



BURSTS IN MIDAIR

Balloon In Race Drops With Men Clinging to It.

TWO NARROWLY MISS DEATH.

Accident Thrills Thousands Gathered Near Berlin to Witness the Annual Contest For the Bennett Cup.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—The international balloon race, which started from Schmurgendorf, was the occasion of a thrilling accident, two American aeronauts having a miraculous escape from death.

The American balloon Conqueror, the only American built craft in the contest, having on board A. Holland Forbes and Augustus Post, less than two minutes after the start, burst at an altitude of 4,000 feet. For 2,000 feet it shot down like a bullet, the aeronauts clinging to the overhead ring, and then the torn silk spread out the parachute, and the rapidity of the descent was checked. Coming close to the earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with slight injuries.

The race, in which twenty-three balloons participated, representing Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Spain, started in the presence of at least 80,000 spectators. Amid the strains of "America" the first balloon was sent away. It was the America II, under command of James C. McCoy, who was accompanied by Lieutenant Voghmann. The balloon was decorated with the stars and stripes.

A representative of each of the other nations followed the American balloon in succession at intervals of two minutes, the national hymn of the respective countries ringing forth as the ropes were cast loose.

The second batch of eight balloons was led by Forbes in the Conqueror, which was started with some difficulty owing to a gusty wind and too much ballast. But eventually it shot up and reached a high altitude in an incredibly short period, the basket swaying violently. Then almost instantly a cry of horror arose from the crowd, who saw the silk collapse and shouted, "The balloon is ripping up!"

The thousands who had gathered there stood for a moment petrified. Some turned away, fainting, as they saw the balloon falling with lightning-like rapidity. "They are killed," went in a hushed whisper through the crowd. A few minutes later a telephone message was received from Friedmann, which announced that the men had landed and had not been killed.

One bag of sand fell into a baby carriage, which was smashed to pieces, but the nurse snatched out the baby and saved its life. The basket crashed partly through a tiled roof into an occupied room. The man in the room was terrified.

"I could cry with vexation," said Aeronaut Forbes, "after coming so far to take part in the race and then to be knocked out by such an accident. I cannot say now what was the cause of the catastrophe, which I will investigate. It was our good fortune to be up so high; otherwise the balloon could not have formed itself into a parachute."

Brigadier General James Allen, U. S. A., chief of the signal corps; Lieutenant Colonel John P. Wissner, military attaché to the American embassy at Berlin, and L. D. Doster, president of the Aero club of St. Louis, witnessed the accident.

All the competitors in the race are provided with rations for three days. This is the third international balloon cup race for the James Gordon Bennett trophy. The first race was held at Paris in 1906 and was won by Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm of the United States cavalry by a flight of 402 miles. The second contest was held under the auspices of the Aero Club of America at St. Louis in October, 1907. It was won by the German balloon Pommern, which landed at Ashbury Park, N. J., having covered 873.4 miles in an air line. It was piloted by Oscar Erlsloh. The French balloon L'Isle de France, piloted by Alfred Leblanc, was second, having covered six miles less than the Pommern.

TRAILED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

Dogs Lead to Arrest For Murder of Railroad Detective.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 12.—T. J. McElhane, a special detective, was shot and killed while on duty in the yards of a railroad company.

W. S. Smith, who was until recently employed as a detective with McElhane, is in jail charged with the crime. Bloodhounds tracked Smith to his home.

BEAR STEALS HOSEIERY.

Snatches Package From Girl Who Was Teasing Him.

New York, Oct. 12.—A pretty young woman who was amusing herself by pecking a long parcel between the bars of the black bears' den in the Bronx zoo soon had a crowd watching as the bears reached for the parcel, which the girl would always just manage to snatch out of their reach. Suddenly, however, a wise old brain, pretending to be asleep, quickly grabbed the package.

"Was it of any value, madam?" inquired Keeper Ferguson.

"They were," replied the girl and then stopped suddenly only to add hurriedly as Keeper Ferguson offered to get the parcel back: "oh, pray, don't trouble yourself. It's rather you wouldn't."

The crowd and the girl watched eagerly as Ferguson approached the bear, but suddenly a shout of laughter arose from the crowd, punctuated by a cry of dismay from the girl, as the bear's claws ripped open the package and flung out upon the ground six pairs of silk stockings.

FIGHT ON BRIDGE TOWER.

Policemen Struggle With Madman Bent on Making Death Leap.

New York, Oct. 12.—Atop the great iron tower at the Brooklyn end of the Williamsburg bridge a most thrilling struggle took place while hundreds of persons looked on from below. An insane man climbed an iron staircase to the top of the tower, 555 feet above the East river, and was preparing for a leap into the river when two policemen climbed up after him.

