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AVIATOR MARS BADLY HURT

Doctors Say There Are No Hopes
for Recovery of Daring
Birdman.

BIG CRAFT FALLS ON HIM.

Heavy Biplane Bears Operator to
Earth, Crushing His Chest and
Causing Concussion of
Brain.

Erie, Pa., July 15.—(Bud) Mars, well known American aviator, probably was injured fatally here yesterday afternoon, when he lost control of his machine in a flight and crashed from a height of several hundred feet to the ground. The heavy biplane dropped on top of him. His injuries are of such a nature, it is said, there is practically no hope for his recovery.

The aviator's wife witnessed the accident and today her condition is serious due to the shock. Mars had made one successful flight earlier in the afternoon. He was in the air for the second time when the accident occurred. Several thousand spectators were watching him. He circled the field several times at a height of several hundred feet. Suddenly the machine made a dip downward and Mars was seen to jerk at something in an effort to regain control. It was a futile attempt, however, and an instant later the aeroplane struck the ground. The machine was wrecked completely and Mars lay under it. He was covered with blood and at first it was believed he was dead.

Doctors Boughton and Giglioli, who were present as spectators, were soon at his side and he was carried to an improvised field hospital. The serious nature of Mars' injuries was evident and he was rushed to a hospital. Last night Dr. Boughton issued a statement that the aviator's chest was badly injured, that he had

sustained concussion of the brain and suffered internal injuries, while he is also bruised from head to foot. Mrs. Mars rushed toward the wrecked machine. Before she reached her husband's side, however, she was overcome and was carried from the field.

Forest Fire Victims Given Succor.
Toronto, Ont., July 15.—Although the relief expeditions covered the greater portion of the Porcupine district today, they failed to report any further loss of life than was contained in yesterday's dispatches, which placed the number of lives lost at about 100. With the arrival of additional relief workers, the burned area is being covered thoroughly.

Many of the missing are believed to have fled far into the interior and found refuge at isolated farm houses, and although sage, may not be heard from for several weeks. Richard A. Cartwright and his son R. A. Cartwright, Jr., who were reported yesterday morning among the missing and probably lost, are safe at Halleybury.

Reports of the latest survivors indicate that the fires started in immense blotches, instead of in one place and failed to cover the whole district.

Four Boys Lost With Craft in Lake.
Black River, Mich., July 15.—Four little boys, it was learned today, were carried out into Lake Huron in an old boat on Tuesday and were lost. Three of them were brothers, Alfred, George and Jean Marquis, 9, 7 and 5 years old respectively. The older was Willie Lalonde, 7 years old.

The boys, it is believed, started for an island. The life saving crew from Sturgeon Point was summoned, but a three days' search revealed no clue.

Horses Die by Hundreds.
New York, July 15.—More than 1,200 horses died from the heat in New York City during the last eleven days. One packing concern suffered a loss of \$70,000 in horses and another corporation met with a loss of \$40,000. Estimating that horses are worth about \$250 each the total loss in horse flesh in the city is set at \$300,000 by the newspaper statisticians and the loss throughout the country at more than \$1,000,000.

WILSON MAY LOSE PLACE

Investigation of Wiley's Case May
Result in Ousting of
"Tama Jim."

DEMOCRATS EXPECT TO PROBE

Administration of Pure Food En-
thusiasts Undergoes Rigid Exam-
ination as Climax of
Factional Strife.

Washington, D. C., July 15.—The proposed dismissal of Dr. Wiley has stirred up a storm in Washington the like of which has not been seen even at the height of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Wide spread condemnation of Wickersham and the personnel committee of the department of agriculture is expressed.

The situation is a delicate, not to say dangerous one for the Secretary Wilson. The house democrats are going to probe the whole administration of the pure food law to the bottom. Already clamor is heard that Secretary Wilson ought to step out and give way to a younger man who can hold in leash the factions in his department.

For several years there has been bitter strife under the surface between Dr. Wiley and a faction headed by Solicitor McCabe. Secretary Wilson is considered friendly to McCabe and unfriendly to Wiley and should the president dismiss Wiley he may be driven to force out Secretary Wilson and the men opposed to Wiley.

Secretary Wilson's friends hope the matter will be adjusted quickly and fairly and Wiley left alone as they realize dismissal would make Wiley a bigger man than ever in the public eye, and probably hurt the secretary.

Uses Arsenic by Mistake.
Cleghorn, Ia., July 15.—The fun-

eral of William Prunty, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Prunty, Cherokee county pioneers, took place here yesterday. Prunty had been running a sheep ranch near Greeley, Colo., and doing the cooking for himself and his herdsman. Sunday morning he made biscuits for breakfast and mistook the arsenic, which was used for exterminating ground squirrels, for baking powder. He used a quantity of the poison and died that evening after a day of intense agony.

