30 MEN DIE IN AERIAL WRECKS

Great War Balloon Explodes, Killing 27; Two Aeroplanes Fall, Ending Three Lives

BALLOON WRECKS ROLL OF DEATH

THE following is a list of the most noted dirigible accidents that have occurred in all parts of the world since 1908. The explosion of the Zeppelin "L-2" makes the thirteenth Zeppelin disaster in the history of aviation:

May 23, 1908—Morrell dirigible exploded at Berkeley; one killed and six injured.

Aug. 14, 1908—Lovelace airship explodes in London; 5 killed, 20 injured.

Sept. 3, 1908—Charles Oliver Jones' dirigible falls at Hammondsport, N. Y.; Jones killed.

June 18, 1909—M. Palitzen's dirigible collapses at St. Petersburg, Russia; Palitzen killed.

Sept. 25, 1909—Military dirigible falls at Moulins, France; four killed.

April 25, 1910—Zeppelin II wrecked by storm; no fatalities.

July 14, 1910—Dirigible containing Oscar Erbsoleh and four companions collapses; all killed.

Sept. 14, 1910—Zeppelin VI explodes at Baden-Baden, Germany; no fatalities.

June 25, 1911—Dirigible of George Blondell, French aviator, falls into North sea; Blondell and passenger drowned.

July 2, 1912—Dirigible Akron explodes in air at Atlantic City, N. J.; Aviator Melvin Vaniman and four companions killed.

Sept. 9, 1913—Zeppelin dirigible "L-1" caught in gale and pounded to pieces; 13 dead.

Oct. 17, 1913—Zeppelin "L-2" explodes at Johannisthal aerdome; 27 killed and 3 fatally wounded.

reached him, but he begged to be killed.

The tragedy, following so closely upon the loss of a sister airship, the L-1, which was wrecked over the North sea in September with a loss of 13, has created consternation throughout Germany.

ADMIRALTY BOARD DIE

Among the admiralty trial board of seven officers were Lieutenant Commander Behnisch and Senior Lieutenant Freyer of the German naval flying corps. The pilot of the airship was Captain Gluth, a veteran airman employed for years by Count Zeppelin. Naval Constructors Neumann and Pietzler and Naval Engineer Busen were on board. Behnisch was a close friend of the emperior and formerly commanded the imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

Commander Frei of the L-2; Lieutenant Trenk, second in command; Chief Engineer Haussmann, and three engineer secretaries of the admiralty board, were also killed.

WAS AERIAL DREADNOUGHT

The "L-2" was a veritable dreadnought of the air. In size the craft was a monster, measuring 525 feet in length. She had a diameter of 59 feet, with a capacity of 776,000 cubic feet. She carried three engines, each of 170 horsepower. On the top of her gas chambers was a platform of aluminum alloy, for use as an observation station and carrying a one pounder gun. She was the last word in aerial war craft.

3 KILLED, 1 HURT, WHEN TWO AEROPLANES FALL

GENMAN, Bavaria, Oct. 17.—Lieutenant Koch's biplane was wrecked here today, the aviator and his passenger being killed.

CAPTAIN HAESSLER KILLED

SCHWEINTZ, Prussia, Oct. 17.—Captain Haeseler was killed here today when his aeroplane crashed to the ground. Lieutenant von Erieburg, who was with him in the aeroplane, was mortally wounded.

University Students By Hundreds Visit Great Land Show

Hundreds of students of the university visited the land show yesterday, taking advantage of the fact that it was a day set apart for the students of the university. The delegation included many from the college agricultural school at Davis.

Addresses during the day were delivered by Prof. Thomas Hunt, dean of the college of agriculture of the University of California, on "California Agricultural Industries"; Prof. C. W. Woodworth, on "Insect Control," and Dean H. E. Van Norman, on "The Young Man's Opportunity."

Merced and Stanislaus counties, that had not heretofore procured space in the show, made application yesterday and were granted leave to prepare and exhibit for the remainder of the fair.

Governor Francis E. McGovern of Wisconsin was a distinguished visitor in the afternoon.

MYSTERY IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Mrs. J. H. Davis of San Francisco Found Dead in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 17.—Mrs. J. Huntington Davis, 38, wife of a San Francisco broker, was shot and killed this morning in her home here shortly after a party she had given to 15 men and women, roomers in her home.

The coroner attributes death to suicide, but the police are holding two women as witnesses for a coroner's jury, and say the woman was murdered.

