

DARING PILOTS ARE READY FOR GREAT VOYAGE

WILD AND MUELLER EXPECT TO SET NEW MARK CURRENTS MAY CARRY THEM ACROSS ROCKIES Contest That is Expected to Prove Sensation of Age in Aeronautics Will Be Started from Los Angeles Today

(Continued on Page Two) hauling and varnishing, and the manufacture of gas and filling are done according to his plans. "Forty-eight hours and one meal makes a full day for him," said Assistant Russell yesterday as he dodged behind the hydrogen tanks to get out of the grounds for his dinner. "I don't care what he wants to take any provisions for, just for a trip to New York. All he has eaten up so far is work."

Mueller Tolls Incessantly Captain Mueller has tolled incessantly, taking but three or four hours' sleep, but he never shows outwardly the least trace of anxiety or haste. Everything he does is as methodical as driving a car, and his helpers are surprised to find that the day's work has ended with every detail accomplished that Captain Mueller had set out to do.

The members of the Aero club of California were admitted to the balloon enclosure yesterday, and Captain Mueller found time to explain at length the process of making hydrogen gas and the precautions necessary to prevent an explosion. The club will take an active part today in assisting the departure of the aeronauts.

Captain Wild's chief work has been in assisting Dick Ferris in promoting general interest in the race. He has made half a dozen talks, from scientific to humorous, and has provided newspaper reporters with enough "dope" to fill a book. Wild has a book on aeronautics now in the hands of New York publishers. "If we land in New York they will have to hold it up till I write a biographical sketch of Dick Ferris," he says.

Frank Leroyez is the Los Angeles representative among the aeronauts. Leroyez, who is known to his friends as "Tex," has lived in Los Angeles two years, and is the zoo keeper and balloonist for Chutes park. He has drilled a local squad of fourteen young men whom he sends to Catalina and Arizona fairs to make parachute drops, and builds his own hot-air balloons and parachutes.

Has Had Long Experience Although but 24 years old, Leroyez has had eleven years of experience in making balloon ascensions and has had several narrow escapes from death. When returning from school on an afternoon in his eleventh year he was dared by the other children to accept an offer made by circus manager of \$50 to the villager who would make a drop by parachute.

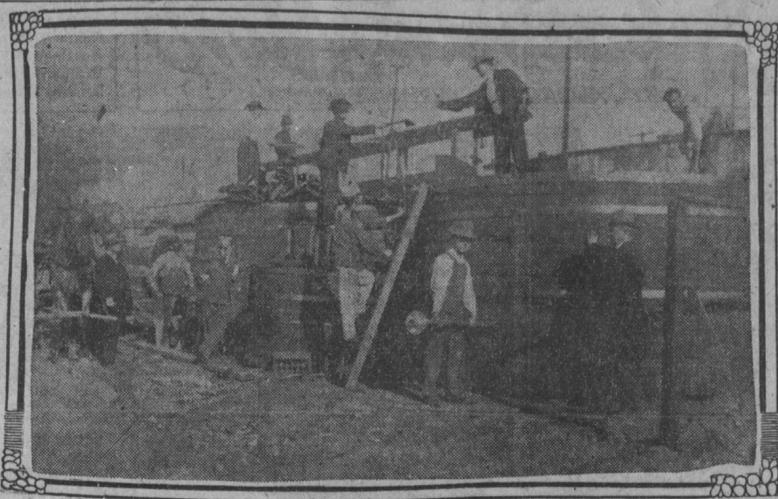
"I did it and got the money," says Leroyez, "also the worst wallowing I ever heard tell of when my mother got hold of me. But it started me, and in six months the very man who paid me the \$50 was working for me and I had my own balloon."

Since then Leroyez has traveled over the country, interspersing parachute drops and leaps with ironjaw, human pin cushion and vaudeville acts. In addition he has made a success in real estate in Chicago, and thinks he is entitled to settle down as a Los Angeles resident.

"You want to say I am entered as the home product," said Leroyez as he posed for his photograph.

