

## BAG FALLS IN RIVER; DEATH TO AERONAUT

### Moose Carnival Crowd Witnesses Tragedy at Alton, Ill.

## TRIES FOR AN ISLAND

### Misses Objective Point and Balloon Collapses as It Strikes Surface of Stream.

Alton, Ill., May 23.—Robert Cowan, 18, an aeronaut, was drowned in the Mississippi last night when a balloon in which he was soaring dropped into the stream.

A large crowd of men and women stood on the bluffs and witnessed the accident. Cowan never made an ascension until last Wednesday. It had been arranged when the balloon had reached a height of about five hundred feet Cowan's foster father, an experienced parachute jumper, who remained on the ground, was to fire a revolver as a signal for the youth to cut loose the parachute and descend.

Revolver Fails to Work.  
The revolver failed to work and a policeman fired his revolver, but, apparently, the signal was not heard or the aeronaut was afraid to cut loose. Apparently the aeronaut was trying to land on Maple Island, but the wind veered and he missed the island. The balloon began to collapse as it struck the surface of the water, spread out and settled over the head of the aeronaut who still clung to the trapeze. The ascension was one of the attractions of a carnival of the Loyal Order of Moose.

## LINER GANGPLANK SNAPS; 3 PERISH

### "All Ashore" Call Sends Seven to Plunge Into Sea at Hoboken Pier.

New York, May 23.—As bells and whistles were sounding the second call for all ashore, just before the sailing of the new Scandinavian American liner Frederick VIII from the pier at Hoboken yesterday afternoon, a gangplank crowded with men, women and children shouting their farewells to friends on the steamer, broke and spilled overboard at least seven persons, of whom three were drowned.

The steamer's decks were crowded to the rails, and over 3,000 people elbowed and jostled one another on the pier. The cracking of the gangplank and the cries of those pitched into the Hudson through the narrow space between the side of the ship and the string piece created a panic, and only by the most vigorous work did the steamer's pier employes prevent excited ones from pushing others overboard.

Several men dropped into the Hudson and helped to save the drowning, and one man, Eric Peterson, a harbor junkman, was so overcome by his failure to save a mother and her small daughter from death that his mind gave way and he was taken in straps to St. Mary's hospital in Hoboken.

## SCATTERING SPUDS STOPPED SERVICE

### Farmer's Wagon Has Breakdown on Viaduct Bridge and Traffic Become Congested.

Traffic on the viaduct bridge was delayed last evening for over an hour when a wagon loaded to the brim with brand new murphies, broke down and the rolling spuds scattered in all directions.

The driver of the wagon directing his team to Davenport had neglected to give the conveyance the "once over" before he started out with his load, and the result was that the breakdown occurred just at a point which would most inconvenience himself and the public.

After the potatoes had settled themselves about the bridge, the work of repairing the damage to the wagon and of again loading the spuds was commenced.

In the meantime the bridge line cars changed their bells and horses, buggies and autos patiently waited until the farmer had gotten his murphies together again so that the blockade would be broken.

New York—Eugene Hoatling, station agent for the West Shore railroad at Japan, a suburban station, was shot & killed by two men who tried to rob the safe in his office.

## ECUADOR HAS ENVOY AT NIAGARA FALLS



Dr. Don Gonzalo S. Cordova.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 23.—The international importance of the A B C mediation conference in this city is emphasized by the presence of the minister from Ecuador to the United States, Dr. Don Gonzalo S. Cordova, who makes no secret of the fact that he has been instructed by his government to watch the progress of the conference, and to do everything in his power to further a peaceful settlement.

The minister stated on his arrival here that the interest Ecuador took in the matter was the interest that all Latin-Americans had in avoiding war between the United States and a sister republic.

Other Latin-American members of the Washington diplomatic corps are following Senor Cordova's example. Among those who have announced their intention of remaining on the ground until the conference is over is Dr. Alberto Membreño, minister from Honduras, who from the first has been an ardent advocate of mediation.

## BREWERY FIRE IS FOUGHT BY DRYS

### Leave Picnic at Preston, Minn., and Help Save Big Plant From Destruction.

Preston, Minn., May 23.—While "dry" were holding a picnic in celebration of the result of the recent election, when the city voted to continue without saloons, fire broke out in a large Preston brewery. The "dry" rushed to the assistance of the fire department and the blaze was extinguished without serious loss. The volunteers then retired to the picnic and refreshed themselves with lemonade and grape juice. Though the sale of liquor is forbidden in Preston, it is manufactured here.

