

OLD U. S. GUNBOAT JOINS SERVICE OF HONDURAN REBELS

The Hornet, Starting on Mysterious Errand, Watched by Uncle Sam

CASTRILLO MAY BE IN PLOT

War Vessel Put in Trim Shape After Visit of Former President Bonilla

HORNET REPORTED SOLD TO MEXICAN REBELS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—A report gained circulation late tonight that the Hornet was sold Friday afternoon to a representative of the Mexican insurgents and would be fitted out with guns at a point on the Mexican coast at or near San Fernando.

It is known that an agent of the Mexican revolutionists has been conferring here with Gen. Christinas.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—The former United States gunboat Hornet, now lying in the Mississippi river at this city, is making preparations to clear this port at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for Central American waters. The gunboat is being closely watched by United States marshals. Reports in Central American circles are that the Hornet is to aid in a revolution to be started in Honduras by former President Manuel Bonilla.

The vessel is expected to clear under command of Captain C. Johnson. The Hornet has hurriedly taken aboard 200 tons of coal and provisions for thirty days.

That the visit here of Dr. Salvador Castriello, former minister general to Washington from Nicaragua, has something to do with the hasty clearing of the Hornet and that the expense is being borne by him is the report.

It is also rumored that the visit of former President Bonilla to New Orleans several weeks ago was for the purpose of securing a suitable craft that would be of assistance in striking a blow at the Davilla government.

The vessel, according to her captain, will clear for Cape Gracias with a crew of six firemen, four sailors and several officers.

At the time of Bonilla's visit the Hornet was owned by a New Orleans firm which bought the boat from the government last year. It was about this time that the vessel was purchased by a Mr. Beer, who owns five schooners in the Central American trade.

Repairs were started at once on the Hornet and she is now in trim shape. She is to take the place of the schooner in the trade, according to her owner, although he said the Hornet is subject to sale either before she clears this port or after she reaches Central American waters.

It has been rumored that President Estrada of Nicaragua would lend assistance to Bonilla. It also is reported that Gen. Lee Christmas is expected to take an active part in the proposed revolution.

The attention of federal officers was called to the rumors and United States Marshal Victor Lohet, with a force of deputies, has kept close watch since.

So far no violation of the federal law has been detected.

General Christmas, the former soldier of fortune, made a statement to the Associated Press at midnight in which he denied any knowledge of the destination of the Hornet or of any revolutionary movements in which the vessel is involved.

BARK LOST IN STORM. FOUND; CREW IS SAFE

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., Dec. 18.—The bark Binghamton of the Erie company, which was lost with two other barges off Nauset in Thursday night's blizzard, was found off Cape Cod today by the tug Underwriter of Boston.

Captain J. E. Nickerson and his crew of three men who were on the Binghamton are safe and sound. No trace was found of the other barges.

SWEDISH STEAMER WRECKED

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Swedish steamer Cedric has been wrecked near Galle, a seaport of Sweden. Twelve persons were drowned, including all of the officers. The Cedric, which was of 1100 tons, was coal laden.

BODY OF BALLOON PILOT FOUND IN NORTH SEA

BREMEN, Dec. 18.—A fishing cutter has found in the North sea the body of Lieutenant Lang, pilot of the balloon Saar. The Saar and eight other balloons started in a race from Essen-on-the-Ruhr, Rhenish peninsula, November 13.

Seven of the balloons made safe landings the following day and later the Hessian descended in North Germany. The Saar was never heard from again, although the twenty-two German torpedo boats and other war craft watched the North sea for several days.

Lieutenant Lang, Lieutenant Rommeler and a civilian named Herr Zimmermann, were on board the Saar.

200 STRIKEBREAKERS BARRED FROM CANADA

ST. PAUL, Dec. 18.—After a twenty-four hour's stay here 200 strikebreakers bound for Winnipeg, where a street car strike has been declared, departed for points in the east and west after learning that Canadian immigration officials would not allow them to cross the line. It was claimed that such an entrance would be in violation of the Canadian labor laws.

SIX-YEAR-OLD MAIL ROBBER IS CAPTURED; ARMS FULL OF LOOT

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A 6-year-old mail robber was caught in the postoffice at Monaca tonight with his arms full of mail he had taken from two boxes.

A policeman stood and watched the child empty two boxes and recognized Martin McCush, the child of his friend, Martin McCush. The youngster was taken to his father. An investigation will be made tomorrow to ascertain if the two firms whose mail was "rifled" have suffered any loss. Whether the boy manipulated the combination locks on the boxes or whether they were left open by someone is not known.

