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AVIATION WEEK LIST OF PRIZES BREAKS RECORD

SUM OF \$80,800 WILL BE DISPENSED

LOS ANGELES WILL LEAD ALL OTHER AERIAL MEETS

Apportionments Have Been Made in Three Different Classes, Which Will Attract World Wide Attention

Although lacking confirmation at this time it is known that there is a strong sentiment in favor of holding the aviation meet on the high tract of land at Dominguez station, between Long Beach and Compton. It is understood that quite a number of persons interested in the coming meet have carefully looked over the ground to all reasonable distances of Los Angeles, and that this, because of its location and surroundings, is considered about ideal for aviation. There is an abundance of room and with assurances of excellent transportation facilities, the latter being a very important requisite.

CASH prizes of \$80,800, or aggregating nearly \$10,000 more than double the prizes offered at the great international aviation meet at Rheims, are offered by Los Angeles for the aviation meet January 19 to 20. Nothing like this has been dreamed of in the history of aeronautical world, and it will give Los Angeles a new and unexpected standing in the history of conquest of the air. The prizes are apportioned as follows: Aeroplanes, including aeroplanes, \$45,000. Spherical balloons, \$22,000. Dirigible airships, \$13,800. Since this is the first great aviation meet since the Rheims contest, prizes have an unusual significance among aviators, for if arranged to stimulate new records and if adequate to do this they will set the pace for the aviation world. The prizes on the proposition will readily be conceded by aviators everywhere, for at the most not over \$5,000 in prize money was expected in the east and abroad from the local meet.

Guarantees of Expenses In addition to the \$80,800 in prizes the aviation week committee has made liberal guarantees of expenses, which was necessary because of the distance which the leading aviators must travel to reach Los Angeles. New York men prominent in aeronautics believed it impossible to bring a foreign aviator to this country for any event but the Gordon Bennett international contest and wrote to Los Angeles accordingly, but the plan adopted by the Los Angeles committee solved the problem. Incidentally it set a new mark in aviation contests. The aeroplane prizes are designed to care for the regular events, and the dirigible prizes are designed to be at the same time make provision or awards which will prove an incentive for breaking records. Attractive prizes are offered to encourage the men who break records, and the speed in miles an hour, duration of time in the air, highest altitude reached by aeroplanes and, in addition, are awards for events which will mean records of world-wide importance.

In making up the prizes where a new mark not a world record is to be set, the best achievement accomplished so far in California has been taken as the limit. Thus in dirigible flights for distance the achievements of Roy Knabenshue at Los Angeles and Pasadena are taken as the distances which it is possible to accomplish easily. Among the balloon prizes are awards for distance flights, for making the highest altitude and remaining longest in the air. The balloon event prizes are designed to give possibilities of long distance flights from Los Angeles on statements made by Professor Lowe, Roy Knabenshue, Dick Ferris and others competent to judge. The aviation week committee yesterday received the following additional contributions of \$100 or more: Title Insurance and Trust Co., \$250. Pioneer Oil Paper Co., 100. Cawston Oil Field, 100. John Goldwater & Co., 100. Brownstein, Newark & Laidlaw, 100. Parnele-Dobmann Co., 100. A. W. Redman, 100. Union National Bank, 100. J. M. Hale Co., 100. W. G. Hutchinson Co., 100. C. C. Desmond, 100. Home Telephone Co., 100. California Furniture, 100. Pacific Mutual Life Ins. Co., 100. Los Angeles Soap Co., 100.

Persons bearing the aviation week prizes will be given to any person who will call at the office of the Aviation committee, 228 Wilcox building.

Poster in Four Colors

Plans for automobiles may also be secured at the committee's office. Western Lithograph company designed 2000 of the large posters, printed four colors, to the committee yesterday afternoon, and the remainder of the order will follow this week. They are being distributed through the railroads and other agencies, which are spreading them all over the country. The striking design with the flock of aeroplanes, airships and balloons flying over the mountains and orange groves of Los Angeles, and the heading, "First in America," will attract immediate attention. All the printing and other work, in fact all expenditures of money except that needed to bring the aviators here, have been made entirely in Los Angeles. The drawings which are coming to the Aviation week committee demonstrate the large amount of attention

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DEMOCRAT IN RACE TO SUCCEED TAFT



MARSHALL IN RACE FOR WHITE HOUSE

GOVERNOR OF INDIANA SAID TO BE CANDIDATE

Chief Executive of Hoosier State Formally "Launched" for Presidential Contest by Senators in Committee Meeting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Gov. Marshall of Indiana was launched informally today as a Democratic candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912. His name was brought forward in a hearing before the senate committee on privileges and elections on a resolution proposing a change in the day of inauguration of the president from March 4 to the last Thursday in April. President McFarland of the D. S. L. of Columbia board of commissioners was reading from messages of governors of states, advocating the proposed change. Speaking of the inclement weather of March 4 last, Gov. Marshall's letter said: "Perhaps that condition was not entirely an unmixed evil, for it may have inspired some timid soul not to be a candidate for the presidency."

