

AVIATOR'S SKILL AVERTS TRAGIC END TO MEET

Hamilton Steers Damaged Machine to Earth by Use of the Planes

Throngs Watch Exciting Aerial Race Between Paulhan and Curtiss

world's records and probably will take less than \$5,000 in prizes.

Perfect Day Ends Meet

Hamilton and Willard have taken second and third prizes in most of the events.

Amateurs Have Inning

The amateur aviators had their innings early today. Long before the grandstand was filled and while the line along the fences was thin, Colonel Frank Johnson of San Francisco had his Curtiss machine brought out.

Machine Fails to Fly

Attempts at noon today by Roy Knabenshue to fly in the new biplane made by him in Los Angeles were unsuccessful. He did not succeed in getting the machine off the ground.

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PRIZES AWARDED AT BIG AVIATION MEET

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—The prizes won during the meet in Los Angeles follow:

Height—\$3,000, Louis Paulhan, 4,165 feet, first; \$2,000, Charles K. Hamilton, 3,900 feet, second; \$500, Curtiss, no official height taken, third.

Endurance and time—\$3,000, Louis Paulhan, 75.77 miles, 1:58:32, first; \$2,000, Charles K. Hamilton, 19.44 miles, 39:00 2-5, second; \$500, Glenn H. Curtiss, 16.11 miles, 24:54 2-5, third.

Speed—Ten laps, \$3,000, Glenn H. Curtiss, 16.11 miles, 23:43 3-5, first; \$2,000, Louis Paulhan, 16.11 miles, 24:50 2-5, second; \$500, Charles K. Hamilton, 16.11 miles, 30:34 3-5, third.

Three laps with passenger—\$1,000, Louis Paulhan, 4.83 miles, 8:16 1-5. No others contested.

Slowest lap—\$500, Charles K. Hamilton, 1.61 miles, 3:36 2-5.

Quickest start—\$250, Glenn H. Curtiss, 62-5 seconds, won.

Shortest start—\$250, Glenn H. Curtiss, 98 feet, won.

Starting and landing in square, \$250, Charles F. Willard, won; score perfect.

Cross country—\$10,000, Louis Paulhan won.

Qualifying rounds—January 12, Paulhan and Curtiss.

January 13, Curtiss, Hamilton and Paulhan.

January 14, Curtiss, Willard, Hamilton, Paulhan.

January 15, Paulhan, Hamilton, Curtiss, Willard.

January 16, Paulhan, Hamilton, Curtiss, Willard.

January 17, Curtiss, Paulhan, Hamilton.

January 18, Paulhan.

January 19, Paulhan, Curtiss, Hamilton.

January 20, Curtiss, Paulhan, Willard, Hamilton.

The following are records for the course made during the meet:

Height—4,165 feet, Louis Paulhan, January 12.

Distance—75.77 miles, Louis Paulhan, January 17.

Endurance, 1:58:32, Louis Paulhan, January 17.

Speed, 10 laps—23:42 3-5, Glenn H. Curtiss, January 17.

Speed, 1 lap—2:12, Glenn H. Curtiss, January 14.

Speed, 3 laps, with passenger—8:16 1-5, Paulhan, January 13.

Slow speed, 1 lap—3:36 2-5, C. K. Hamilton, January 14.

Shortest distance in rising—98 feet, Glenn H. Curtiss, Jan. 11.

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Dirigibles, one lap—4:57 4-5, Lincoln Beachey, January 19.

Days under the hands of the spectators, which have demonstrated superiority in endurance.

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"Joseph T. Brooks, Secretary.

"SANTA CLARA COUNTY PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

"H. McKaig, President.

"S. M. Cuthbertson, Secretary."

Such was the wording of the telegram sent this evening to Louis Paulhan, the aviator, after the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce.

It is expected that an answer will be received tomorrow.

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The representative of the Frank H. Johnson company promised that he would have a committee of his Curtiss aeroplane and Knabenshue and Peachey in the two dirigibles here for the meet.

He stated that Willard was anxious to establish records and with this end in view the chamber of commerce has offered a reward of \$5,000 to the aviator that breaks the height record and of \$5,000 to the aviator that breaks the speed record.

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According to a statement issued at the headquarters of the Aero club of America 14 meets are scheduled between April 1 and November 2, for which \$416,000 has already been promised.

The longest dates awarded are those secured for the American meet, which will be held from October 18 to November 2. No other aviation meet of this competition will be made until all bids are in. New York, Washington, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities are seeking the attraction.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Clifford B. Harmon of New York and George Harrison marked the end of the aviation meeting today by establishing a balloon altitude record of 10,500 feet for the Pacific coast.

