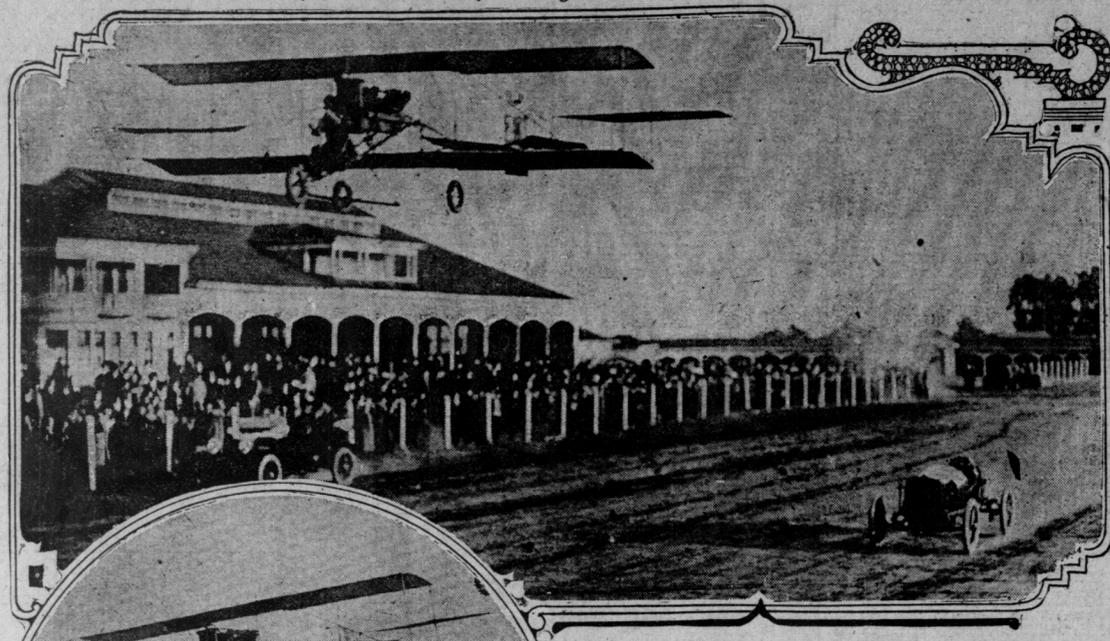


FEATS STOP BEATING AS BEACHEY DENIES LAWS OF GRAVITATION

Lincoln Beachey, America's most intrepid birdman, as he appeared yesterday at Tanforan in his brush with an R. C. H. racing automobile with "Dare Devil" Edwards at the wheel. Beachey made the terrestrial speed machine look as though it were standing still.



WINGS DO IT ALL

WINGING FEATS

Races Against Terrestrial Speed Burners Show Swift Biplane to Be Supreme

Defying all laws of gravitation, Lincoln Beachey, undoubtedly the most intrepid aviator in America, gracefully executed an "aerial waltz" in his Curtiss biplane at Tanforan park yesterday afternoon. The waltz was danced on a floor of crisp, exhilarating atmosphere, to music from the throats of thrilled thousands. Every glide was graceful, every dip delightfully sensational and every reverse dazzling in daring. As a climax to this thrilling exhibition of atmospheric dancing, Beachey rose to a height of 3,000 feet, tipped his machine until it seemed impossible for him to hold his seat and, with still engines, dropped headlong to within 50 feet of the earth, when he raised his hands from the control bar, straightened out his biplane and landed safely on the green. As he descended in this "death dive" a hush fell over the 3,000 spectators as they saw the air through the wings of the biplane could be heard distinctly.

Beachey was easily the headliner in the aerial vaudeville show given by the downtown merchants aviation committee yesterday. In every possible way he outdared his fellow aviators, and on all sides it was Beachey, late "Beachey" that between thrills the spectators found time to laugh as Beachey, flying 50 miles an hour, swept over the grounds so low that those who crowded out on the starting field felt flat to avoid the seemingly impending danger. During the races with motorcycles and racing automobiles the San Franciscan swooped down to a height of 100 feet until it seemed that the front wheel of his machine touched the head of the motorcycle or automobile driver.

SANTA CLAUS AVIATES

Francis, garbed as Santa Claus, circled the grandstand, throwing packages of candy to the crowd. This was Santa's initial trip in an airplane. Later in the afternoon Francis took a passenger with him for a 10 minutes flight. In his single tractor biplane, "Bob" Fowler attempted to break the altitude record, but when he reached a height of 7,600 feet his engine began shooting oil, which besmeared his goggles and thus forced him to descend. He found the air propeller for high diving, and felt confident of breaking the record of 11,800 feet, held by Beachey. Just before he seated himself in his machine he kissed his mother and remarked, "I'm going back with the altitude record in about an hour."

