

BIRDMEN CROSS THE WIDE OCEAN TO THE EAST AND RAIN

If You Don't See It Aloft This Morning, Rest Assured They'll Fly

Aviation Will Be Resumed as Soon as the Weather Will Permit

Yesterday Devoted to Renovating Grounds By F. E. SCOTTFORD, President Aviation Committee

Rain Helps Rather Than Hinders Aviation Meet

By LIEUTENANT PAUL W. BECK, Signal Corps, U. S. A.

MEET ALREADY NOTEWORTHY

The first day of flying was noteworthy for a series of good initial flights, and the second day will ever be a day of note on account of the enormous crowd that gathered between Tanforan and the San Bruno hills, a throng of 100,000 persons, to witness the flights of the biplanes.

LADIES' DAY NEXT

The next day of the meet will be ladies' day, when the society women of San Francisco will serve tea in the hangars between flight fields.

ADLEY AMBITIOUS

Radley was in the aviation headquarters yesterday afternoon. "I want to do something daring—something original," he declared enthusiastically. "I would like to fly to Sacramento and pay the respects of the aviation committee and those of myself or the governor of the state of California if such a flight may be arranged for by the committee I would gladly undertake the trip, and would be proud of the opportunity to meet Governor Johnson. If the Sacramento flight is not feasible, I hope that some other flight may be arranged—possibly a flight to Oakland. I would like to cross the bay and carry a message from your mayor, San Francisco to the mayor of Oakland."

Tevis to Be Working Head of Big Concern

Three men prominent in organization of \$200,000,000 United properties company. Zabriskie arrived yesterday from the east.



ANNOUNCEMENT will be made of the cross country trip. Walter Brookings of the Wright team is eager to sustain the prestige of his biplane in competition with the darling Ely in his Curtiss and would duplicate the feat planned by Ely—to fly onto the deck of the cruiser Pennsylvania.

TAMALPAIS OFFER If any of the aviators take up the offer of C. F. Runyon, president of the Mill Valley and Mount Tamalpais railroad, to fly from Seaside field to the top of Mount Tamalpais in an aeroplane for a prize of \$1,000, he will indeed be a daring aviator on a bold enterprise.

The greatest danger to the aviator on the trip would not come from alighting on the mountain top, but would be incidental to any alighting he might have to make on the way. In the event of accident, Ely, who is familiar with the topography of the Mount Tamalpais country, said yesterday that it would be very difficult for an aeroplane to find a landing place en route to the mountain if an accident should require a descent.

AVIATOR LANDS UPON WARSHIP Not in a Flying Machine, But From Steam Launch, to Investigate

Aviator Ely landed yesterday on the cruiser Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by Aviator Curtis. Their landing, although accomplished without a mishap, attracted no particular attention, for the reason that they landed from a steam launch and not from an airship.

BUDS WILL SEE BIRDMEN SKATE

Aviators Will Come Down to Earth on Rollers for Smart Set Party

Is it possible for an aviator to pass the afternoon circling in the air and in the evening of the same day conduct himself gracefully on roller skates? That is the question that the society girls of the Tuesday Night skating club are asking one another today.

Whether skating is a feat worthy of an aviator is yet to be determined, but the mere promise of their presence has created a flutter of expectation among the society buds.

Organist Joins Birdmen

The most interesting of the novice birdmen at the aviation meet is unquestionably Marshall W. Gieselman, the musician and former organist of Calvary Presbyterian church, this city.

Saloonist Interrupts Buglers

Dollar Dinner on "The Owl"

Commencing January 7, the Southern Pacific will serve a \$1 Table d'Hote dinner on the Owl limited, instead of a la carte service.

SALESMAN INTERRUPTS BUGLERS Buglers broke the plate glass window in the saloon of the McGee at Twenty-fourth street yesterday morning and had succeeded in finding only \$10 before they were frightened away by the blowing of police whistles of the proprietor, who had heard the crash.

ZABRISKIE ARRIVES TO FORM COMPANY

Men Behind United Properties Project Will Organize Permanently

F. M. Smith, "Borax King," Will Guide Concern From the Background

OAKLAND, Jan. 9.—With the arrival in Oakland this afternoon of Christian B. Zabriskie, the New York representative of F. M. Smith, who carried on the eastern negotiations out of which grew the gigantic United Properties company, incorporated at \$200,000,000, the big corporation will be permanently organized within a short time and officers chosen.

