500; Nome cigar store, damage \$500; Reception building, \$5000; Alaskan Telephone & Telegraph company, \$2000; Pacific Cold Storage company, \$500; J. V. Bursik clothing store, \$8000; Simonson Brothers, owners of the building, \$2000; Dr. Wesley, loss on building, \$1500; W. A. Boyce, machine shop, \$300; North Pole bakery, \$3500; Lucy J. Campbell, \$1500; Butler & Jose building, \$2500; H. O. Butler, druggist, \$4000; Elite bath house, \$6000; J. P. Parker & Co., grocers, \$5000; Horseshoe restaurant, \$1000; C. J. Junte, barber shop, \$2000; North Star restaurant, \$3000; Emporium clothing store, \$3000; Delmonico restaurant and building, \$3000; The Hub saloon, \$20,000; Mrs. S. Car-scadden, \$1500; Klondike restaurant, \$2000.

WORKING ON HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE

DOCUMENT OCCUPYING TIME OF THE PRESIDENT

Life Insurance, Venezuela and Santo Domingo Are Three Important Topics Which Mr. Roosevelt Will Consider

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt will complete his summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill and return to Washington next Saturday. The president, Mrs. Roosevelt and members of their family, Secretary and Mrs. Loeb and the members of the executive force will leave here about 11 o'clock Saturday morning on a special Long Island train. They will go by boat from Long Island City to Jersey City and thence via the Pennsylvania road to Washington, reaching the capital shortly after 6 o'clock.

The president is devoting considerable time each day now to work on his annual message to congress. For some time he has been assembling data for the message, but since the adjournment of the peace conference he has been writing the data into definite form. The message will not be completed until some time in November, because each member of the cabinet will have to supply material for discussion of the work of his department. This information will be contained in the annual reports of the cabinet officers, which have not been completed.

Three topics highly important at this time to the American people will be discussed by the president in his message. They are the federal regulation and supervision of life insurance, the relations between this country and Venezuela and America's interest in the financial affairs of the government of Santo Domingo. Other important subjects naturally will be considered, among them the scandals disclosed in the departments of agriculture and the interior, the work of the department of justice in the beef trust cases, the regulation of railroad freight rates, the progress made in the construction of the Panama canal and the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan. Much of the material for the discussion of these subjects President Roosevelt has now in hand, and the last days of his stay at Sagamore Hill are devoted to the preparation of that part of his message which will deal with them.

OBJECTS TO SICKLES' DOG

Relative of General Wants Animal's Remains Removed From Family Lot

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The burial of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles' pet spaniel "Bo-Bo" in Beechwood cemetery, is resented in New Rochelle by residents who have buried relatives and friends there, where for years most of the prominent families have laid their dead.

Yesterday George D. Sawyer, a relative of Gen. Sickles, demanded of President Henry M. Lester, of the board of cemetery trustees that the body of the dog be removed. He said that the plot in which the dog was buried contains the bodies of his step-mother, Mrs. Mary S. Sickles, sister of the general, and her daughter, and that unless the trustees removed the dog's body he would take legal action. Mr. Lester promised to bring the matter before the trustees. Sawyer said to Mr. Lester: "Gen. Sickles has no more right to the plot than the other members of the family. It was originally purchased by his father, and at his death went to the heirs, among them my step-mother, Mary S. Sickles. All this talk about Gen. Sickles wishing to be buried beside his faithful dog is nonsense. I don't believe that he expects to be buried in New Rochelle. He owns a plot in a Brooklyn cemetery, where his first wife and daughter are buried, and in all probability he will have his grave beside them."

It is said that the body of Bo-Bo was brought from New York in a suit case and that Superintendent John Ross, under the instructions of Gen. Sickles buried it in a pine box. Sawyer says the cemetery authorities did not even compel the general to get a burial permit from the board of health.

WILL NOT SEE SUFFERING

Prince of Wales to Witness Only the Glided Side of Life in India

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Owing to famine and plague prevalent in many districts of India, the visit of the prince and princess of Wales to India will have many of its splendors eclipsed, although Lord Curzon has made great preparations to have the prince impressed with the immense love and admiration of the natives for the British throne.

Because of the distress in Madras, the royal couple will not be permitted to visit there, as it is not the intention of the India authorities to permit them to get a glimpse of the suffering that seems inseparable from British rule in India. Tens of thousands of natives are dying of famine and the government does little to prevent or cure the cause of the evil, declining even to reduce the exorbitant tax on the chief necessity of the native—salt. The eyes of the royal tourists, however, will not witness any of his distress, for Lord Curzon has arranged that the prince and princess will see only the glided side of life in India and nothing of the famine and plague conditions that have become permanent.