The lower picture shows Beachey racing against Dudley Perkins on a motorcycle—again to the honor of the "man higher up."

GOSSIP HEARD BY THE MAN IN THE STREET, COVERING THE WHOLE WORLD OF SPORTS

WIND BOTHERS CHICO BOY

Thad Kerna, in a headless biplane of his own making, took a glide of 2,000 feet. The Chico lad could not make good headway against the east wind that was blowing, owing to the lack of sufficient motor power.

Leading is no business. Nick Williams, who has been managing the Portland club of the Northwest league, is now a detective in the northwest. Nick, it is reported, will buy the Portland club, and his present job is only a temporary one. He is keeping busy between seasons and will be back in harness when the time for "play ball" rolls around again.

MOTORCYCLE OUTDOE

In his face with Dudley Perkins, who rode a motorcycle, Beachey clearly demonstrated that he had perfect control of his headless biplane. The atmosphere was choppy near the earth, but the little "bird" took the turn as easily and evenly as did the terrestrial machine with which it raced. Perkins got the very best out of the cycle he drove, but no stage of the race did he gain much of an advantage over the aircraft. Almost every time that the racers passed the grandstand Beachey swooped down upon his adversary, forcing Perkins to sink lower over the handle bars. A less daring driver would have been unnerved by the close proximity of the flying propeller of the biplane, but Perkins seemed to enjoy the sensation.

Nothing has been heard from J. Cal Ewing or Ed Walters for three days. At that Cal had the last say, but Walters smiles every time he looks at that Mission lease, which he hopes to make Cal pay dearly for some day.

Jim Griffin's Christmas to Tom Corbett was a jet black pig, a very useful animal in the Corbett home.

Professor Fernandez, the genial little fellow who meets the guests of the Indoor Yacht club, was remembered as Christmas by Skipper Coffroth.

Willie Meehan in the past has been beating opponents by slapping them. His manager, Louis Parante, declares now that Willie has learned to close his hands and punch. "What's going to happen to the boxers he meets in the future?"

ONE ON THE AUTO

During the last lap of the two mile race Beachey made the motor car look as if it were standing still. He had reached the finish and was ready to alight when the auto came into the stretch.

Unusual Conditions In College Rowing

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Unusual conditions exist in college rowing circles. Yale has announced definitely that the varsity crew will engage in only one race during the season—the annual fight with Harvard. The Crimson had agreed to row Cornell at Ithaca May 23.

Columbia, Pennsylvania and Princeton are engaged in the task of arranging schedules and all are hampered by the indecision upon the part of most of the crews.

With the exception of Beachey, all of the birdmen prize the "little royal of the sky," the closing event of the day. In this aerial romp the aviators ascended several hundred feet, where they played "cross legs" and "beat frog." It was a fitting finale to a day filled with thrills and amusement.

It is understood that Cornell has made overtures and would like to meet Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania in a regatta. In this the Ithacans probably would be balked by the stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing association, because it would bring together three of the crews which would result in a regatta. It is also understood that Harvard has suggested a race with Princeton, to be held at Springfield, Mass., upon which no definite action has been taken.

Princeton Tossers Will Join Bushers

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—"Toll" Pendleton, the noted Princeton football and baseball player, is each summer one of the leaders of the Blue Ridge camp at Ivy, Va., not far from Charlottesville. He is to return next summer and reports that Hobey Baker will join him. Both will play in the Virginia amateur baseball league. Pendleton has been the star of the Blue Ridge nine in past seasons.

Major League Team Managers for 1913

In view of the numerous shifts in the leadership of the major league baseball clubs, the following list of the skippers for the coming season will be interesting:

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati—Joe Tinker.
New York—Johnny McGraw.
Chicago—Johnny Evers.
Pittsburgh—Fred Clarke.
St. Louis—Miller Huggins.
Philadelphia—Charley Doherty.
Boston—George Stallings.
Brooklyn—Bill Dahlen.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston—Jake Stahl.
New York—Frank Chance.
Cleveland—Joe Birmingham.
Chicago—Jimmy Callahan.
Washington—Clark Griffith.
St. Louis—George Stovall.
Detroit—Hugh Jennings.
Philadelphia—Connie Mack.
"Chance has not yet signed."

BOISE HIGH ELEVEN BLANKS CHICAGO TEAM

Windy City Footballers No Match for the Huskies of Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 25.—By the aid of a long forward pass, Boise made the only score in the football game here today between the Boise high school and the Wendell Phillip high school of Chicago, who went down to defeat by a score of six to nothing.

K. O. Brown Trims Young Grandwill

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Knockout Brown today won from Young Grandwill, who claims the lightweight championship of New Jersey, in the seventh round of their bout before a large holiday crowd at the Irving Athletic club. Grandwill's seconds threw up the sponge when it appeared certain that their charge was due to lose via the knockout route.