Commenting on the expression, Mr. McFarland said that nevertheless Gov. Marshall was in favor of it. "And also a candidate," interposed Senator Dewey. "It is not a timid soul," hurriedly interjected Senator Fletcher. Senators Burrows, Dewey, Gamble, Frazer, Johnston and Fletcher were at the hearing, and all appeared to favor the change of dates.

ALLEGED WOMAN SWINDLER WILL BE TAKEN TO OREGON

Prisoner Acquitted of Defrauding Electric Car Company Must Face Other Criminal Charges

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Maude Johnson, who was acquitted yesterday of defrauding the Seattle Electric company and immediately arrested for violating her parole at Pendleton, Ore., where, under the name of Maude Blauy, she pleaded guilty to the charge of uttering forged evidence of debt, today waived extradition and tonight she will be taken to Oregon. There is another warrant out for the prisoner, signed by officials of Clark county, which names her as Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson obtained \$1250 fraudulently last April from the Northern Pacific railroad by reason of an alleged accident at Yacolt. Mrs. Johnson also will be prosecuted in Vancouver for obtaining money under false pretenses.

DESOPDENT GROCERYMAN DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID

Former San Franciscan Could Find No Opportunity to Invest in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Joseph Belatisky, aged 47, a retired groceryman, who came here from San Francisco several months ago, committed suicide at his home today by drinking carbolic acid. He had come to Seattle with the intention of entering business and his widow says that he was desperate because he found no opportunity to invest his money.

FORMER COMMANDER OF TURKISH FORCES IS DEAD

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 18.—Edhem Pasha, commander of the Turkish forces in the Greco-Turkish war in 1897, died here yesterday. Edhem Pasha was one of the ablest generals of the Turkish army. The German general, Von der Goltz, who reorganized the sultan's army and who was chief of staff to Edhem through the Greek campaign, entertained the highest opinion of his cleverness. Edhem was a member of an old Turkish family which professed Islam for generations.

KING MELIED SAID TO HAVE DIED; UNCONFIRMED

ROME, Dec. 18.—A rumor was circulated here today that King I. Enelik of Abyssinia was dead, but there is no confirmation of this. The late dispatches from Abyssinia, which are dated Dec. 13, merely announce the illness of the king, but gave no details.

WOMEN APPEAL FOR ARREST OF DESPOT ZELAYA

TYRANT'S TORTURES ALMOST CRUEL AS NERO'S

MANAGUANS BEG THAT PRESIDENT BE PUNISHED

Adherents of Resigned Executive Conduct Reign of Terror Throughout Stricken Republic—Pitiful Request Filed

MANAGUA (Via Corinto), Dec. 18.—Some of the most prominent women in Managua have sent a petition to Henry Caldera, acting United States consul here. The petition sets forth the tortures to which Zelaya's prisoners have been subjected, and pitifully requests the intervention of the American government. "Numberless prisoners," says the petition, "have been tortured in the cells in the penitentiary; their families have been impoverished; liberty has been crushed and patriots have been killed in their effort to end crime, extortion and tyranny and to prevent the assassination of Groce and Cannon. "We implore you to bring the malefactor to justice, and many crimes may receive the punishment they deserve, and that he be not permitted to escape.

For weeks the associates and adherents of Zelaya have been conducting a reign of terror. Property has been confiscated, fathers and sons imprisoned, wives and daughters forced to submit to unspeakable tortures, and some have been tortured to death. So appalling were conditions that a large number of women met and finally decided to submit their plea to the representative of the government whose warships are close at hand.

Protection Urged It is not only their own protection they seek, but the safety of those who in the last few days have had courage enough to rise in the public square to advise the government to release at least some. Most political prisoners, therefore, were freed today, but many others still are behind the wires. The agitation became so strong against the holding of hundreds, and perhaps thousands in prison, that officials were advised to take steps to release at least some.