Zabriskie arrived on the Santa Fe and Smith went to the train in his automobile to meet him. For a few days at least Zabriskie will live with Smith in his Oakland home. A large quantity of mail has accumulated, and it was stated today that it would take a day or more for Zabriskie to look after the business which has piled up in his absence and that nothing definite would be done probably until the latter part of the week.

Neither Zabriskie, Smith nor other members of the company had any information to make public today regarding the immediate plans of the company. Zabriskie said that he would not be able to leave until he had had gone over the work which called for his personal attention. He had made a hurried journey and complained of being tired.

It has not yet been decided whether the meeting of the directors will be held in Smith's offices in the Albany building or in William S. Tevis's office in San Francisco. It was stated today that if Smith could secure the time to go to San Francisco the gathering would be held there.

Tevis, according to Smith's desires, will be the working head of the corporation and will be the man who will act as spokesman. While Smith will be recognized as the power behind the throne, he has made it expressly understood that he prefers Tevis, a younger man, to assume the duties, carrying into effect the plans outlined.

Smith is following out his policy of years in thus remaining in the background. He has a large real estate portfolio, and in the old days when he and Frank C. Havens were associated Havens was the man in the public eye whenever their interests were under discussion.

Smith controls a large acreage, most of which would have to be reclaimed, and this would prove of great value and would be ideally located for commercial purposes.

The company will maintain two offices, one in Oakland and one in San Francisco. The head office, with Smith in charge, will be in Oakland.

JOHN TREADWELL LOSES \$41,090.72 BY DEFAULT Judgment Recovered by Bankrupt Estate of Brother

Judgment by default for \$41,090.72 in favor of John F. Kelly, as trustee of the bankrupt estate of James Treadwell, against John Treadwell, was rendered yesterday by Judge Morgan.

SHERIFF'S SALE IS HELD UP BY COURT Creditors Prevent Action on Stock of Kontos Brothers

Judge de Haven of the United States district court granted an order yesterday to prevent the sheriff from selling the grocery stock of Kontos Brothers on a judgment for \$547 obtained by Tom Kontos. The order was made on a petition filed by the creditors, who alleged that the firm was insolvent at the time the attachment was levied.

CALIFORNIA ASPHALT IS USED IN BROOKLYN Municipal Plant Saves the City \$40,000 Annually

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—One phase of municipal ownership, which has proved successful in this city, is the asphalt plant, which is operated in Brooklyn.

BUSINESS SUSPENDS WHEN POLICE CAPTAIN IS BURIED

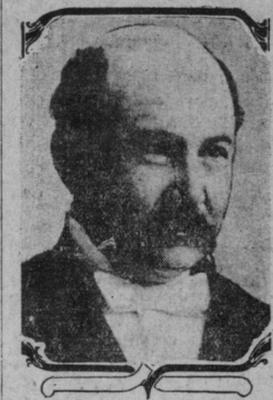
SPOKANE, Jan. 9.—Street cars were stopped, stores closed, and business suspended when the body of Police Captain John T. Sullivan, who was assassinated at his home last Thursday night, was taken to the church where the funeral services were held.

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Homer Prindle, Freed Without Bail After Surrender



'DEAD MAN ALIVE!' COURT STARTLED

Indicted Realty Dealer Thought to Have Been Killed Two Years Ago

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—The astounding information was disclosed in the United States district court today that Ollie J. Watkins, the well known real estate dealer, indicted for using the mail to defraud in a gigantic land deal and supposed to have been killed in a runaway accident near San Bernardino two years ago, may be alive.

The indictments came up in court today and it was moved to dismiss them because of the death of Watkins.

"I can not see the use of continuing these cases, as the defendant has been dead two years," suggested one of Watkins' attorneys.

"If we were sure of that we would have no objection to dismissal," quietly replied A. S. McCormick, the United States district attorney.

A murmur of surprise ran around the courtroom at this announcement.

Attorney McCormick continued, saying that the federal authorities had received word that Watkins was not killed, but had lately been seen in Australia and that secret service agents are on his trail.

THE COURT ORDERED the indictments continued to the next term of court.