The appearance of the policemen distracted the man from his purpose, and he turned upon the bluescoats with a razor. The insane man rushed to attack them, and then on the narrow footing at the dizzy height a ten-minute battle took place, which held all who witnessed it speechless with horror.

Finally the mania was handcuffed and taken, still struggling, down the tower ladders, trying at every step to throw himself and his captors into space.

The prisoner said he was Joseph Kratz of Brooklyn.

WHITE PLAGUE AWARDS.

Successful Competitors in Tuberculosis Congress Announced.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Awards in the great exhibition which formed a part of the recent international congress on tuberculosis were announced.

The prize of \$1,000 for the best exhibit of an existing sanitarium for the treatment of curable cases was divided, \$500 being given each to the White Haven (Pa.) sanitarium and the Brompton Hospital sanitarium of Frintley, England. For a similar exhibit a gold medal was awarded to the Adirondack cottage sanitarium, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

A gold medal was awarded to the Loomis sanitarium, Liberty, N. Y., and the Massachusetts State Hospital, Tewkesbury, N. Y., for the best exhibit of a hospital for treating advanced cases.

MOB KILLS NEGRO.

Riddled With Bullets For Shooting Three Persons.

Empire, Ga., Oct. 12.—Henry White, a negro, was shot to death by a mob. He started out to kill the family of Thomas Allen and on his way met another negro whom he shot for refusing to join him. He then shot Allen and his wife.

A posse captured White and placed in the lockup. A band of unknown men took the prisoner from the jail, tied him to a tree and riddled him with bullets.

LINERS IN A CRASH.

Thirteen Lives Lost When the Pretoria and the Nipponia Collide.

Hamburg, Oct. 12.—The German steamships Pretoria and Nipponia were in collision in the fog off Scheveningen. Thirteen of the Nipponia's crew, including the captain, were drowned. The Pretoria was not damaged.

The Pretoria belongs to the Hamburg-American line, and under the command of Captain Schrotter she left New York Sept. 26 for Hamburg. The Nipponia is owned in Stettin and left Lulea, Sweden, Aug. 11 for Emden.

FIGHT IN A CHURCH.

House of Worship Wrecked and Two Men Badly Wounded.

New Britain, Conn., Oct. 12.—Chairs, knives and candlesticks were used in a factional fight between the Galicians and Hungarians in a church here.

John Grib and John Pristas are in a hospital, the former with his face cut from mouth to ear and the latter with a large hole in the back of his head.

The trouble started when one of the two choirs was ordered to stop singing. A general fight ensued, which wrecked the inside of the church.

WOMEN AT FAULT

Suffragists Will Hear From Mrs. Sanderson.

SHE HAS PREPARED A LETTER

Says Movement Is Retarded In This Country by the Followers of Mrs. Humphry Ward.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 12.—International interest has been given the forthright annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association, which will open here tomorrow, by the action of Mrs. Annie Golden Sanderson, the militant English leader of the suffrage movement, who has taken occasion to extend her criticism of "the idle rich" to the women of this country in a letter which will be read at the convention.

Mrs. Sanderson is at present the storm center of a controversy in England that has arisen as a result of her severe reprimand to what she terms "the idle rich" of that country, and Mrs. Humphry Ward has been foremost in the ranks of those who have replied to the views of Mrs. Sanderson. Mrs. Sanderson's views also met with rebuke here on the part of those who oppose the suffrage movement.

Mrs. Sanderson says in her letter, which is addressed to Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, treasurer of the Na-



HARRIET STANTON BLATCH, National American Woman Suffrage association, that she is glad of the opportunity of replying to the reports which have been given in the American press with regard to her opinion of "the idle rich."

"So far as my remarks apply to the idle rich women of your country, I do not think there has been any exaggeration," she writes, and adds that those women are the active force working against the granting of the suffrage to women.

"They represent the power of wealth and monopoly," continues the Englishwoman, "just as the women led by Mrs. Humphry Ward in England, who have formed themselves into an anti-woman's suffrage league, represent the spirit of feudalism combined with modern imperialism, the two most retrograde elements in English politics today."

Mrs. Sanderson stated that American women are more timid than their English sisters and for that reason are less prepared to take an aggressive attitude. The American women work to keep men in power, she says, and existing evils have become so deep rooted that they "can no longer be endured."

"A moral revolution is needed equal in force to the struggle which brought about the emancipation of the slave," the writer says. She asks the American women to introduce into the suffrage movement in this country more of "the fire of revolt" and to make the movement a "living, burning issue."

A feature of the convention will be a programme commemorative of the sixtieth anniversary of the first woman's rights convention held in this state, the famous meeting of 1848 held at Seneca Falls, where the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton offered the resolution asking for women "the sacred right of the elective franchise." The leading speaker on the commemorative programme will be Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The suffragettes of England will be represented by Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of a member of parliament and herself a full fledged suffragette.