The two aeronautes ascended in the balloon New York shortly after noon and soon attained an altitude of about two miles. Coming down at 10:45 they landed near the city, having lit on a house top and nearly tore off the roof. Neither of the aeronautes was hurt.

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FOREIGN Estrada's Reply Ends Peace Negotiations Case Against Ambassador's Wife Dismissed Amnesty Movement in Spain to Be Extended

NICARAGUAN WAR WILL BE RESUMED

Madriz Refuses to Accept the Rebel Proposal and Prepares for Battle

MANAGUA, Jan. 20.—President Madriz announced today that General Estrada's reply had served to end abruptly the peace negotiations, and that reinforcements had been ordered to the front with the purpose of striking a decisive blow at the insurgent army.

General Estrada's reply was to the president's message inviting the insurgent leader to send peace commissioners to meet representatives of the government at Greytown. The communication, signed by Estrada and General Chamorro, stated that they would accept Greytown as a meeting place for peace commissioners, provided Madriz would recognize the revolutionists as constituting a provisional government.

"All of our energies will be directed now to administering a swift and decisive blow," said President Madriz. "It will be better to have one severe battle than an endless session of inconclusive skirmishes. The government troops are in fine fettle, and not apprehensive of the result of the conflict."

Prosecutor Arraigned

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Jan. 20.—Solomon Selva, who appeared as prosecuting attorney before the court martial that sentenced Groce and Cannon, the Americans who allied themselves with the insurgent cause, and General Medina, who was charged by President Zelaya with the execution of the sentences, were arraigned in court today accused of having convicted the prisoners illegally.

Argentine Rebels Hold Position

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 20.—The insurgents are reported to be on the Argentine border today, still holding the position in which their presence was first learned. The Uruguayan government has taken the precaution of requisitioning all the horses in that vicinity so that in the event of an insurrection the rebels will be unable to augment their transport facilities.

CAUCUS NOMINEES RATIFIED BY HOUSE

Democrats Wage Hot Fight Against Substitution of Lloyd for Rainey

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of the house had introduced the original resolution investigating the investigation in such a manner as to constitute an attack upon the forestry service, and prematurely "brand Secretary Ballinger as a pure and innocent man."

Commenting upon the selection of the committee by the house Representative Elmer A. Smith said:

"The real issue in the matter of the selection of an investigating committee was whether the house could select a committee at all, and whether, when selected, it would be a better committee than the one selected by the speaker."

"The house has proved that it can select its own committee and has selected a committee of all elements of the house and the country it represented, whereas if the speaker had selected it it would have been made up of his personal favorites. Committee members appointed by the speaker would have owed their places to him. The men now named owe their places to the house."

Marks Cannon's Downfall

"This makes all the difference in the world, and it is the first substantial step in the direction of correcting present legislative procedure, and marks an epoch. Legislative autocracy is on the run. Joseph G. Cannon has lost his power and his influence."

Consideration of the urgent deficiency bill was resumed today, but was laid over until tomorrow.

The senate had a brief session, the only incident of which was a speech by Senator Bradley of Kentucky.

Sherman today announced the following as the senate members of the Ballinger-Elinch committee:

Sensators Nelson, Minnesota; Flint, California; Sutherland, Utah; Root, New York (republican), and Painter, Kentucky, and Fletcher, Florida (democratic).

FLINT AND McLACHLAN PREPARING FOR RACE

Senator and Representative Are Busy Making "Copy"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Flint announced today that he would ask the senate to direct the committee on interoceanic canals, of which he is chairman, to make an investigation of Panama railroad and steamship matters, particularly in relation to any contracts it may have with the Pacific Mail steamship company.

Representative McLachlan of California is not disposed to let Flint get all the credit for the Panama investigation.

The rivalry between Flint and McLachlan is taken by the Californians here as an indication that Flint is grooming himself for re-election and that McLachlan may come out as a candidate for the senate. Flint has not officially announced that he has withdrawn from the race.

SEEK TO OPEN PRISON DOORS

Movement for Liberation of Political Convicts Will Be Spread in Catalonia

MADRID, Jan. 20.—Organizers of the amnesty movement in Barcelona, the object of which is to obtain the liberation of political prisoners, are planning to extend the campaign throughout Catalonia.

It is stated that the movement is led by the socialists, but it is also reported that leaders of the socialists and the radicals have fallen out through jealousy and differences as to the policy to be pursued.

In Barcelona some hotel waiters have struck, demanding one day's rest out of seven, and there is a possibility that the strike will become general in hotels of the city.

JAPAN BLAMES CHINA FOR KNOX'S PROPOSITION

Nippon and Russia Will Refuse Proposal

PEKING, Jan. 20.—Japan has notified China informally through the Japanese legation here that Japan and Russia with concentrated action will decline the proposition of the United States for the neutralization of the Manchurian railway. Japan charges China with having been responsible for the proposal and thus of having committed an act unfriendly to the former.