Gary's Sheriff Puts Lid On Prize Fights

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Sheriff Henry Whitaker, angered at the prize fight promoters for advertising New Year fights at Gary, Ind., without first seeking permission, put the fight lid on the Indiana town last night.

Zbyszko Defeats Cutler, Chicago Wrestler

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Charles Cutler of Chicago, claimant to the world's heavy weight wrestling championship, lost in two successive falls to Zbyszko, the European champion, tonight. The first fall came at the end of 1 hour and 12 minutes, after both men had thrice tumbled out of the ring. What appeared to some of the spectators as a blow on the chin given by Zbyszko resulted in Cutler falling to the mat with the European on top, and the fall was given to Zbyszko. The second fall was secured in 13 minutes 10 seconds with a head over shoulders hold.

Staid New England Has Speedy Cock Fights

PLAINFIELD, Conn., Dec. 25.—One of the most exciting cocking matches of recent years was held in the edge of West Greenwich, R. I. over the state line, this morning. Many veteran lovers of the sport were present. Nine hotly contested battles were fought, one between a Westley, B. L. and a Webster, Mass. bird lasting 20 minutes, and causing the loss of several hundred dollars by the Rhode Island people. The last battle, between Massachusetts and Connecticut birds, was won by the Nutmeg state bird in 15 minutes.

Vallejo Grammar Five Swamps Baracas

VALLEJO, Dec. 25.—This morning the Vallejo grammar school basket ball five met and defeated the Baracas, also of this city, at the naval Y. M. C. A. court by a score of 24 to 13.

THREE NEW AUTO TYPES ON DISPLAY

Also Lozier Light Six and 1913 Mitchell Cars Attract Interest

By LEON J. PINKSON

Three new types of motor cars have made their appearance in the city during the last week, and each one has attractive features that has made it the subject of much interest and comment in local automobile circles. The three models to arrive are the Alco, the Lozier light six and the 1913 Mitchell.

The Alco, which has been placed on display in the showrooms of the Auto Sales company, the northern California distributor, is by far the most elaborate model that the big locomotive company has turned out and not one detail in the matter of refinement in finish has been overlooked by the builders. Among the distinctive features is the electrical lighting system, which not only supplies the current for the head, side and tail lights, but provides for a searchlight on the wind shield illuminated step and an illuminated top.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR BIG POULTRY SHOW

Livermore Valley Fanciers Promise a Record Affair in January

LIVERMORE, Dec. 25.—The Livermore Valley Poultry association has become active already in preparing the preliminary details of the second annual poultry show to be held here under the auspices of the association, the last week in January. Attractive catalogues are being mailed to poultry fanciers all over the Pacific coast, and the officers of the show have been chosen. The set of rules has been drawn up, under those of the American Poultry association, and arrangements for all prizes have been made.

Pirates Need Donlin

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25.—The statement is made here that Mike Donlin is to be with the Pirates next year. It is probable that he will be retained by the club as a "pinch hitter." The ability of the former Giant star outfielder to bat with men on the bases makes his services worth much to any team under the rule which permits of the use of a "pinch hitter" in the game. Mike can't run with the speed that he once possessed, but a little speed can be overlooked when timely hits now and then settle a contest, which a run will make all the difference between victory and defeat.

Cardinals Want Sheppard

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, has offered the Chicago Nationals \$4,000 for outfielder Jimmie Sheppard. Owner Murphy is considering the offer. Sheppard has previously attempted to trade Sheppard to St. Louis for pitchers.

RENSTROM SANTA CLAUS

Auto Merchant's Heart as Big As His 1912 Sales

Just before closing time Tuesday evening, at the warehouses of the Frank O. Renstrom company, President Renstrom called the employees one by one into the office, and thanking each for his faithful service and evident interest in the business, gave each a check large enough to cover the cost of the best Christmas dinner the state of California can furnish.

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Winter Swimming in the Encinal City

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—The members of the Alameda Boat club, the organization that boasts the champion six oared barge crew of the Pacific, held their Christmas swim this morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. The swimmers went through various aquatic sports in the estuary off the boathouse at the north end of Chestnut street. There was a program of impromptu races, high and fancy diving and other water feats. Pictures of the swimmers were taken to be used in advertising the winter advantages of Alameda as a bathing resort.

Gay Paree Does It, Too

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Christmas swimming race across the Seine for the Christmas cup was contested today in the presence of thousands of holiday makers. The weather was exceptionally mild, and 12 competitors, including one woman, Mme. Rene Mortier, lined up for the start at Alexander III bridge.

Boston Tries It, Too

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Nearly a score of hardy athletes plunged into the freezing waters of Dorchester bay today to compete in 25, 50 and 100 yard swimming races. Although the men had to combat floating ice, every contestant finished, good time being made in each of the events.

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