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PLANERS CRASH--2976 ARE DEAD

STRANGE PEOPLE FOUND

LONDON, Jan. 1, 2007.—Sir Jas. Crawford, the explorer, is alive and in London.

The famous man, who was given up for lost, arrived in this city last night on the liner "Queen," the Intercontinental Aero Transportation Co.'s fastest ship. He has returned from explorations in a strange country, and granted the Mail reporter a lengthy interview at the Lord's club. When asked about the strange people he said:

"I believe that when more scientific men than myself look into the matter they will say that they are banished from the United States during the early part of the twentieth century.

"They eat the flesh of animals, and some of their dishes, which I must confess to have tasted, are really savory. They worship in

temples or churches and deal the bible. It is an ancient text and would probably be unintelligible to the average Englishman. They speak an odd language. One might say that it was composed of Shakespearean English and the dialect of the ancient American negro.

"The women are most interesting. They wear a kind of mold about their waists to develop a fan-tastic shape. They are fond of jewelry and wear gold bands about their wrists and fingers and rings in their ears. Some of the women actually wear feathers of dead birds in their hats.

"The Hiduletes have odd ideas about amusements. In the evening the men, and sometimes the women, assemble in large buildings, fasten little wheels to their feet and push themselves around in a circle."

FOR WOMEN

The tendency to frown upon loud colors was never more apparent than in the styles for the coming spring.

Bright colors of any hue have long been considered unfeminine, and those who display the best taste in dressing are confining themselves generally to solid color fabrics. The invisible plaid has failed to check this tendency, and while stripes may occasionally be worn, it is better to avoid them.



SMART BUSINESS SUIT WITH MILITARY JACKET

About the only style of business suit which gives any leeway in the matter of color and ornamentation is the military jacket, which has been revived from the last century and is said to have first been worn by Madame Yale.

This jacket is, no doubt, likely to be most popular with the younger set and undergraduates, but in these days, when the business women see fit to a great extent to follow the fashions of youth, it is in perfect good taste.

Broad bands of braid with bows-knots on the sleeves add to the military appearance of the jacket. Shoulder knobs are optional, though it is considered a bit foppish to affect them. The jacket may be either buttoned—down the front—or hooked. A well known tailor assures me that many of her best customers have hooked jackets.

The standing collar is still worn with broad wings. The derby with narrow silk band and rolling brim is correct for business wear.

The skirt—if one is worn—should have a band of hand pointed roses from three to six inches wide, or some similar simple trimming. The same applies to bloomers.

SPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 1, 2007.—John Oliver, the wonderful shot-putter, tossed the 16-pound hammer from the polo grounds over into the state of New Jersey. It will take at least four days to measure the throw accurately, but it goes without saying that it is a world's record.

EMERYVILLE, Cal., Jan. 1, 2007.—Bannock Queen, a descendant of

the famous stallion, Bannockburn, owned by the famous Barney Schriber, won the feature event here this afternoon. It was a mile, and she negotiated the distance in 1:06 2-5, chopping 2 2-5 seconds off the world's record, held by Salvation, a descendant of the famous Salvador, whose sensational time of 1:35 for the mile straight away last century stood as a world's record for such a long period.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1, 2007.—Young Sampson, the plumber boy who has waded through the ranks of the heavyweights and stands today as the premier heavy-weight champion of the world, is without a possible rival in the ranks of the bruisers. Had James J. Jeffries, the undefeated champion of the last century, lived until today, he would have more than met his match, it is believed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1, 2007.—Smith, the phenomenal athlete of the Chicago Athletic club, ran 100 yards at the games of the Winged Foot club today in four seconds flat. Smith's admirers declare that he will eventually place the 100 yard mark at 3 seconds, as he is improving every day. Smith's latest record has been accepted by the American Amateur Association of Athletics.

SAFETY VALVE

Another example of criminal carelessness on the part of the aerial transportation companies was the refusal of the life net to work during the collision of the Mars and Mercury. Somebody is responsible—let them suffer the penalty.

Aero-planers may well complain of the wretched Meteor Insurance companies which have failed in every instance to make good their promises to reimburse for damages caused by the meteor shower of last month.