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AGED LAWYER ENDS LIFE BY JUMPING TEN STORIES

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Henry E. Allen, 73 years old, an attorney, and formerly a judge of the court of claims, jumped from the window of his office on the tenth floor of the Mutual Life building tonight. Every bone in his body was broken, but his eyes, which fell nearby, were intact, and a gold watch in his pocket was running correctly. Before taking the leap he tied a handkerchief over his eyes. He had suffered from nervous prostration for some time.

FOOTPADS LINE UP VICTIMS IN ROW; ROB AT LEISURE

Revolvers Induce Long Beach Pedestrians to Await Turn to Be Searched

SCHOOLBOYS GIVE UP CASH

Methodical Road Agents, Wearing Sailor Caps, Take 45 Minutes for Job

LONG BEACH, Dec. 18.—Nine young people, of whom five are high school seniors, were held up by two masked men near Eighth street and Chestnut avenue about 1 o'clock this morning and robbed of \$25 and a silver watch. The parties held up were in three separate groups and about forty-five minutes elapsed between the time the first group was stopped by the footpads and the termination of the proceedings.

The victims of the footpads included a young married couple, four young men and three young women. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Hal Barber, Miss Myma Taylor, Miss Frances Wood, Miss Mabel Anderson, William Swennington, M. T. Hatt, Loring Jones and Bert Mason. Miss Taylor and Miss Wood and Hatt, Mason and Swennington are high school seniors, who had been attending a senior class party at Alamitos bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber and Jones and Miss Anderson were standing on West Eighth street, between Chestnut and Cedar avenues, when two men passed them. Just around the corner the two men put up on smoked glasses, drew revolvers and returned, commanding the four to hold up their hands. As they did so Swennington, Hatt, Miss Wood and Miss Taylor came along Eighth street. They had alighted from a car at Seventh street and Pine avenue and were walking toward Miss Taylor's home, the street from the scene of the holdup.

VICTIMS LINED IN A ROW
As the last four appeared, one of the holdup men ran to meet them, and, while his companion made a search of Jones and Barber's pockets, the other robber marched the others up to where the first victims stood and lined them all up together.

About this time Mason appeared on the scene. He had escorted the young woman who accompanied him to her residence and was hurrying to his own home. One of the highwaymen stepped out, stopped Mason and placed him in the line.

The two crooks then completed their search through the pockets of the young men, brandishing their revolvers as they made the search in a leisurely and methodical manner. The girls were not searched, but 85 cents was taken from a purse which one of them had given to her escort to carry. The highwaymen overlooked \$5.05 in the same purse.

All their victims were warned not to resist or make an outcry. After searching their victims the robbers backed into the shadow of a big palm tree, retreated behind the tree, then turned and ran.

Miss Taylor at once notified her father and the police were informed of the case. That section of the city was scoured thoroughly by patrolmen and detectives, but no trace of the holdup men was found. This morning two suspects were arrested, but were released soon afterward, there being no evidence that they knew anything of the robbery.

Meager descriptions were given of the robbers. They were said to be about five feet seven inches tall, and both wore white sailor caps.

THRONE REFUSES APPEAL FOR NEW CHINESE CABINET

Famine Causes Many Deaths in Yang tse Kiang Districts

PEKING, Dec. 18.—The throne has issued an edict refusing a constitutional cabinet in compliance with a memorial recently presented by the cabinet. The memorial also declining to accept the resignations of the grand councilors. The imperial senate adopted a resolution praying for the immediate creation of a cabinet and it was believed the throne had decided to accede. The national assembly will meet tomorrow, when the whole subject will be discussed.

Winter is intensifying the famine in the Yang tse Kiang districts. The authorities are endeavoring to suppress the sale of children, which has been so extensive as to be a matter of over a million. The majority of these are girls. The roadways are dotted with starving and dead. The relief committee is now making appeals for aid.