Now they are terrified lest no men be sent ashore, in such a case they fear reprisals by the Zelayan forces. Scores of revolutionary suspects have been thrown into prison and put to torture and many others now are in chains who refuse to do the bidding of the government. Among these is Amabel Chavez, in command of the firing squad when Groce and Cannon were brought out for execution. He refused to give the order, and claiming that he threw down his sword: "I am a soldier, not a murderer." Consul Caldera daily receives threats against his life but beyond exercising watchful care, he has taken no precaution to guard against attack.

Word has reached here that Dr. Jose Madrid, Zelaya's candidate for president, has arrived at San Juan Del Sur on his way to Corinto. He is hastening to Managua to inform himself personally of the situation. At Corinto it is believed Madrid will confer with several of his strongest supporters who are proceeding there from various departments.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN COLLISION IN CLEVELAND

Passenger Train and Switch Engine Come Together with Fatal Results

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Five persons are dead as the result of a collision between a Lake Shore passenger train and a switch engine at East Twenty-sixth street, early today. Ten passengers are injured. The passenger train was No. 1 westbound from New York, and connects here with the Big Four for St. Louis. Four of the dead were members of the train crew. The dead are: H. L. ADAMS, Collinwood, engineer passenger train. FRANK SWALES, Bremen switch engine. JOHN FRANK, switchman. W. J. BURNS, engineer switch engine. Unknown man. Jacob Carrier of Buffalo, fireman on the passenger train, was scalded and is in a serious condition. Papers on the body of the unidentified man contained the name of C. Basher. The collision occurred within sight of the Union station. Snow was falling and it is believed the red light, which railroad men say was displayed, was obscured.

DISCLOSES SECRET

"And now I must disclose the fact that at the time my brother had been for many years contending with adverse pecuniary circumstances," continues Robinson Watson, "and when the great good news came it was like a veritable avalanche of good fortune to him. But it was too high; it was more than he could bear. A week later it became evident, beyond all doubt that his mental balance was gone."

DEPOT MASTER RESIGNS

FRESNO, Dec. 18.—T. P. Brosnahan, who has been depot master here for the last ten years, has resigned and his place has been filled by R. W. Emmons, who comes from the Union Pacific.

Head of Yardmen's Union and Strikers at St. Paul



FRANK T. HAWLEY

ST. PAUL, Dec. 18.—With the importation of 2000 men to take the places of striking switchmen on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways the situation is not greatly relieved. The management of the roads announces that the strike is broken, but President Hawley of the switchmen's brotherhood and his associates are just as positive in their announcements that it is not. There is now grave fear that the fast diminishing coal supply will become exhausted and that there will be much suffering unless traffic is fully resumed at an early date. Martin A. Knapp and Charles P. Neill, the United States commissioners, have returned to Washington, but probably will make a further effort to settle the difference between the striker and the roads this week.

POET LOST AND FRIENDS WORRY

WILLIAM WATSON DISAPPEARS IN NEW YORK

Bard Who Wrote "Woman with the Serpent's Tongue" Mysteriously Missing, and His Admirers Are Much Alarmed

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Watson, the British poet who came to this country recently, has disappeared as completely as has Dr. Cook. His brother, Robinson Watson, believed he is under the obsession of a recurrent hallucination that first attacked him seventeen years ago in the stress of over-work and the conflict of powerfully opposed emotions. "I declare deliberately, in full knowledge," said Robinson Watson, "that the terrible things lightly hurried by my brother against a certain distinguished family are in no sense the responsible utterances of the poet, William Watson. They are the outcome of a mental malady alien to himself, the William Watson we know will condemn them with burning words and bitter tears."

SOUTHLAND HIT BY COLD WAVE

ZERO WEATHER EXPERIENCED IN MANY PLACES

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 18.—With the thermometer hovering around the zero mark throughout Texas, the south and southwest tonight experienced the worst storm of the winter. Snows varying from a half to three inches is reported almost from every direction. The storm has extended itself from Texas north through Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee and at Memphis a heavy fall of snow is reported. The snow has greatly helped winter wheat and it is believed to have completely wiped out the boll weevil. Traffic of all kinds and wire service are retarded.

WEST SLOPE OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN GRASP OF BITTER COLD WAVE

DENVER, Dec. 18.—The west slope of the Rocky mountains, for central Wyoming down into New Mexico, is in the grasp of a cold wave of almost unprecedented bitterness for this time of the year. Landers, Wyo., reports a temperature of thirty below zero, and Cheyenne, ten below. At Corona, Colo., near the top of the Divide, it was twenty below last night. Pueblo reports fourteen below. Leadville, eighteen below, and Durango, four below. At Denver thirteen recorded. This morning the temperature is gradually rising.