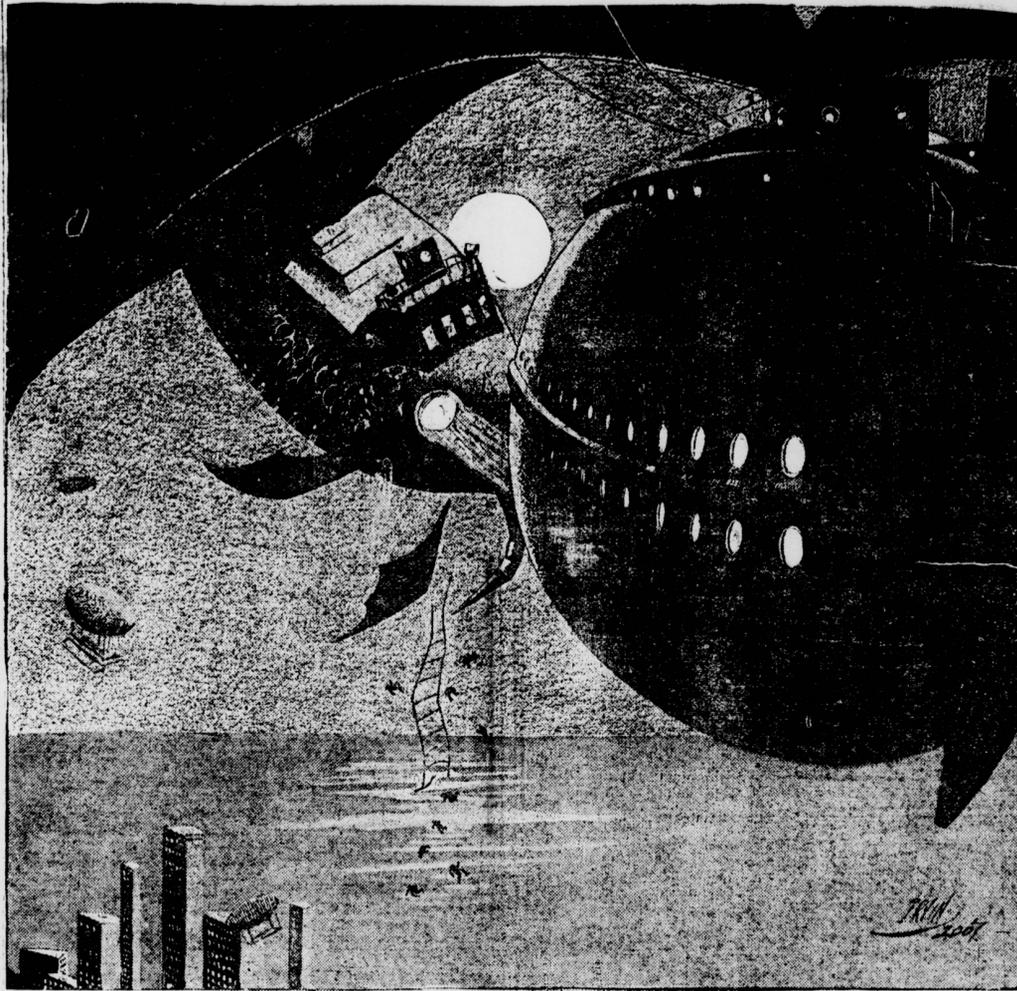
The application of the great-grandson of John D. Rockefeller for papers in bankruptcy brings vividly to mind the historical account of the original John D., who was publicly hanged in 1908 for an infraction of the anti-wealth-accumulation law. Some of our present capitalists, such as the president of the oxygen trust, may shudder at the recollection.

The refusal of Japan to permit American children to enter her universities illustrates the growing danger to Caucasians of the anti-white sentiment in the orient.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Recent research shows that the Atlantic seaport of New York, chiefly celebrated as the lair of the Tammany tiger, was once actually considered the metropolis of the United States. This period, however, antedated the founding of Spokane. The removal of the capitol of the United States to Spokane has, of course, accelerated the growth of the city greatly, but even without that the recent annexation of Chicago puts this city easily in the lead not only in the nation but for the entire world. The annexation scheme is justly rated as one of the great achievements of the 150,000 club.

The new Spokane-Seattle airship service affords instantaneous service with the latter suburb. It is a boon to out-of-town residents.



ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF CRASH, TAKEN AT A DISTANCE OF 18 MILES WITH THE SPOKANE PRESS NIGHT CAMERA.

Death, instantaneous and terrible, blotted out the lives of 2,976 passengers of the aero liner Mercury last evening, just after dusk, in the most spectacular catastrophe that ever occurred in the history of aerial navigation.

Striking its sister planer, Mars, at a height of 47,500 meters, in a head-on collision, the billion-ton Mercury fell like a meteor from the clouds.

Once the most modern and gigantic mechanism in the world, the massive planer tonight lies in a shapeless hulk of twisted iron and steel and aluminum in the Spokane hills south of Spokane.

This catastrophe that has shocked alike the world and all planets occurred just eight seconds before the Mercury should have landed safely in her dock on the 105th floor of her pier on Riverside av. and Howard st.

The planer was just 10 minutes out from New York. It was loaded with the regular morning freight of laborers, who daily take the Mercury to and from work in the Philippine islands.