NEW MEXICO CONSTITUTION CONDEMNED BY DEMOCRATS

Charges Are Made That Important Provisions Were Omitted

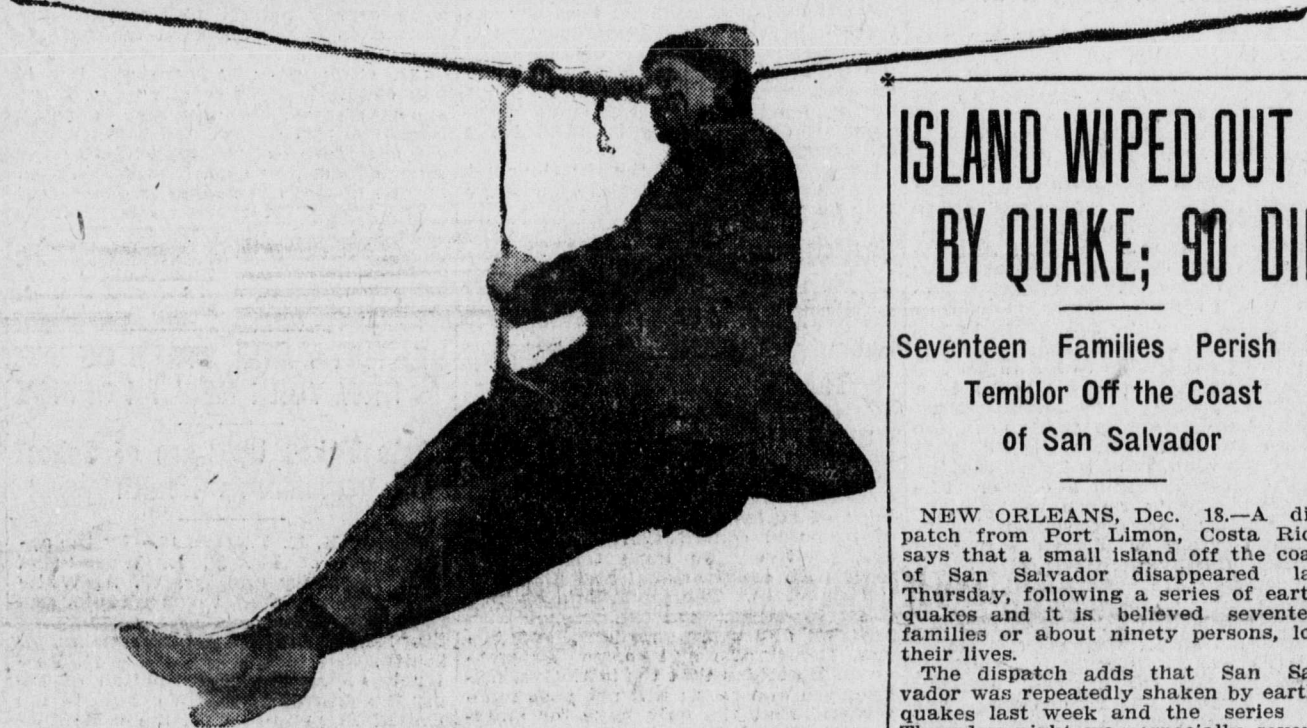
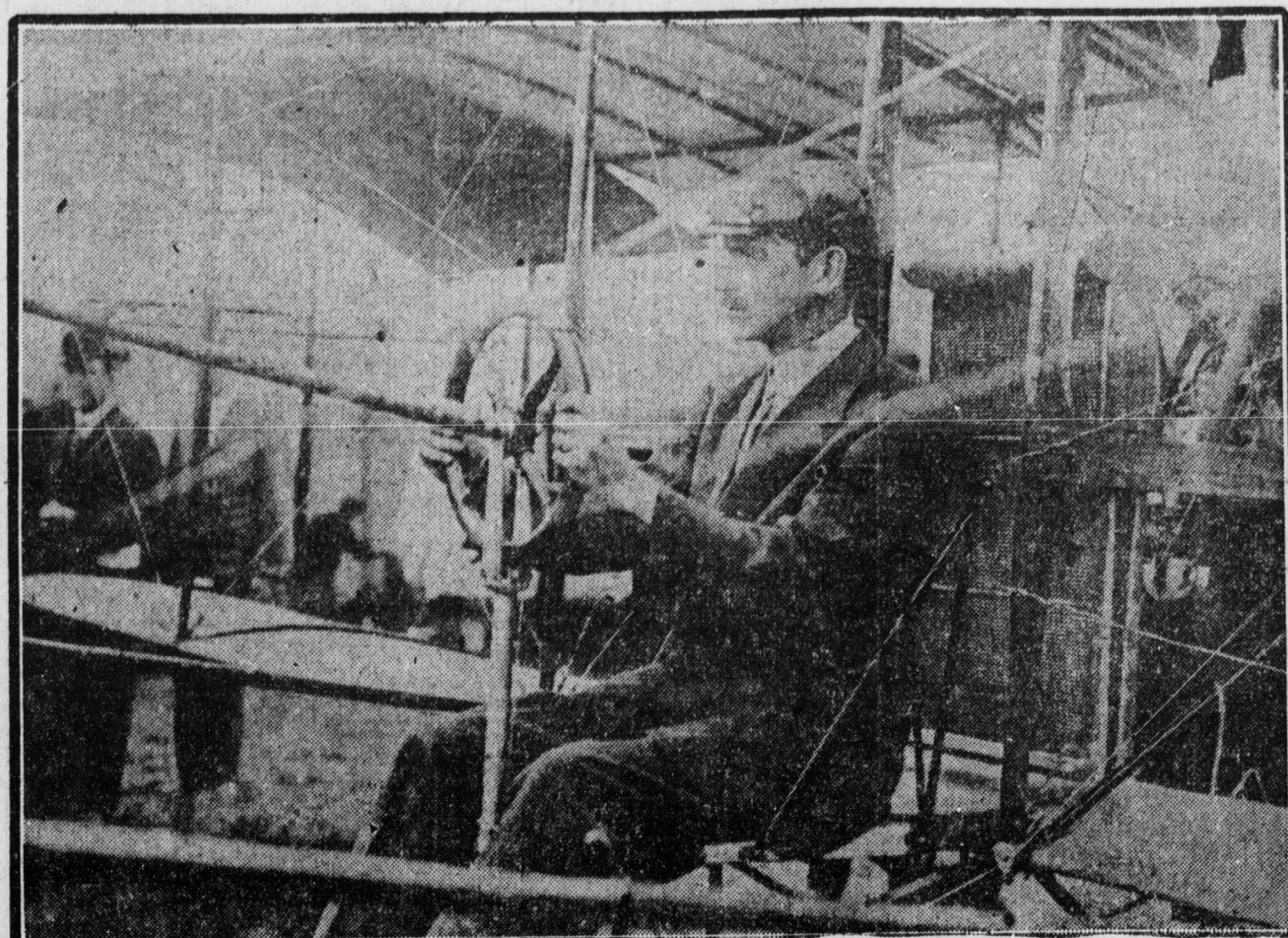
SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 18.—The Democratic territorial convention adjourned early this morning after adopting resolutions condemning the constitution drafted by the constitutional convention by a vote of 142 to 75. It is declared that it fails to provide for the initiative, practical referendum, the recall and direct primaries, and because it declares the salaries of state officers as provided are extravagant. The convention called on patriotic voters to defeat the constitution.