TWO KILLED AND SEVEN HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

Roadbed Washed Out and the Coaches Are Ditched

LEMANS, France, Jan. 20.—Two persons were killed and seven others seriously injured today when a passenger train toppled from the track into a ravine. The accident was due to the settling of the rails under which the roadbed had been washed by the floods.

NEW BRANCH ADDED TO MARINE LEAGUE

Redwood City Businessmen Affiliate With San Franciscans at Enthusiastic Meeting

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

REDWOOD CITY, Jan. 20.—As the result of an address delivered this afternoon by George W. Dickie of the merchant marine league of California at Odd Fellows' hall a branch of the league was formed in this city.

The address, which dealt exclusively with facts and figures, was held under the auspices of the Redwood City women's club and was attended by the members of the board of trade, high school faculty and pupils and a number of prominent businessmen of the city.

Besides the talk made by Dickie C. C. Hennion, also a member of the league, spoke of the deplorable situation of the American navy at the present time, having few American ships for coilers in time of war.

Short talks were made by a number of local people, all of whom expressed surprise at the revelations made by both Dickie and Hennion and announced themselves as heartily in favor of the purpose of the league and pledged their assistance in every possible manner to support the new branch. Those addressing the meeting were: Rev. Father Sullivan, Rev. Charles Kirtland, Andrew D. Walsh, P. P. Chamberlain, T. Johnson, Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick, who occupied the chair; Mrs. Corran Clark and Mrs. F. P. Wentworth.

An address will be delivered tonight by Dickie before the men's club of the Presbyterian church at San Rafael, which it is expected will result in the formation of another branch.

Oakland has a branch of the league at the present time and others are in course of formation at San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton and Palo Alto.

MEXICAN WAR HERO DEAD AT WOODLAND

Was First Over Breastworks at Chapultepec

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SANTA ROSA, Jan. 20.—Elson Mann of this city has received word of the death of his brother, at the age of 83 in Woodland. Christopher Mann was a native of Crawfordville, Ind., and served in the Mexican war of 1847 and later came to California, settling in the Pajaro valley. In after years he resided in Santa Clara valley.

As a soldier with the American troops in the Mexican war Mann was the first man over the breastworks at Chapultepec and planted the American flag in place of the Mexican.

On his discharge he crossed the plains with an ox team and grew up with the Golden state as one of its sturdy pioneers.

AMERICAN WOMAN VICTOR IN SUIT

Litigation Growing Out of a Tradesman's Attempt to Seize Goods Is Dismissed

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The court today dismissed the case growing out of the attempted seizure of lace curtains furnished for the residence in the Avenue Du Bois de Boulogne of Mrs. John G. A. Leishman, wife of the United States ambassador to Italy.

The court decided that it was simply a question of a disputed bill and that the standing of Mrs. Leishman should have protected her against seizure.

Mrs. Leishman was not in the city when a tradesman sought to take from her home goods which he valued at \$1,800 and for which he had not been paid. In the absence of Mrs. Leishman the correctness of the bill was questioned and the seizure resisted.

GERMAN STATES UPHOLD STAND ON U. S. TARIFF

Kaiser's Government Opposes Importation of Meat

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The imperial ministry from time to time has communicated to the governments of the federated German states the progress of the tariff negotiations with the United States.

All the governments have indicated their approval of the imperial position that no concession can be made concerning the importation of American meats and are in full accord with the terms and spirit of Germany's recent and definite reply to the American request.

In view of the fact that American exports of meats are declining because of the high prices prevailing in the United States it is regarded here as unreasonable that Washington should insist upon concessions which must be extended to Germany's neighbors.

FAKE NAVY OFFICER EXPOSED IN COURT

Howard K. Clover Repudiated as Relative of Admiral and Branded Impostor

Howard K. Clover, on trial for working bunco games by impersonating an officer of the United States navy, heard himself disclaimed as a relative in the United States district court yesterday by Rear Admiral Richardson Clover, U. S. N., retired.

Later the defendant took the stand in his own behalf and said he did not say he was an officer, but only let people think it. He did not deny, however, that he told Harry Moffitt, secret service operative, that he was a second cousin of the admiral.

Besides denying the relationship Admiral Clover affirmed that there was no such officer as Clover claimed in the navy. Commander E. W. Eberle of the Yerba Buena station also said he knew no such man.

Ben McKinley of the United States attorney's office was thus limited to evidence relating to scientific supplies secured by Clover on credit from the Taikmann-Torka company. Frank Torka testified that he gave the defendant credit only because of his representation as to being a captain in the navy.