THE QUESTION now arises as to who was the man killed at San Bernardino and buried as Watkins. The man was identified as Watkins. Rumors that the identity was not positive were heard a month ago.

WATKINS' AFFAIRS were badly involved and a deluge of civil suits followed the death. The federal indictments were pending at the time of Watkins' alleged death.

SEATTLE POLICE WANT CUSTODY OF TOBLINSKIE Accused Blackmailer Implicated by Confession of Safecracker

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—The Seattle police department has put in a claim for possession of Joseph Toblinski, under arrest in San Francisco charged with blackmailing New York horsemen. Toblinski is charged with being one of two men who were surprised by a policeman while they were cracking the safe of a cigar store in this city November 26 last.

LANGER IN TOOLS FOR SPEEDING AUTO Famous Baseball Player Halted by Unsentimental Policeman

When Bill Lange, once famous baseball player, was presented with a fine for speeding by the admiring and sentimental fans of Chicago upon his visit to that city during the world's series last October he promised them that he would take the machine to this city and use it as he betts a calm, collected real estate operator, with no thought of speed records to smash.

But Saturday morning Lange forgot his promise, or, rather, Policeman William Ceiner says he did. On a complaint sworn to by Ceiner, who charged that Lange went by the corner of Fell and McAllister streets at about the same speed that a line drive travels by third base, the veteran officer was taken into custody yesterday morning.

LANGER WAS released on bail, and the police judge will hear all about it today.

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'ONLY SITTING ON CHAIR'---PRINDLE

'She Drew Her Skirts Aside and Made Room for Me,' Says San Jose Man

'If I Was 20 Years Younger I'd Lick That Fellow Neilsen,' Declares Capitalist

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN JOSE, Jan. 9.—Homer Prindle, capitalist and former member of the city council, pleaded guilty today to the charge of his tenant, A. J. Neilsen, that he had attempted by violence to kiss Mrs. Neilsen. Prindle asked for a jury trial and the hearing was set for January 13. He was given his liberty without bail.

THE INCIDENT upon which the accusation is based occurred Friday night. Yesterday when Prindle learned that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, he surrendered. He is a man of mature years and the woman whom he is accused of drawing into an enforced flirtation, is but 20 years old. Moreover, she is very attractive.

PRINDLE talked freely of the case and stated emphatically that he did not attempt to kiss Mrs. Neilsen. He declared that he was the victim of an extortion plot framed by the woman and her husband. He blames himself.

WOULD LICK NEILSEN "If I wasn't a man of family I would lick this fellow, Neilsen," he said; "but my folks wouldn't like the talk; it would cause."

THE NEWS came to this city a few months ago and on November 1 Neilsen paid \$250 down and gave Prindle his note for \$500, payable February 1. A month later the pair persuaded Prindle to erase Neilsen's name in the written lease and to substitute that of Mrs. Neilsen. They said she had money and it would facilitate business transactions.

ON JANUARY 1 Prindle returned from a business trip to find that the couple had deserted his farm. Mrs. Neilsen called to his home, he says, and informed him and Mrs. Prindle that her husband had deserted her and left his two young children by a previous marriage for her to support. Prindle says that he was touched by her story and surrendered the note for \$350.

THE PLOT THICKENS He went to her home in Fifth street Friday evening to settle up affairs, he says.

"I thought that I heard Neilsen's voice when I entered the place," continued Prindle, "but I didn't suspect a trap. Mrs. Neilsen placed a rocking chair for me to sit in and took a seat in another chair. We talked for some time and then she moved over on one edge of her chair and drew her skirts aside to make room for me, at the same time inviting me to sit beside her. I did so and put my arm on the back of the chair, which was very narrow, so that I could hang on. As I did so she leaned back hard and held my arm fast."

"AT THIS moment Neilsen and his hired man broke into the room, and Neilsen shouted that I had tried to kiss his wife. If I had been 20 years younger I would have licked them both. They told me to sit down and settle the matter right there. I refused to do so and they threatened to call the police. I insisted that this should be done. The patrol wagon was summoned and I was taken to the police station, but the captain refused to lock me up without a warrant."

NEILSEN declares that Prindle's advances were wholly uninvited and that he hurried to protect his wife when she called for help.

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