A resolution was adopted calling on Representative W. H. Andrews to use every effort to protect New Mexican interests in the boundary dispute with Texas, reaffirming that the 1853 merididian is the true boundary as established by treaty and purchase. The Democratic territorial central committee was reorganized.

GEN. H. C. HASBROUCK DEAD

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Brig. Gen. H. C. Hasbrouck, retired, a veteran of the civil and Spanish wars, died tonight at his home here. He was 72 years old.

Air Race from Los Angeles Across Channel to Catalina Is Planned



UPPER PICTURE SHOWS GLENN H. CURTISS IN HIS HUDSON FLYER THAT WON THE NEW YORK WORLD \$10,000 PRIZE. BELOW IS SAMUEL F. PERKINS HANGING IN THE AIR FROM "STING" OF HIS MAN LIFTING KITES

MARS SAVES LIFE BY DARING GLIDE

Engine Fails to Work When Aviator Is 4000 Feet Above City of Fresno

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 18.—When 4000 feet in the air, while attempting to make an altitude record, J. C. ("Bud") Mars this afternoon found that his engine failed to work. Despite extra precautions to keep the carburetor from freezing, the engine cold was too great, and Mars was forced to make the longest "spiral glide" of his life, while those on the field, realizing his predicament, watched his maneuvers edgily. His usual glides are from a 1000-foot height.

Mars started downward in a long spiral half a mile in diameter, swinging wide over the fair grounds and grandstand. He alighted safely, but so cold that he could speak with difficulty. One spectator, not realizing why he had descended, asked if that was not the longest spiral glide on record.

LONGEST GLIDE ON RECORD
"Well," said the man who made the stunt famous, speaking without a smile, "it's the longest one I ever tried."

For the first time in the aviation meet here the band did not play on the descent of a birdman. The whole crowd watched Mars' sensational dive. Glenn Curtiss, in a speed trial, made five miles in five minutes and five seconds, flying above the mile track. He asserted that even then his engine was not working properly. A challenge was issued to have a match race with an automobile, but no car was entered.