Argument to the jury will be made this morning and instructions given.

If you desire California's choicest table wine ring up your grocer and ask for Italian-Swiss Colony Tipo (red or white).

PLAN STATE LABOR POLITICAL PARTY

Building Trades Delegates Decide to Form Working Class Organization

Resolutions Adopted Scoring Pay Check and Employment Bureau Evils

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MONTEREY, Jan. 20.—Among the most important matters that came before the state building trades convention today was the resolution introduced by W. Sullivan of carpenters' union No. 483 and James French of No. 1,082, San Francisco, providing for political action that will undoubtedly have sweeping effect upon the result of the state election next fall.

The resolution, which was adopted, reads as follows:

Resolved, that the state building trades council in its ninth annual convention assembled declare its intention now to organize a working class political party in the state of California, with a view to getting control of the law making powers of this state and the several municipalities and making the workers in the interest of the common people legislation that will give them the right and opportunity to enjoy life, liberty and prosperity instead of protecting wealth, profit and greed. We also favor a national working class party, to the end that the bona fide representatives of the congress of the United States and finally place a member of the working class in the presidential chair.

Another very important resolution which was adopted calls upon the executive officers to prepare a bill providing for the establishment of state and municipal employment bureaus and the measure to the next legislature. This resolution was introduced by E. B. Morton of millmen's union No. 422 and received the unanimous support of the delegates.

LABORERS DEFAUDED

While the debate on the resolution was in progress Mayor McCarthy read a letter from his secretary, E. C. Leffingwell, which called attention to the fraud practiced upon San Francisco workmen by employment agents. Affidavits from six men were enclosed setting forth that they had been hired by Costigan & Co. and had paid \$2 office fee to go to work for the Warren improvement company at Willits. Upon their arrival at Willits they were refused employment and told that the statements made to them by Costigan & Co. were false and fraudulent. Having no money these seven men were left as a charge upon the town of Willits.

Still another matter that aroused great enthusiasm was the adoption of the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the union men's home for orphan children located in San Lorenzo. This report recommended that the institution be taken over by the state building trades council, properly financed and placed on a paying basis.

A resolution indorsing the movement for improvement of Monterey harbor was adopted by the unanimous vote of the convention. Similar action was taken on the resolution favoring the appointment of a commission of seven members at large and one from each local council to investigate and thoroughly study the economic, industrial and labor problems which will confront the coast upon the completion of the Panama canal was also passed.

INDORSER WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The resolution indorsing the full enfranchisement of women was adopted by a rising vote. If the delegates keep up the same strenuous speed and working ability it is expected that the convention will adjourn Friday noon.

Resolutions were also adopted directing the general executive board of the council to draft bills to be submitted to the legislature abolishing the pay check system and providing that all employers must pay at least once a month in gold coin or negotiable paper, an recommending laws for the establishment of permanent museums of safety and sanitation; the abolition of the practice of corporations compelling employees to buy at company stores and the suppression of salaried loafers.

The council decided to send two representatives to guard the interests of labor at the next legislature.

ROAD'S FINANCES BADLY ENTANGLED

Valuable Assets of Ocean Shore Are Heavily Encumbered With Debts

Unless Payments Are Made Individual Creditors May Seize Property

The finances of the Ocean Shore railway are badly entangled, according to a supplemental statement which will be filed in the United States circuit court today by Walter Kaufman, attorney for Receiver F. S. Stratton of the company. Rolling stock and terminal properties are either rented, or represents, or have been secured by sufficient payments to cause a heavy loss to creditors if the contracts lapse.

Judge Van Fleet has set tomorrow as the day for deciding whether he will appoint engineers to report on the future of the road. With a view of informing the court as far as possible Stratton filed a statement several days ago telling of its needs. On the strength of this he obtained \$4,500 to pay the overdue rent on the Twelfth and Mission street terminal and the same amount on the Standard oil company's fuel contract.

In his supplemental statement Stratton says that the only property the Ocean Shore owns is the office building on Eleventh street, which is mortgaged for \$40,000 to the Hibernia bank. On other railroad land there is owing \$24,620 in rent, which must be paid to protect the right to purchase. The rolling stock, he says, was bought on the installment plan, the title being with hold until full payment. If the road does not pay the \$20,219 still due on equipment it will forfeit the \$14,000 it has already given on account.

The fuel oil bill, for which an issue of receiver's certificates was authorized by the judge, is only a small item. Bills for electricity of \$2,400 and water bills of \$4,300 must be paid immediately or the supplies will be shut off. The company will even lose its boring machinery, for \$100,000 to be paid \$100, unless \$700 additional is turned over to the owner to obtain the title.

Copies of the statement have been sent by Stratton to