There was also an unusually large representation of society on the ill fated planer, and many notable men met terrible fates along with the other passengers.

No one lives tonight to tell of the sensations of the victims. All are gone. The holocaust blotted out the hundreds of lives as if they were so many flies.

The Mars is blamed for the accident.

Out of her course some half dozen meters, rendered helpless by a flaw in her almost new machinery, the Mars was floating helplessly above the clouds, directly in the path of the aeroplanes coming in the opposite direction. Her headlight was extinguished, it is claimed, and no distress signals were displayed. For some reason Captain Sorenson's understudy did not see by his air current distinguisher that the aeroplane was in her wrong air strata. This youth Morello Dumont, a lineal descendant of the mighty Santos Dumont, the first successful navigator of the air, went insane immediately on being informed of the terrible disaster he had wrought.

The crash was terrible beyond the ability of pen to describe. The speeding Mercury struck the Mars at an angle and thrust the

huge bulk out of her path. In doing so, the Mercury's 40,000 horsepower wing on the starboard side was wrenched from its socket. The impact tore out the huge engines and caused the Mercury to turn its nose upward. For a moment the big plane trembled and shuddered, then turning a complete somersault in the air, shot downward.

In the meantime the commotion on the Mars was something like that which must have occurred on the Mercury.

Women rushed screaming from the drawing room to the salon, and men fought each other like mad-dened animals.

The orchestra stopped playing immediately, the lights were turned off and the darkness added to the terrible moments of horror.

In his effort to re-arrange the mechanical defects on the Mars, Captain Sorenson had thrown off the currents that controlled the aeroplane finders and also rendered useless the electrical feelers.

Chief Lookout Larry Smith, stationed in Spokane, says that he saw the collision through his night glasses and the electrical devices at his station recorded it at exactly 8:23.

It was Smith's duty to throw his controlling lever and spread out the nets erected by the state of Washington for the purposes of rescue. When he threw back his lever the safety nets would not move and the blame is passed on to Seattle, where an engineer is supposed to have charge of the main safety station from which all others in the state are operated. It was found that he had gone to lunch and left the current off in section 65 on which look out station No. 679 depends for power. All the other sections were in proper working order.

The story of the disaster as told by Captain Sorenson just before he died at the Mercy Hospital is as follows:

"We left New York on schedule time at 5:30:23 p. m. We were detained in Chicago 23 seconds and on account of this loss of time we were running at a slightly higher rate of speed, but bent to our prescribed altitude, 4,500 metres. We passed over Denver at 7:2:43, flying at the rate of 31:23 miles an hour.

"The Mars' lights were out. She was drifting in the air, almost mo-

tionless. She was 1,000 metres out of her path. I was at the wheel when the crash occurred. It was terrible. The awful roar turned me deaf in a second. I felt a roaring sensation, realized we were turning in midair, and then lost consciousness."

An investigation will be commenced tomorrow by the state officials and Captain Fredericks will be forced to tell his story of the collision. Tonight he refused to talk. After the accident he managed to rig up temporary planes. The faults in the machinery of the Mars were discovered and she proceeded on her trip, arriving one hour and 40 minutes after her scheduled time.

The victims of the disaster will be buried at the expense of the aero company.

Already relatives of the dead are filing suits for damages, and it is believed that the accident will cost the aero company upwards of a billion dollars.

MORE REVOLUTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1, 2007.—Captain Jennie Lund of the liner Bullet reports that a small revolution is in progress in Santo Domingo. Captain Lund stopped the ship 1,400 miles above the island and the passengers were able to get a good view of the fighting through the telescopes.

TRANSPORTATION NOTES

The Round-the-World aero line announces that beginning Jan. 15 the China express will not stop at Big Dipper points to take on or leave off passengers for Honolulu, Seattle or Hegewisch, Ill.

James Hill and Edward Harriman are fighting for possession of the North Star line. Millions of tourists from Mars and the Earth visit the North Star pleasure resorts annually, and the new line has proven a great money-maker.

San Francisco-New York passengers will be gratified to learn that hereafter a ship-a-minute schedule will be maintained instead of the present one.

REMARKABLE OSLERIZATION FIGURES

CHICAGO, JAN. 1, 2007.—The reports of the Osler Institute for December show that only 8,225 subjects were benefited by having their troubles brought to an end. These figures show a marked falling off from the preceding month's record, when 17,299 males above the age of 60 went to their last sleep.

Superintendent Mary Olage accounts for the decrease in the rate as follows:

"In my opinion there have been thousands of perjuries committed by the males as to their ages."