BLIZZARD RAGES IN NEW MEXICO, KILLING STOCK

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 18.—All New Mexico is in the grip of one of the worst blizzards in years. The temperature is below zero in many parts of northern and central New Mexico and a heavy snowstorm has been raging for thirty-six hours. Considerable loss of live stock is reported by freezing. The snowfall in the mountains north and east of here is the heaviest for years. Traffic over the Santa Fe railroad is demoralized and snow plows are at work in all directions.

SNOWFALL IN WEST TEXAS AND VICINITY IS GENERAL

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 18.—There has been a general snowfall extending over West Texas, New Mexico and Mexico. It is the most extensive in years in this region and following a long drought, is exceedingly beneficial. The snow is four inches deep in this section, and is still falling. The temperature is eighteen degrees above.

Snow in Alabama

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 18.—For six hours today the heaviest snowstorm ever seen in northern Alabama prevailed, snow falling at the rate of two inches an hour.

COOK'S DATA DOES NOT SUPPORT CLAIM

Story of Explorer Is Not Substantiated by Records He Submitted

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COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press is informed by a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of his records failed to discover proof that Dr. Frederick A. Cook reached the north pole. The consistory from the University of Copenhagen at a secret session today received a preliminary report covering the first stage of the work of the committee which is examining the north polar records of Dr. Cook. An excited discussion followed. The committee has not completed its investigation. The report was presented by Rector Torp, but its nature was carefully guarded. The members of the consistory reported did not to the secretary. It is admitted, however, that the work thus far accomplished provoked an animated debate among the university officials. To the newspaper men Rector Torp said: "The committee's work is not yet finished. I cannot tell how long it may continue, but I hope the result can be made public in a few days. Both the members of the consistory and the examining committee have been forbidden to discuss anything regarding what has been accomplished thus far by the investigators. A preliminary report was made by the examining committee at a secret session of the consistory of the university today. The consistory listened to the report, which provoked a discussion. It appears that the data so far submitted is not held sufficient to establish the explorer's claims. The result of today's discussion is that the committee continue its work. The university body is willing that the investigators make public later the results of their work. In the meantime, it is said by an official of the university, the consistory will not make public any of the results of today's investigation. Popular opinion here appears to have undergone a gradual change. From the beginning of the controversy the populace of Copenhagen has been decidedly pro-Cook. Patriotism has strengthened this sentiment. Recent developments, however, have been disappointing and today the general impression prevails that Dr. Cook's papers as submitted do not constitute proof that he discovered the pole. It is learned several members of the university consistory are exceedingly angry over the rector's preliminary report, one of them expressing regret that the university had not waited until Dr. Cook's claim that he had reached the pole had been proved before honoring him. The Copenhagen newspapers up to the present have been wholly friendly to Dr. Cook, but it is learned some of the leading dailies tomorrow will print articles throwing doubt on Cook's trustworthiness. They will point out that the Danish people regard Cook in the light of a national hero and still hope there is an honest man in the evidence which this is not the case, the papers assert, will oppress all Denmark with grief.

PEARY ONLY SMILES WHEN INFORMED OF COPENHAGEN INCIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Commander Robert E. Peary smiled broadly when informed that the Copenhagen dispatch had been received quoting a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of Dr. Cook's records failed to find proof that the physician had found the north pole. And that smile was the only answer that Commander Peary made to the information when it was imparted to him at the Hotel Imperial. "Absolutely nothing to say," said Commander Peary. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, renewed today, were fruitless. His former counsel, H. Wellington Wack, declared he had neither seen nor heard anything of Dr. Cook since November 22, although a diligent effort had been made to find him by friends, who said he was prejudicing his case by his disappearance. "I believe, as I have from the first, that Dr. Cook is in Europe," said Mr. Wack. Dr. Cook's close friends said tonight that the doctor, previous to dispatching his polar data to the University of Copenhagen, had written in private to Rector Torp informing him that in the event of an adverse decision he, Dr. Cook, would not appeal from the findings. His instruments and three documents important to the case, Dr. Cook pointed out in his letter, are still at Etah, and he thought it possible that in view of the fact that all evidence was not in the university might find a Scotch verdict of "not proven."

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