Two shots were heard by those in the house. The police found one bullet imbedded in a wall.

Those holding the suicide theory claim Mrs. Davis had been brooding over a separation from her husband. She had been known as Bessie Daniels, her former husband's name. Her 16 year old daughter, Verne, lived with her. Before the party broke up, Mrs. Daniels said to her guests, "This is probably the last party I will ever attend."

SOCIETY FOLK WILL SEE FANCY DANCER AT VAUDEVILLE TEA

Affair by Confederacy Daughters Tomorrow Will Aid Charity

The vaudeville tea to be given tomorrow afternoon by Albert Sidney Johnston chapter, U. D. C., will prove a magnet for society women from all of the bay cities. The tea is an annual affair, given for the charity fund of the institution, and as such appeals to the generosity of the southern woman.

A program including readings, monologues, instrumental and vocal selections and fancy dances has been prepared. Of the latter will be the "Anima" dance, a combination of the characteristic steps of the nations by Miss Fannie Hinman, a Spanish dance by Miss Lottita Corella; the columbine dance, in which Miss Mary Shafter will appear, and the "Pas de Fleurs," which Miss Virginia Powell will execute.

By special request Mrs. Squire Varrick Mooney will give a reading of Dickens' "The Tale of Two Cities," Elias Hecht will render two flute obligatos, Miss Flora Stern and Mrs. S. A. Pleasanton will give monologues and there will be musical numbers by Mrs. E. E. Elkus, Mrs. John McGaw, Uda Waldrop, M. and Mme. Pierre Douillet and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Grannis.

The patronesses: Mrs. Selden S. Wright, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, Mrs. A. W. Foster, Mrs. J. de Barth Shorb, Mrs. Gaillard Stoney, Mrs. Walter D. Mansfield, Mrs. George Theobald, Mrs. Virginia A. Beede, Mrs. Mark McDonald, Mrs. Jane Martel, Mrs. Wendel Hammon, Mrs. Stuart Aldrich, Mrs. I. Lowenberg, Mrs. Horace W. Morgan, Mrs. W. H. Obear, Mrs. William Waldron, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. George Maynard, Mrs. C. C. Clay, Mrs. John McMullin, Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. Louis Aldrich, Mrs. Frank M. Angellotti, Mrs. John Griffin Johnston, Mrs. J. W. Wright, Mrs. Alexander McCracken, Mrs. W. W. Wymore, Mrs. J. C. Sims, Mrs. E. P. Cole, Mrs. C. H. Holbrook Jr., Mrs. Frank Kerrigan, Mrs. Thomas J. Crothers.

Characteristic steps of many nations will be presented by Albert Sidney Johnston chapter at annual affair.

Miss Lottita Corella, who will appear in a Spanish dance at the annual vaudeville tea given by the Daughters of the Confederacy tomorrow afternoon. Readings, monologues and music selections are on the program.

DANCE TANGO AS MONKEYS CHATTER

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blue sky, lighted with myriads of stars, het the cool branches of tropical trees and shrubs, where bloomed the rare blossoms of the southern clime. A waterfall 16 feet in height was guarded by gigantic palms on the eastern wall, an dhere the little, fat frogs brought from the depths of the hotel cellar found a curious attention.

Among the branches of the trees a score of monkeys played pranks and everywhere flew the birds of gay plumage. Two hundred and fifty little creatures of the jungle were given their freedom. Chattering parrots, paroquets and cockatoos loaned by society women about the bay added to the realism of the scene. A wildcat was the sole representative of the larger animals, but demanded a share of the honors. While the tango and onestep and Boston glide were in progress the parrots taught in modern music sang the popular ragtime.

It was a wonderfully gay throng which, in the costume of the Brazilian country or the newer dancing gowns of Paris, crowded the entire lower floor of the hotel. It was a decidedly up to date, progressive and smart ball which Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Crane planned. From San Francisco and Burlingame came the exclusive set to participate in the unique function.

MANY DINNER PARTIES

The fun began at the dinner hour when the guests arrived in merry groups and filled the grill room with their laughter. Miss Elsie Schilling entertained a dozen friends, coming from Woodside for the evening. Mrs. Mark Gersale had a small table, as did also Mrs. J. W. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Hunt entertained a party of eight and Mrs. J. B. Coryell had a similar number of guests. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hume shared their table with a dozen friends. The largest party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parcells, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lacey Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell, Mr. and Mrs. George Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Engs, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Proctor and as many more of the Piedmont set. Mrs. Ernest Folger asked a small party of friends to be her dinner guests. Among other hostesses were Mrs. R. J. Hough, who entertained in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson, including Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wedgewood and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy as her guests. It was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson. Mrs. Arthur Nahl of Berkeley was hostess to a small group, as were Mrs. W. H. Wellbye, Mrs. Dudley Kinsell, Mrs. David Easterbrook, Mrs. M. J. Laymance, Mrs. C. A. Smith, Mrs. L. A. Maison, Mrs. Nathan P. Cole.

THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT

Among the guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dieckman
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson Cushing
Miss Carmen Ghirardelli
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Capwell
Miss Dorothy Capwell
Miss Phyllis Capwell
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dimond
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chickering
Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Erskine
Frank Edoff
Miss Allene Edoff
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Pfetter
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Howard
Mrs. N. A. Acker
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Boone
Mrs. Philip Boone
Mr. and Mrs. Wiggington Creed
Miss Georgiana Creed
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Titus
Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Bates Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton Brown
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Mrs. Harry Maxwell
Mrs. Lou Allender
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Neville
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott
Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Scott
Miss Enid Greene
Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNear
Miss Marie Louise Black
Miss Nina Jones
Mrs. Eleanor Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholls
Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce Johnson
Miss Josephine Johnson
Miss Dorothy Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. William T. White
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harrold
Mr. and Mrs. William Cavalier
Hon. and Mrs. Joseph Knowland

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

Jesse W. Thompson, a United Railroads employe, wanted for indorsing and cashing a draft for $489.64 belonging to Jesse H. Thompson, was arrested in Elk City, Ore., yesterday.

Winning Smile of Woman Lawyer Fails To Impress Judge

Magistrate Smith Denies Miss Ogden's Motion for Continuance and Sets Case for Trial

Miss Marguerite Ogden, daughter of Judge Frank B. Ogden of Oakland, who is now a practicing lawyer since her graduation from the University of California law department, appeared in her first criminal case this morning, when she defended Mary Ahearn and Grace Ulrich, accused of grand larceny before Police Judge Smith.

Miss Ogden endeavored to have the case dismissed, but despite her winning smile, Judge Smith set the hearing for October 21 to allow for the serving of a subpena on the complaining witness, Mrs. Blanche Atkins.

Miss Ogden protested against the woman being kept in jail so long without a trial, but Judge Smith explained that the complaining witness could not be located.

The women are accused, with Charles Seidt, of having stolen a purse containing $70 from Mrs. Atkins while in a cafe at Ninth street and Broadway two weeks ago.

Heiress to Millions Facing a Charge of Passing Bogus Checks

Friends of Mrs. Thomas Gordon Roberts Rush to Rescue of the Accused Woman

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—Heiress to millions from her father and other millions from her husband, Mrs. Thomas Gordon Roberts of 2521 West Sixth street, was cited today to appear in court because of alleged spurious checks.

Friends of Mrs. Roberts early today appeared at the central station, where they stated the father of Mrs. Roberts was the reputed owner of $18,000,000, and that her husband could cash in his holdings in the El Tigre mine in Mexico for $6,000,000 at the present valuation.

Mrs. Roberts has been in the habit of receiving $500 a month from her husband, $500 from her father, and has an independent income from hotel property here.

Beiliss Case Defense Assails Witnesses

KIEFF, Oct. 17.—Counsel for Mendel Beiliss, on trial here charged with "ritual murder," moved today that part of the testimony of Vera Tcheberiak and former Detective Polistchuk, which is the mainstay of the prosecution, be stricken from the court record because of its "evident fallaciousness." The defense contended that the evidence of the woman and the former detective did not produce any new concrete facts, but consisted almost wholly of rumors and conclusions.

S. S. Thor Beached In Karatsu Typhoon

The Norwegian steamer Thor, bound for San Francisco, is ashore near Karatsu in a damaged condition from the effects of a typhoon, according to a cable received today by the Chamber of Commerce.

CONFESSION DENIED BY ALI KHAN

When confronted by Charles E. Riley, the Stege teamster, whom he said assisted him in disposing of the body of Rosa Domingo, Said Ali Khan denied all knowledge of the crime this morning. He was questioned by District Attorney A. B. McKenzie, Sheriff R. R. Veale and Chief of Police Arnold of Richmond, but reiterated that he knew nothing of the murder of the girl.