Regarding the agitation to Oslerize women as well as men, Superintendent Olage said:

"Pure folly. Good gracious! If women should be Oslerized the standard of civilization would sink back to the awful condition of the nineteenth century. No. You can state for me that woman Oslerization would be as impracticable as it is absurd."

THE MEN'S FASHIONS ARE VERY STUNNING

Despite the prediction of some of the ultra-fashionable Kalamazoo tailors, there seems to be little likelihood of the adoption of the point lace ruffle on trousers this spring. A determined effort has been made by a number of those who are seeking a reversion to knee britches to have the trouser leg shortened two inches.

While it is possible that some of those who affect the extreme may take up this fad, it is only a fad and is not likely to be popular with the more conservative dressers.

Perhaps the most noticeable change in the morning frock will be the extension of the fur trimming to the bottom of the frock as well as the collar and lapels.

There are several styles of hats for spring wear, but by far the best in the matter of correctness is the two or three-cornered toque with pompon.

STARTLING DISCOVERY.

BERLIN, Jan. 1, 2007.—Professor Zangwill of the Prague university, who, with a party of five scientists, including M. Jean Andraux, Prof. Steinfeld and John Seeley, the American, has just turned in his report to the International Historical congress on the party's recent excavations in the ruins of Paris. Many startling discoveries in regard to life in the twentieth century have been unearthed.

"Paris," the report says, "was the center of art and science during the first part of the twentieth century. It was a wicked city, as history tells us, and its destruction, which some claim was the visitation of God, took with it some of the greatest works of art and science that the world has ever known. The Louvre, or Lover (the spelling of the name is much disputed), was the home



FUR TRIMMED FROCK FOR STREET WEAR.

of the works of the world's greatest artists, and a few of these have been recovered."

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THE PEDAGOGUE'S PROTEST

The Universal Association of Collegiate and Academic instructors has, with some justice, it must be admitted, filed a protest with the International Labor council, protesting against the proposed decrease in the salary of professors from \$1.50 a day to \$1.25. It must be taken into consideration that the average laborer is now receiving but \$12.75 for a full 5 hours' work.

It is, of course, true that the cost of maintenance for the men who are maintained for the purpose of instructing the youth of the world has been materially decreased in the past two years, since the passing of the constitutional amendment making it a high crime for a person engaged in the instruction of children to partake of tobacco or liquor. Then, too the rule requiring them to dress entirely in blue denim uniforms, that they may be known from those who work for a living, has brought their expenses down to a minimum.

But it was thought that when Samuel Gompers, the IV, Advisor to the President, succeeded in putting through the reduction to the present scale, the limit of economy had been reached.

The fact is that since the inter-planetary disturbance of six years ago, when our trade with Mars was

cut off for so many weeks, there has been a business depression which has resulted in an increase in the cost of living which cannot but affect every class of people. Even the pedagogues, removed as they are from the commercial side of life, have felt to a certain extent the depression in the money market.

That reason is easily disposed of by the reply made by the International Labor council—that a professor has really no need to have children. There is every reason to suppose that if he need children he would be apt to favor them in instruction and the result would be a large class of malcontents having the advantage of a superior education. It might even result in revolution.

Desirable as it may be to do every man justice, the great commonwealth, having won its way to its present position, where the former workman is the supreme ruler, cannot afford to foster any class of people liable to become a menace to existing institutions and bring about a reversion to the old system.

It is a grave question and one which should be given careful consideration by the International Labor council.

NATION LOSES GREAT WOMAN

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1, 2007.—Catherine Cecl Platt-Waterbury is dead. The great scientist passed away quietly yesterday afternoon.

The entire nation is in mourning. How this great woman gained distinction the whole world knows. After the entire civilized world had been deluded centuries upon centuries, Catherine Platt-Waterbury made the simple discovery that we live on the inside of the earth instead of the outside. This proved a startling declaration when first made. People tapped their foreheads and pointed at the great woman as she passed by, and scientists were slow in accepting the new version.

Here are Catherine Platt-Waterbury's famous arguments that upset science and made her the greatest woman in the world of astronomy:

"We live on the inside of the sphere."

"Christopher Columbus simply sailed around the inside instead of the outside."

"The oceans and rivers remain in their beds the same as water will remain in the bottom of a pail when you whirl it around. Put the water on the outside of the pail and see how long it would stay there."

"An apple falls from a tree to the earth for the same reason that

a marble if thrown in a whirling ball will go to the outside."

Catherine Platt-Waterbury will be buried at Lanark, Ill., Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The aero-funeral train will leave New York Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The daily music service of the Residential Tube Concern would hardly do credit to a small boy with a mouth organ. Is there no limit to impositions on subscribers?

Three million Press subscribers were inconvenienced yesterday by an unaccountable failure of the Lidgerwood wireless delivery.