Weather Probabilities. Cooler, with light variable winds.

Hazing.

With the opening of the school season come reports from all over the country that college hazing has by no means gone out of business. The upper classmen of Amherst even protest against the abolition of hazing on the ground that it does the freshmen good and is really an educational experience. This is virtually the claim made at West Point and one reason why some officials wink at it there. It is only fair to the college men to admit that hazing novitiates is not confined to schoolboys, but seems to be a universal trait of the human crowd.

The hazing spirit is everywhere. New recruits in the army have to submit to some sort of rough initiation, and the more they "kick" against the programme the rougher it becomes. The dude from town who strikes the plains undergoes various humiliations until he ceases to be a "tenderfoot." Brokers initiate newcomers on the floor of the exchange with some form of horse play, and in most all shops and factories the hazing spirit never dies out. If green hands do not come in fast enough to supply victims some weak or friendless workman is imposed upon again and again. Wherever hazing appears it is a relic of barbarism, and it is a pity that authority should be unable to keep it within bounds.

Recruits For Our Consular Service.

The government has recently taken up the question of training young men for service as United States consuls in foreign towns and cities. The field is enlarging because of the rapid extension of our trade all over the world. The service itself trains but very few beginners.

Recently an attempt was made to ascertain what class of men can best fill the office of consul. The exporters of goods are the persons most interested in having capable consuls to represent this country abroad, and in response to formal inquiries on the subject these gentlemen advised the appointment of men who had had practical experience. But the men outside of the service who have had experience of the right kind are young men in active business, and the pay of consularships is too small to attract them from commercial pursuits. Apparently the only way is to appoint men who show fitness for consular duties in examinations. A steady demand is certain to bring an army of applicants into the field and to induce greater care in preparation among the candidates.

GIRL WIFE KILLS HUSBAND.

Married Four Months She Declares He Beat Her Frequently.

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Julia Mataline, the girl wife who killed her husband, refuses to make any explanation except to say: "He beat me more than once, and he was ready to beat me again." She had been married four months. Her husband came home late and scolded her for being in bed. While he was at a table eating she crept up behind him and shot him dead.

THAW CASE CALLED TODAY.

Hearing Respecting Slaying's Sanity Begins at White Plains.

White Plains, N. Y., Oct. 12.—The case of Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, entered upon another phase today. Proceedings were commenced before Justice Mills here to determine his mental status.

GUITEAU'S ASSAILANT.

Bill Jones, Who Tried to Kill Assassin, Stabs Man to Death.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Bill Jones, who attempted to kill Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, stabbed a man to death at Brightwood, a suburb. The dead man was a former United States marine.

One Chance in Twenty For Farm.

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 12.—The total registration for the Rosebud reservation opening at Dallas and Gregory was 53,553 and at O'Neill, Neb., 22,557. This gives each applicant about one chance in twenty to get a farm.

Young King Manuel of Portugal has been voted an allowance of \$1,000 a day. If the neighboring crowned heads do not drop in on the folks at the palace too often the boy ought to pull through on that unless he gets the auto speeding fad.

With penny postage working, our English cousins can afford to write and ask us to explain the joke in the comic papers and paragraph columns we send over there.

\$40,775 Tax Saved By Perham Plan

Total Real Estate Tax Saved to Wayne County - - - Is It Worth While? - - - State Has Abundant Resources to Do It

Township or Boro	Teachers' Wages	Text Books	Total of Wages & Books	Less State Appro.	Total Real Estate Tax for Schools Saved.
Berlin	\$ 2547 50	\$ 101 34	\$ 2648 84	\$ 1111 00	\$ 1537 84
Bethany	253 75	14 06	268 81	135 50	133 31
Buckingham	2016 50	152 41	2168 91	1242 00	926 91
Canaan	296 16	12 19	308 35	150 00	158 35
Cherry Ridge	1222 50	35 32	1257 82	698 00	559 82
Clinton	2162 50	92 00	2254 50	1012 50	1242 00
Damascus	6130 00	248 00	6378 00	3182 00	3196 00
Dreher	1027 00	55 27	1082 27	522 00	560 27
Dyberry	1766 25	21 00	1787 25	702 21	1085 04
Hawley	4023 14	133 94	4157 08	1614 14	2542 94
Honesdale	8362 41	474 73	8837 14	2318 78	6518 36
Lake	2813 75	180 08	2993 83	1732 78	1261 05
Lebanon	1251 20	107 01	1358 21	508 84	849 37
Lehigh	1107 50	88 95	1196 45	583 02	613 43
Manchester	2282 75	82 57	2365 32	1071 07	1294 25
Mt. Pleasant	1722 70	194 43	1917 13	3195 05	3721 18
Oregon	1183 83	7 08	1190 91	493 35	697 56
Shelby	761 25	21 34	782 59	355 91	426 68
Paupack	1269 50	30 18	1300 68	524 05	776 63
Preston	3698 25	281 17	4279 42	1817 00	2462 42
Prompton	557 50	57 50	615 00	228 75	386 25
Salom	2257 50	130 27	2387 77	1190 29	1221 48
Scott	2782 50	48 72	2831 22	1053 00	1778 22
Soxville	988 75	38 80	1027 55	445 21	582 34
South Canaan	2283 75	30 18	2313 93	983 18	1330 75
Starbuck	1121 25	38 55	1159 80	431 07	728 73
Stirling	1522 50	28 55	1551 05	606 35	944 70
Tyng	4490 00	428 80	4918 80	2750 04	2168 76
Waymart	1147 50	50 20	1197 70	301 08	896 62
White Mills	1515 00	141 05	1656 05	747 00	909 05
	\$70000 00	\$2881 70	\$72881 70	\$28888 48	\$44075 22