## 2 IMPOSTERS MAY BE SENT ABROAD

### Immigration Officials Capture Men Using Names of President Wilson and Ohio.

St. Louis, May 23.—George Michael and Joseph George, held by immigration officials, have been recommended for deportation on the ground that they worked a confidence game on President Wilson, Senator Stone of Missouri and Secretary of War Garrison. They were arrested here after soliciting funds from the Business Men's league for an orphanage in Van, Syria. They showed letters of recommendation from Wilson, Stone and Garrison, which upon investigation proved bogus.

## NEW TREATY HAS JAPAN APPROVAL

Tokyo, Japan, May 23.—The Japanese-American arbitration treaty has been ratified by Japan. It was ratified by the United States senate February last. It pledges the governments to arbitrate all questions excepting those affecting vital interests, independence or national honor, and the rights of third parties.

### Want Doc Cook Recognized.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—A petition, signed by several thousand citizens of Michigan, asking congress to recognize Dr. Cook as the discoverer of the north pole, was presented to the senate today by Senator William Alden Smith.

## JENKINS, SCOT, IS CHAMPION GOLFER

Sandwich, England, May 23.—J. L. Jenkins of Scotland won the British amateur golf championship, defeating Hazlet of Ireland.

## BECKER HOPE IS BUOYED BY A NEW APPEAL

### Counsel for Convicted New Yorker Prepare to Continue Fight.

## MAY GET A YEAR'S STAY

### Jury at Second Trial Reaches Verdict of Guilty on the First Ballot.

New York, May 23.—Counsel for Charles Becker, twice convicted of instigating the murder of Rosenthal, are preparing an appeal to a higher court. An appeal would stay execution more than a year.

New York, May 23.—Twelve men decided late yesterday afternoon for the second time that Charles Becker was the arch-conspirator responsible for the Rosenthal murder, which nearly two years ago awoke New York to a realization of corruption in the police department and opened a new era of police reform.

Becker, once a police lieutenant, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Only a pardon or interference again by the Court of Appeals can save him from following to the electric chair the four gunmen who shot Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, early on the morning of July 16, 1912. The jury today decided that the gunmen were Becker's agents.

One ballot decided Becker's fate. It was taken almost immediately after the jurors returned from luncheon at an uptown hotel where they went as soon as Supreme Court Justice Samuel Seabury finished his charge. It was unanimous for conviction. Tears streamed down the foreman's face as he announced the decision, and tears stood in the eyes of several other jurors; but sympathy did not warp their judgment.

Becker's counsel announced that he would appeal and gained a week's stay for the preparation of his future campaign. The defendant was granted a short meeting with his wife and his brothers and then taken back to his cell in the Tombs.

### Wife Kept From Court.

Becker and his wife were talking shortly before 5 o'clock in a room adjoining the sheriff's office when a court attendant announced that the jury had reached a verdict. Mrs. Becker was not permitted to accompany her husband to the courtroom. Newspaper men, court attendants, counsel for the defense and District Attorney Whitman and his staff were the only other persons allowed admission. The defendant's two brothers, Jackson and John Becker, the latter a detective lieutenant, hurried to a side entrance where they stood awaiting the verdict.

When the little group in the court room had found seats the twelve men who alone knew Becker's fate, filed silently in with Foreman F. Sheridan Blagden at their head. All twelve faces were expressionless.

Becker in the room overhead was still talking to his wife when Justice Seabury took his seat. A bailiff was sent for the defendant. Becker kissed his wife as he left her.

"It's all right," he told her. "Don't worry. They'll free me."  
They walked briskly through the courtroom to the rail facing Justice Seabury and gripped it with both hands. His face was colorless. He glanced hopefully at the jury, but he did not catch the eye of a single man. To all outward appearances the jury did not know the defendant was in the room. Clerk Penny asked the jury to rise.

"Foreman," he said, "have you reached a verdict?"