Dick Ferris conceived the idea of a transcontinental contest while watching the balloon race at St. Paul, and immediately persuaded Colonel L. M. Scott to promise his balloon, "American," as an entry at Los Angeles. Ferris endeavored to buy the "Pommern," winner of the Gordon Bennett cup race from St. Louis, and when he was told that money could not buy it, he secured the celebrated "United States," the only American balloon which has succeeded in winning the international cup contest. Both pilots have competed in endurance and other contests and have battled with the air currents in all sorts of weather. Both

Tanks in Which Hydrogen Gas for Balloons Was Made and Three of the Sky Voyagers



AERONAUT AUGUSTO MUELLER

Mueller and Wild hold records and medals for their achievements in aeronautics and are recognized as among the foremost pilots of gas airships. News of the progress of the balloons will come through the Associated Press and by private telegrams. J. K. Hutchinson, a Los Angeles newspaper man, will accompany Captain Mueller and send the messages from the "American." Captain Wild will send the dispatches and newspaper special from the balloons and send full reports if they obtain any information.

Dick Ferris has decided to allow admissions to the balloon race as early as 9 o'clock this morning, as he has had numerous requests from ticket holders who want to learn about propellers for a transcontinental contest. Both aeronauts and their helpers will be at the Chutes ball grounds, where the balloons are ready, all the forenoon, and will show the equipment and make explanations. As it has not been found feasible to issue return checks those who go this morning will be compelled to bring their luncheons.

A Very Great Height "Did your airship take you up to any great height?" "I should say it did! Why, one morning a hen we had taken with us laid an egg that rolled off the deck, and that egg, when it reached the earth, was immediately condemned by a board of health."—The Bohemian.



AERONAUT HORACE B. WILD

"STAR DAY" REQUIRES TONS OF RED PAPER WORKERS FOR BETHLEHEM ARE IN EVERY WARD Committee for Raising Ten Thousand Dollar Fund Will Open Headquarters at Second and Main Streets

If the rolls of red cardboard used to make the stars of Bethlehem to be sold "Star" day, Saturday, November 21, were laid on Main street, they would make a continuous strip twenty-two inches wide extending from the Plaza to the junction of Spring and Main streets, and the red string required to tie the stars would extend from the end of the Downey avenue car line to University on the other side of town—over nine miles. These emblems will make a vivid bit



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of color on the downtown streets when the stars are distributed to the public at 10 cents each. Preparations for "Star" day have been made in every part of the city. One of the few things not settled by the committee is the selection of proper headquarters in each ward for the distribution of the stars to the school children. It has been decided to offer two prizes instead of one to the school selling the most.

During the next week the \$10,000 campaign committee will have headquarters in the old National Bank of California building on the north streets, where all the business of "Star" day will be transacted. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Taylor will be in charge. The students of University of Southern California and Occidental college are enthusiastic. "Star" day committees are being formed and yells are being invented to aid the sales.

In a letter from John Willis Baer, president of Occidental, he has the following to say: "I rejoice to see the interest that is being taken in 'Star' day throughout Southern California. I believe that your indebtedness will be wiped out and that Bethlehem will start upon a larger work than ever before. In Pasadena they are working for 'Star' day just as though it were something for themselves," said Mr. Bartlett, after returning from the Crown City, where he spoke Thursday night at the first annual institute of the Young People's Christian Endeavor union. "I found the schools, churches and clubs wonderful than ever before. Mrs. Mary M. Conan, the well known club woman, will have charge of the Pasadena forces and will make her headquarters in Jarvis & Prim's store on Colorado street.

LADS PUT UNDER ARREST. CHARGED WITH BURGLARY Carl Gillette of 2206 Lan Franco street and Louis Taylor of 3063 East Sixth street, both aged about 14 years, were arrested yesterday morning by Detectives McNamara and Dixon and lodged in the detention home on charges of burglary.

The boys are alleged to have broken into the grocery store of A. T. Milner at 722 Euclid avenue last Wednesday night and stolen almost a wagonload of groceries, canned goods, cigars and tobacco, candies, smoked meats and other articles. The stolen goods were all recovered from a two-roomed California cottage in the rear of 623 Ezra street, where the boys had set up a robbers' den and prepared to enjoy a Dick Turpin life to the full.

Other lads are believed to have been connected with the band, but the two prisoners stated that it was against the honor of the gang to peach on their pals. A godly store of dime novels was found in the house, explaining where the boys got their incentive to crime.

LEGISLATORS TO DISCUSS HARBOR

STATE COMMITTEE DESIRES ANGELENOS' OPINIONS CHAIRMAN SAYS LOS ANGELES WISHES ARE PARAMOUNT

Representations Will Be Made to Board That Legislation is Needed for Consolidated Effort, Not for Funds The state legislative committee on harbors will meet at the chamber of commerce of Los Angeles tomorrow morning and at the San Pedro chamber in the afternoon to discuss with citizens of this county the question of a state harbor commission and the desirability of the state's guarantee for an issue of \$1,500,000 in bonds, for docks and wharves.