He also repudiated his written confession given to the officers on the train returning from Calexico and a verbal statement made on his capture to G. W. Webb, United States immigration officer, and Sergeant of Police R. N. Ruiz of the Richmond police. Despite the Hindu's denials the police say they have enough circumstantial evidence to convict him.

HINDU MAKES POOR WITNESS

He is believed to have murdered the girl unaided, but to have had assistance in disposing of the body. The Hindu made a poor witness at the police inquisition this morning and frequently contradicted himself. Then he would extricate himself from his difficulty by a general denial.

Charles E. Riley told the police a story that convinced them of his innocence. He denied that he aided in the murder or assisted Said Ali to escape. According to Khan's written confession, now in the hands of the police, Riley was paid $50 by the Hindu to assist him in throwing the dead body of the girl into the bay. The signed confession follows:

SIGNED CONFESSION OF CRIME

"I have spent all the money Riley gave me in running away from Stege and for saying nothing of the murder of Rosa Domingo Riley. I had Riley write letters for me to Rosa."

The police stated that as the result of the inquisition this morning Said Ali lost much of his nerve and seemed to be worried. They think that he is breaking down under the strain and will confess the crime in detail, telling the same story he told on his capture.

Permission to bury the body of his daughter which has been lying in the Richmond morgue for the last three weeks was asked for by Manuel Domingo this morning. He will probably be allowed to hold the funeral tomorrow, which was postponed in order to confront Said Ali with the girl's body. On the arrival of Manuel Domingo at the jail this morning a large crowd collected, but there was no demonstration.

LYNCHING THREATS MADE

Fearing that an attempt would be made to forcibly take Said Ali Khan from the hands of the police and lynch him, following threats that have been made for several days, District Attorney A. B. McKenzie of Contra Costa county met the Hindu on his arrival at Richmond from the south this morning in a high powered touring car. Said Ali Khan was closely guarded by Sergeant R. N. Ruiz, who effected his capture, and Sheriff R. R. Veale and others of the police.

W. H. Johnson, postmaster at Stege, who intercepted the letter from Said Ali Khan to Musa Khan which led to the Hindu's capture, may lose his job because of the act. Charges are said to have been filed against Johnson by the postal authorities for violating the federal regulations, and he will be called upon to explain his action. Inasmuch as Johnson was indirectly responsible for the arrest of Said Ali by putting the police on his trail, his friends are making a fight to keep him in office.

ANTHONY CLUB MEETING

A meeting of the Susan B. Anthony club will be held Monday at the home of Mrs. J. O. Low, 2048 Baker street, at 2 o'clock. Volunteer speakers will deliver addresses on the coming election.

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Alleged Slayer of San Jose Cattleman Waits Jury Verdict

Trial of Henry Lafrenz of San Francisco for Killing Alonzo Withers in 1910 Nears Culmination

SAN JOSE, Oct. 17.—Henry Lafrenz, age 20, a resident of San Francisco, is awaiting today the verdict of a jury which must decide whether he murdered Oscar A. Withers, a cattleman, in the Mount Hamilton range in 1910. The case has occupied the attention of the superior court the last three weeks, and more than a score of witnesses, including firearms and powder experts, have been examined. Argument was closed this morning by District Attorney Arthur M. Free.

Withers was killed in his cabin in the Blackbird valley, 20 miles from Lick observatory, while he was entertaining Lafrenz, then 17 years of age. Lafrenz was not suspected until after he was arrested and convicted in San Francisco on a charge of highway robbery. He is then alleged to have confessed to Jeff Crawford in Marin county that he killed a man in the Mount Hamilton range and that he got $200 from him. Lafrenz was then brought to this county for trial.

GRAND JURY PROBING STOCK JUGGLING CHARGE

Charges of stock juggling on the part of a small coterie of stock holders of the Palmer Oil company were made by Attorney Jesse Olney before the grand jury last night, when an investigation of allegations of fraud was begun. Olney said the Palmer Oil company, with assets valued at $2,000,000 had been juggled until the shares dropped from $1.80 to 1 cent each. The inquiry will be continued next week.

COURT MARTIAL BEGINS

MARE ISLAND, Oct. 17.—The court martial of Chief Master at Arms Henry Fredericks of the prison ship Manila has commenced, with Lieutenant W. R. Munroe, U. S. N., and Attorney James H. O'Leary of Vallejo representing the defendant. He is accused of stealing a gold watch.

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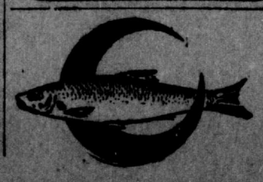

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