Mr. Rynder sends us the above table based on the taxes and appropriation of 1907. This year, 1908, the taxes are much higher.

STATE AND OUR SCHOOLS

Public Revenues Should Pay for Public Education.

W. E. PERHAM FAVORS PLAN.

A Great Principle of Justice for Which the Support of Wayne Countsains is Earnestly Solicited—A Communication from Theodore Rynder Author of the Free School Books Law, on the Subject—Everybody This Year Has Complained of High Taxes—The Proposed Plan Would Lighten the Burden.

Author of the Free School Books Law and the movement to have the state maintain the common schools of Pennsylvania—Secretary of Penna. State Association to abolish the school tax. He says: Fellow Citizens:—As the working herd of the Pennsylvania State Association to abolish the school tax on the farms and homes of the people, and have that expense paid by the state from its ample and increasing revenue, I now address you.

THE STATE'S REVENUE. Our state has an annual income of twenty-seven to twenty-eight millions of dollars and it has an idle balance of from twelve to fourteen millions of dollars in the banks.

It can increase its revenue from four to six millions annually by laying a tax on stock transfers (commonly called stock gambling) as is done in your neighboring state of New York.

There are many other available sources of revenue that could be added (if they were needed) without laying the oppressive hand of the tax collector on the farms and homes of the people.

THEODORE PORTER RYNDER.

Private and Lieut. Col. "G" 28th Pa. Vols.

WHERE REFORM MUST COME FROM. The Republican candidate for the legislature in Wayne county is one of the original and present officers of this Association. It is not too much to say that he has done as much as any other man in the state for this great cause of educational progress and school tax relief.

We recognize that any great reform must come from the majority party, and we therefore ask you to elect Mr. Warren E. Perham to the legislature because we need an active and official member of this organization in the legislature, and because he is a member of the Republican party from whom this great economic measure of justice and tax relief must come. The people of Wayne county whom he has already served know his fitness.

There are great issues coming before the next legislature—but this measure is the only one that can or will give the great boon of tax relief from excessive burdens to the great producing masses of our people—the home and farm owners. This measure was endorsed by the state senate at DuBois.

A detailed statement of the saving to each separate school district is given below.

This Association urged Mr. Perham to run for the legislature, and it urges the votes of Wayne county to elect him.

Hon. Walter S. Reynolds of Lawrence county made this measure his principal issue at the primaries. He was nominated, and he has repeatedly urged that we have a member of our official board in the legislature, and is particularly desirous that Mr. Perham be elected.

For all these cogent reasons I ask Wayne county to send Mr. Perham to the legislature to represent not only Wayne county, but every true owner in the state.

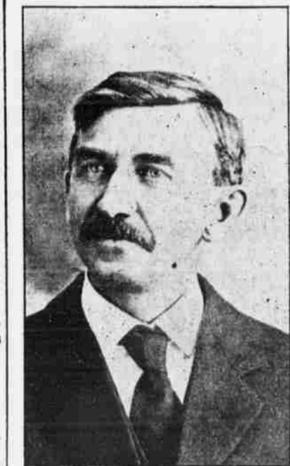
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Candidate For Representative. W. E. PERHAM.

WHAT WAYNE COUNTY CAN SAVE.

The people, the farm and home owners of Wayne county are taxed \$39,763 and fifty-nine one hundredths annually for schools, over and above the annual state appropriation—the rate being a little over thirteen and a half mills on the dollar.

This is a terrible burden on the producing farmer, the mechanic and the laborer. It is especially outrageous against the widows of the veterans of the Civil war; and against all other widows who are trying to keep a home for and raise children who will give honest manly strength and intelligent and virtuous motherhood to the future controllers of our country.

THE STATE CONTROLS—IT SHOULD PAY. It is the duty of the state to educate its children. Already the state of Pennsylvania has assumed practical control of everything about its school system except paying the bills—and under the mandate of the Constitution it now pays