Is Almost Electrocutted.

Hampton, July 15.—While working on an electric light line on North Reeve street, C. J. Morgan, an employe of the lighting company, had a narrow escape from electrocution. He was engaged in taking the slack out of a wire and was holding it with a block and tackle. He had made one cut and moved the free end out of the way while cutting out the piece to be discarded. At this time the end of the wire swung back and made a circuit through his body to the balance of the line. At the same time the effect of the current was such as to cause his hand to contract and close the nippers on the wire and cut it off, and this alone probably saved his life. As it was he was badly shocked and was saved from a bad fall only by his safety belt. He made his way safely to the ground and recovered and afterward went up the pole and finished the job.

Foils Attempted Robbery.

Centerville, July 15.—What is believed to have been an attempted train robbery was thwarted last night at the water tank at Glenwood Junction, when C. C. Blackman, a brakeman, grabbed a revolver pointed in his face by a man who boarded the train and beat the would-be robber over the head with a lantern until he fell from the platform. He kept the revolver as a souvenir. By the time help came the robber disappeared. The train was a night passenger carrying express and mail from Keokuk to Centerville.

Chicken Has Four Legs.

Elkader, July 15.—Attorney W. A. Prenton has a peculiar specimen in a young chicken recently hatched in his poultry yard, which has four legs, but is normal in other respects.

INSECT BITE IS FATAL

Clarksville Woman Dies Suddenly
from Slight Bite
Wound.

BLOOD POISON FOLLOWS BITE

Trivial Wound Proves Serious—Mrs.
George Miller, Aged 55 Years,
the Victim—Prominent
Church Worker.

Clarksville, July 15.—Mrs. George Miller, aged 55 years, died yesterday afternoon very suddenly of blood poisoning caused by the bite of an insect upon her forehead a few days ago. At first it was not thought serious, but it became more painful and a doctor was called yesterday noon. After that the wound seemed better for a short time, but blood poisoning set in and developed very rapidly, resulting in death. Her husband was at work in the country at the time of death and two daughters who reside in Waterloo were also unable to be at her bedside. The other children, two sons and three daughters, were at home. She is also survived by a brother, who resides at Dumont and also one sister. She was formerly Miss Maude Alken.

Mrs. Miller was for years a prominent and active member of the Presbyterian church and was highly respected in the community.

Spanish Strikers Hurt.

Saragossa, Spain, July 15.—Thirty persons were wounded last night during encounters between the strikers and civil guards in the streets of the city. The strikers, armed with revolvers, attacked the police from different quarters and the city was thrown into a state of terror. The shops this morning are closed and no newspaper appeared on the street. A state of siege probably will be proclaimed.

Hurt Badly in Runaway.

Perry, July 15.—George Kirgis, a young farmer living four miles east of this city, was hurt badly Thursday evening in a runaway accident. Kirgis was driving a spirited team to a heavy wagon, when the tongue came down and the horses started to run. He was thrown out, dragged a distance and run over. When found by relatives he was suffering intensely and unable to tell just how the accident occurred. Doctors Paul and Ross of this city were rushed to the home, and found that Kirgis was injured internally, although it is believed he will live. He was scraped and bruised from head to foot, three ribs were broken and he was badly bruised about the head and back.

Runs Fork into His Eye.

Erametsburg, July 15.—While untying his shoe string, which was tied in a hard knot, and using a common table fork, in the operation, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brodigan stabbed himself in the eye. The fork slipped from the knot and entered the organ. A surgeon was called and has hopes of saving the sight.

Locomotive Kills Dickey.

Deepwater, N. J., July 15.—A. E. Dickey, superintendent of a clay manufacturing plant here, was run over and killed instantly by a dummy engine at the plant yesterday. Mr. Dickey was a brother of Walter S. Dickey, former chairman of the state republican central committee, now president of the Kansas City, Mo., River Navigation company.

Bank Does Slow Business.

Emmetsburg, July 15.—For an entire day after the postal savings bank was established here there was not a single depositor to take advantage of the opportunities afforded. Up to this time there are only three depositors and the total deposits are \$7.

Admit See to Bail.

Chicago, July 15.—Evelyn Arthur See, convicted yesterday of the abduction of Mildred Bridges, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000 today.

Fears Heat; Takes Life.

Waterloo, July 15.—Fearing prostration from heat, John Klaus, 70 years old, swallowed carbolic acid today and died soon afterwards.