Members of the committee, who are here already, have found a decided sentiment on the harbor question. This particularly was developed yesterday morning at the counties committee meeting, when Senator Wright of San Diego, chairman of the legislative harbor committee, made a report. "We have a state harbor commission at San Diego," said Senator Wright, "and it works well. Matters are not entirely out of the hands of the municipality, for no steps are taken that are not approved first by the city council. There would be great objection at San Diego if it were proposed to abolish the state harbor commission. I appreciate the fact conditions are different here, where you have 300,000 people. I want to say in case the people here do not want a state commission, I am sure their wishes will be granted."

State's Interest in Tidelands "Suits lately have been instituted to determine whether the state has any interest in tidelands at San Pedro harbor, claimed and held by private owners. This is a grave question. If it ultimately should be decided the lands are vested in the state, then the state should improve them." The harbor committee will secure an ample number of definite statements from Los Angeles officials. Assemblyman Walter Leeds, the Los Angeles member of the committee, has written letters to many citizens, asking each to attend the committee meetings or send an expression of his views. Several have signified their intention of being at the meeting. A. P. Fleming, secretary and attorney for the Los Angeles harbor commission; Captain A. A. Fries of the United States corps of engineers, and Pitt P. Hand, secretary of the Municipal Waterways association, will attend the Los Angeles meeting and also accompany the committee to San Pedro.

Representations will be made to the legislative committee that the important aid is not lending the state's credit to build docks and wharves, since local credit is ample to carry through the project, but that legislation is needed to secure consolidated effort. The resolution unanimously passed by the Los Angeles city council, the platform of both leading parties, the letters of successful legislative candidates and the action of the Municipal Waterways association, all support this legislative need. The harbor committee previously has made two visits to Los Angeles. It will not visit San Diego this time, as it has been decided to favor \$1,500,000 in bonds for that harbor. The members of the joint committee are Senator Leroy A. Wright of San Diego; chairman, Senators E. I. Wolf and Thomas J. Kennedy of San Francisco; Assemblyman Louis Strohl, San Francisco; P. A. Johnson, San Diego, and Walter R. Leeds, Los Angeles.

CHEMIST SUSPECTED OF STEALING METAL

PLATINUM IS MISSING FROM WRECK OF FIRE Believed to Have Set Laboratory Ablaze to Conceal Theft, Forgetting Material Would Not Be Consumed

Lee D. Hays, a chemist in the employ of the New York Telephone laboratory, which is the assaying and analyzing department of the Barber Asphalt Paving company, was arrested at his rooms in the Burlington apartments on West Ninth street Thursday morning last and booked at central station on suspicion. Hays' name was placed on the small book in the detective department and news of his arrest was not allowed to leak out. It is alleged that Hays stole \$250 worth of platinum from the laboratory, 1020 Date street, and then set fire to the place to destroy evidence of the theft. If he is guilty as charged, how he came to overlook the fact, which should have been known to him, that platinum will not dissolve in even the most intense heat, is the mystery that is puzzling the police.

In the early part of October D. A. W. Alexander went east on business, leaving Hays in charge of the laboratory. October 12 the laboratory was burned and a search of the ruins failed to reveal any trace of the platinum, which was in the form of crucibles and indestructible by heat. "Hays, with the exception of Superintendent Alexander, was the only man who knew where the precious metal was kept, and after a thorough investigation of the case his arrest was ordered."

SHORT ITEMS OF INTEREST COLLECTED AT REDLANDS

REDLANDS, Nov. 14.—The work of raising the necessary funds for the University of Redlands, the new Baptist college to be started here next year, is progressing rapidly and the financial agent, Rev. J. N. Field, reports the fund is within \$4,000 of the \$30,000 which must be raised. Former residents of New England states are to form a New England society, the temporary organization having chosen Rev. C. L. Libbey as president, Dr. M. W. Hill as vice president, E. Tucker as secretary and C. L. Jewell as treasurer. Later a permanent organization will be effected. Manuel Mello was convicted of cutting off with a pair of clippers the ears of a dog belonging to S. R. Hotchkiss, and he was fined \$25, which he paid. The English Lutheran church is making strenuous efforts to pay its building debt, which amounts to about \$3000.

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