There was an attendance this afternoon of 6000, nearly 200 automobiles being on the grounds. The other flights were successful and nothing marred the program.

FRIENDS FEAR FOR LIFE OF DUCHESS OF ORLEANS

Noblewoman Undergoes Operation for Appendicitis in England

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The duchess of Orleans was operated on for appendicitis at Wood Norton, Eversham, Saturday. She had a comfortable night, but today her condition was considered critical.

Manuel II, the exiled king of Portugal, and his mother, Queen Dowager Amelia, are guests of the duke of Orleans at Wood Norton. As the duchess has been ill for a long time, she was unable to receive the Portuguese exiles on their arrival in England. She has been confined to her bed for two months. A few days ago serious symptoms developed.

CHILE'S MINISTER TO THE U. S. DIES

Senor Anibal Cruz Stricken with Heart Disease After Attending Banquet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senor Anibal Cruz, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Chile to the United States, was stricken with heart failure at 3:45 o'clock this morning and died ten minutes later.

He had attended the banquet of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes last night and was apparently in good health. When he was stricken physicians were summoned, but the end came before they arrived.

President Taft and Secretary Knox called at the Chilean legation in the afternoon and offered Senor Don Alberto Yocham, charge d'affaires of the embassy, the use of an American battleship for transporting the body of the minister to Chile.

President Taft and Secretary Knox expressed the hope that the body might be returned to Chile under the American flag.

This information was cabled to the Chilean government by Senor Yocham, who expects an answer tomorrow. Almost all members of the diplomatic corps and many government officials offered their condolences to Senor Cruz and members of the Chilean legation.

Senor Cruz was 45 years old and had returned to the United States but a month ago from Chile, having visited there after attending the Pan-American congress at Buenos Ayres last summer.

Senor Cruz had been Chilean minister to the United States for three years. He was at one time professor in the law faculty of the University of Chile, and in 1892 first came to the United States as secretary of the Chilean legation. In 1901 he was counsel for the Chilean government in the hearing of the arbitration in various Chilean claims. He was at one time a member of congress in Chile and minister of war. He is survived only by his wife, a niece of the late Senor Gana, Chilean minister to Great Britain, who died a month ago. A brother of Senor Cruz is now Chilean minister to Belgium.

FIRST EASTERN CHINESE CHURCH ORGANIZED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The first Chinese church in the east, and the only Chinese church in the country save that of San Francisco, was organized here today with the Rev. Hsie Kien as pastor.

It will be known as the First Chinese Presbyterian church of New York, and now has seventeen members.

ISLAND WIPED OUT BY QUAKE; 90 DIE

Seventeen Families Perish in Tumbler Off the Coast of San Salvador

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Port Limon, Costa Rica, says that a small island off the coast of San Salvador disappeared last Thursday, following a series of earthquakes and it is believed seventeen families or about ninety persons, lost their lives.

The dispatch adds that San Salvador was repeatedly shaken by earthquakes last week and the series of Thursday night was especially severe. "The people on the little island of Topango were observed flying signals of distress late yesterday afternoon," says the dispatch. "But because of the excitable condition of the people on the Salvadorean shore it was out of the question at that hour to send them relief. The early shocks continued until past midnight Thursday and Friday morning the island had entirely disappeared."

170 ARE REPORTED KILLED
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Reports here tonight place the scene of the Costa Rican earthquake on a small island in the Topango lagoon, southeast of San Salvador. It is asserted that about 170 of the inhabitants, about seventy families, were killed. The island is said to have sunk following a series of earthquake shocks last Saturday. There is no confirmation of the rumors.

SHOCK RECORDED AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It was said at Georgetown university tonight that reports of an earthquake at Costa Rica, Thursday or Friday probably were true, as the seismograph recorded vibrations between 10 o'clock and 11:50 a. m. Friday. They were recorded on both the horizontal and vertical machines and the distance was estimated at 7500 miles.

SHIP CAPTAIN REFUSES TO SURRENDER PRISONER

Greek Army Officer Wanted for \$4,000,000 Defalcation

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A cabin passenger on the steamer Themistocles, which arrived today, is in irons at the order of the Greek minister to the United States. The captain has twice refused to deliver him to immigration authorities.

The man is said to be an officer in the Greek army, implicated in a defalcation of \$4,000,000. He made no attempt to resist arrest and did not deny he was the man wanted.