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GIVES A DIFFERENT VERSION

Colorado Man Has a Dictionary Published in 1725 Telling of the Discovery of America

LITTLETON, Colo., Sept. 24.—W. H. Picklin of Littleton has in his possession a copy of Stone's dictionary, published in 1725, which gives the following account of the discovery of America:

"A Portuguese vessel, going to the East Indies, was, by stress of weather, driven upon the coast of Ponant, and she found herself near this country. All the crew perished through hunger and want, except one pilot and four sailors, who, being returned to the port in the island of Maderia, full of fatigue and misery, died a little time after at the house of one Christopher Columbus, a Genoese by birth, who was a sailor in that island, and to whom they gave an account of their voyage and the country they had discovered. Columbus applied for assistance to discover this country to Alphonso V, king of Portugal, and Henry the VII, king of England, who rejected his proposal, thinking it a mere dream. In 1486 he communicated his design to several persons of the Spanish court. They, too, thought his request vain and extravagant; till at last Alphonso de Quintaville, great treasurer of Spain, promised to assist him as soon as the war, which the Spaniards had with the Moors, was ended. Accordingly he began his voyage the third day of August in the year 1492, and on the 11th of October he discovered the island of Jamaica, one of the sugar islands afterward called Cuba, and landed in the island called Spanish island."

AMUSEMENTS

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER

Well! Well! Well! Another perfect performance worth \$2.00 per seat, and yet the Burbank's regular prices still prevail—10c, 25c, 35c and 50c. We turned hundreds away at both performances yesterday, and we'll do it all this week with the present play, which is positively the best in this city and we defy anyone to say it is not.

Tonight---All Week---Matinee Saturday

The Henrietta

Reappearance of the popular comedian, Mr. Henry Stockbridge, as Bertie. See Blanche Hall as the widow, John Burton as Old Nick, Jane Kelton as Mrs. Vanalstine, William Bernard as Nicholas, Bennett Southard as the English lord, Willis Marks as Musgrave, Monda Glendower as Agnes, Rose King as Lady Mary, H. S. Duffield as Hilton, Raymond Manlova as Flint, etc., etc.

GET YOUR SEATS TODAY FOR ANY PERFORMANCE. DON'T WAIT. BUT GRASP THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE GOT THE SHOW—DON'T YOU FIND IT OUT TOO LATE.

Matinees, 10c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 35c and 50c. NEXT WEEK—Grand spectacular production of "AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS," in which will be introduced a beautiful Amazon March of twenty pretty girls, clever acrobats, whirlwind dancers, in addition to the full strength of the GREAT BURBANK STOCK COMPANY.

ORPHEUM Modern Vaudeville

MISS ROSE STAHL & CO., in "The Chorus Lady," by James Forbes. FRANCIS GERARD, the Modern Hercules. BROWN & BROWN, cartoonist and singer. AVON COMEDY FOUR, "The New Teacher." MISS NINA MORRIS & CO., in "A Friend's Advice." Prices same as last week, 10c, 25c, 50c. Matinees Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE THE FAMILY THEATER

The prettiest pastoral drama ever written. American pure and simple. Matinees Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday, 10c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 50c. NEXT WEEK—"A HUMAN SLAVE."

MASON OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT AND THE ENTIRE WEEK—MATTINEES WED., AND SAT.—THE PIT Adapted from Frank Norris's famous novel by John G. Saxe. Four big acts. Seats on sale. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50. TELS. 79. Wednesday Matinee Special.

THE TYRANNY OF TEARS

Every tear means a laugh to the audience. A fast and superbly played by the Belasco Theatre. Thursday and Saturday matinees, 25c, 35c and 50c. NEXT WEEK—Richard Mansfield's notable production.

CHUTES

LAST WEEK OF DONATELLI'S ITALIAN Company in Theater present "THE MASCOT" 10c. Watch for the grand opening, Sunday, October 1st. HIS BAND. 50—Great Artists—50 Direct from a

BEGGARS' SCHOOL FOR MENDICANTS

TEACHES ART OF SWINDLING THE PUBLIC

Elocution, Costuming, Makeup, Feigning of Ills, Etc., in Curriculum of Institution Discovered in Chicago

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—A "school of beggars," where elocution, dramatic art, costuming and makeup are taught by professors of mendicancy, has been discovered by the police in Chicago.

Children and adults are taught how to feign blindness, to make terrible scars on their arms or faces, and to pose as cripples in a half-starved condition. Even the refinements of the Italian begging colleges have been introduced and physical malformations are brought about calculated to excite pity and extort money from the charitable.

The lessons are being given nightly in a south side saloon, according to information received by Chief of Police Collins today. From seventy-five to eighty professional beggars are said to report at the "headquarters" each night and receive their instructions from the "professor" of the institution, who receives a percentage of their gains as his recompense.

DEATHS OF THE DAY

Col. C. T. Westbrook, New York

KINGSTON, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Col. Cornelius T. Westbrook, one of the best known Grand Army veterans in the state, died today, aged 82 years, at the Middletown state hospital, where he was taken several years ago as the result of injuries received during the Civil War.

SACRAMENTO BOY KILLED

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 24.—Leland McDermott, the 15-year-old son of John McDermott of Mills Station, died at a local hospital this morning of a bullet wound accidentally inflicted the previous afternoon by a companion of his own age. The boys were climbing a fence when a pistol in the hand of McDermott's playmate was accidentally discharged.