He was ordered held for examination by immigration officers, as likely to become a public charge, but the captain would not surrender him.

"This government," said one of the officers, "will not tolerate such action. Neither will it refuse the man a hearing. If he is undesirable he will be deported, but the case against him must be proven."

PORTER CHARLTON WILL
APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Porter Charlton, demanded by Italy to stand trial for the murder of his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton, at Lake Como, will be taken tomorrow morning from his cell in Jersey City to Trenton, N. J., where he will seek release by habeas corpus proceedings in the United States district court.

Charlton's lawyers say if the habeas corpus proceedings fail they will appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

WIFE OF DEAN DIES

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Leigh, wife of the Hon. and Very Rev. James Wentworth Leigh, dean of Hereford since 1894, died today. She was the daughter of Pierce Butler of Georgia.

FEE FOR MEET IS PAID; RECORDS TO STAND FOR WORLD

Charity Aviation Committee Takes Last Step in Preparation for Contest

CURTISS TO MAKE WAR TESTS

Program Complete, but Will Be Kept Secret to Keep Man-birds on Alert

RADLEY AND CURTISS PLAN CHANNEL RACE

James Radley, the English aviator, is now at Los Angeles making arrangements for a flight from aviation field to Catalina island. Radley crossed the channel for the purpose of observing wind and weather conditions between mainland and island and also for the purpose of selecting a landing place on Catalina. It is understood that Latham, the French aviator, will attempt to fly the channel at the same time. Radley does not believe that a race may be arranged between the men. The exact date of the flight has not been arranged, but it will be during the forthcoming aviation meet.

That the charity aviation meet, to be held December 24 to January 3 inclusive, will receive international recognition and that all records made here will be considered world records became assured yesterday, when the aviation committee paid to the Aero club of California the fee required by the Aero club of America for sanctioning the meet.

The only flyer who will take part in the meet who is not affected by this sanction by the national club is St. Perkins, who, with his man-carrying kites, is here to exhibit. Owing to the nature of his kites, any record he might make will stand as world records, and he stated yesterday that he would endeavor to lower the present record for kite flying.

With the sanction of the club assured, Glenn H. Curtiss probably will give some demonstration of the prowess of the airship in time of war. Even interest is being displayed locally in regard to this particular phase of aviation, as a number of naval officers will soon be sent to Los Angeles from Washington to take lessons in warfare in the air from Curtiss.

The payment of this fee places the coming meet in the same class with any of the large meets which have been held in America recently, such as the meet at Belmont park, New York city, and the Boston meet, and assures to the public an opportunity of seeing the ten aviators who have been contacted with attempt to break the present world records in nearly every department of aerial navigation.

The Aero club of California has also been given a copy of the program and prize list, as prepared by the prize and program committee, which it will forward to the Aero club of America to receive the ratification of that body.

OFFICIAL SANCTION EXPECTED

The sanction of the Aero club of America is necessary before the program becomes effective, but it is believed by members of the aviation committee that this sanction will be given without trouble, as the program committee has carefully kept within the known requirements of the national club.

Just what the program sent to New York consisted of, the committee has refused to announce. This is owing to the fact that it became known yesterday that several speculators, who had bid for the program, had failed to secure it, had formed the plan of plagiarizing the program from the newspapers, printing it and selling it outside the gates. For this reason the program will not be announced until the day before the meet and then only the program for the first day's flight. This also is being done to keep from the public knowledge of what they will be required to do each day, and consequently keeping them always on the alert.

Conditions under which the aviation meet must be conducted to receive official recognition from the Aero club of America were received from that organization yesterday. In compliance with these requirements the aviation committee will make several changes at the field.

Captain Thomas Baldwin, dean of American aviators and balloonists, got away from the committee yesterday without being signed up. Search for him has been started, and if he returns and signs a contract, eleven noted bird men will be under contract to give exhibitions during the meet.

The communication from the Aero club of America defined the requirements to be fulfilled by the amateur aviators before they are granted aviator licenses and the dimensions of the course over which they must fly if the meet is given international recognition. The specifications state that each amateur must fly five kilometers, reach a height of at least 50 meters and describe a figure eight in the air around two posts set 500 meters, or about 165 feet, apart before they are qualified to take part in the meet. The course must be five kilometers in length, a distance of about 3.1 miles.

COURSE IS ALTERED

As a result of the receipt of this communication the course has been altered to conform to it, although another course 1 1/2 miles long has been laid out and will be used in a number of the contests. Still another course one-third of a mile in length will be used.

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