### Jury Foreman in Tears.

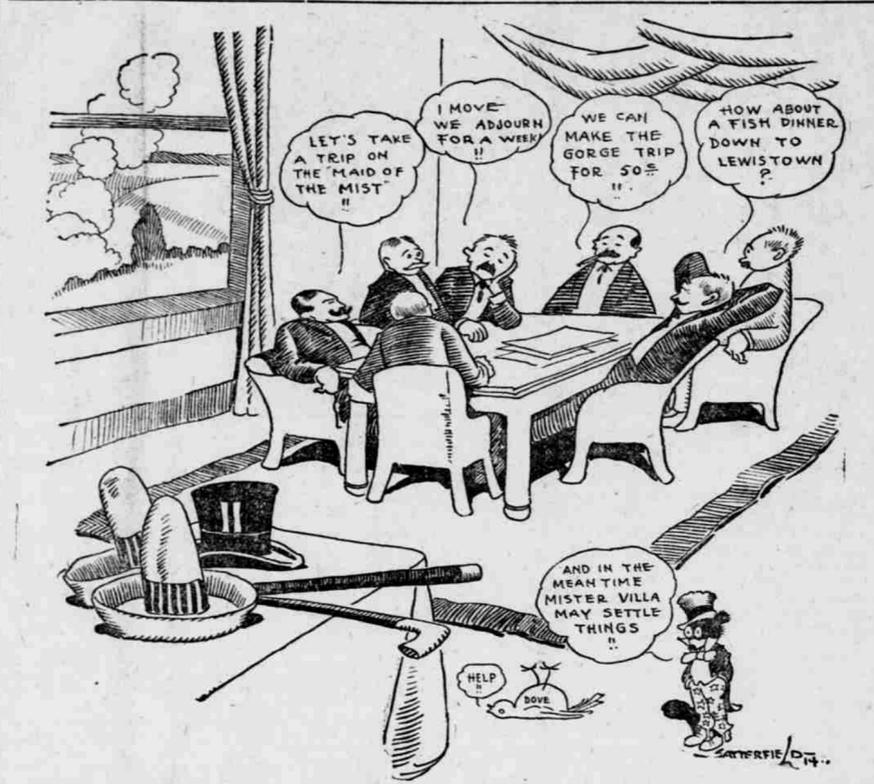
Blagden, a youngish man, blond and slim, brushed his eyes with a handkerchief, already damp. "We have," he said softly. "We find the defendant—"  
He hesitated a moment and continued in a whisper:  
"We find this defendant guilty as charged in the indictment; guilty of murder in the first degree."  
Becker's face went gray. The big muscles in his neck jumped out in heavy rolls. The veins at his temples swelled. His great frame swayed and drooped; then with quick control he became himself again.

Big tears welled into the eyes of the little foreman. He wiped them away and then the clerk began to ask the questions required by law. The roll was called and each individual juror, asked if "guilty" was his verdict, too, answered yes.

When Mrs. Becker was informed of the verdict she collapsed completely and was still sobbing when her husband was led into the room. She threw her arms around his neck and buried her face on his shoulder.

"O," she cried, "Charlie, I'm so sorry, so sorry. Poor Charlie, I didn't expect it."  
She could say no more. She re-

## MEDIATING



## LIGHTSHIP LOST WITH CREW OF 25

### Boat Meets Disaster on Way to Halifax From Scotland, Where Built.

Halifax, N. S., May 23.—Loss of the new lightship No. 6 with all of the 25 men on board was indicated by the discovery of wreckage and three bodies near Liscomb, 100 mile east of here. The lightship was on the way to this port from Scotland, where it was built.

All the victims are believed to be Scotchmen engaged by the builders to navigate the vessel across the Atlantic.

Becker stood looking down at her as she wept. Then handcuffs were locked about his wrists and he was led away to the Tombs.

## MAY USE BOOSTER FUND FOR MAINS

### Outside Help Needed to Complete Improvements in West End Factory District.

The board of control of the booster fund and the board of local improvements will meet Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the mayor's office, at which time an attempt will be made to have the board of control use the booster fund to assist in paying for the proposed water mains in the west end factory district, but the residents in the vicinity are not able to meet their part of the assessments, and for this reason the board is looking for outside help to carry the project through. The booster fund was raised to attract new industries to the city, and to develop commercial enterprises.

The water mains for this territory are proposed as follows: Eighteenth avenue, from First to Eighteenth street; north on First street to Penn Oil and Supply Co.; Fifteenth avenue, from First to Mill street; north and south on Mill street, 300 feet each way from Fifteenth avenue.

Other improvements approved by the board at the meeting this morning follow:

Asphalt paving, Eighteenth avenue, from Sixteenth to Twenty-seventh street; brick pavement, Second avenue, Seventh to Ninth street; Seventh street, Second to Fourth avenue; Fifteenth to Sixteenth street, Fifth to Twenty-first street, Eighteenth to Nineteenth avenue.

## ROCKEFELLER ICE SLIPPED LINDSEY

New York, May 23.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., today stated through his secretary he never would confer with Judge Lindsey of Denver relative to the Colorado strike situation.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled tonight and Sunday; probably showers; not much change in temperature. Gentle winds, mostly southerly.

Highest temperature yesterday, 76; lowest last night, 53; at 7 a. m., 61.

Wind velocity, one mile.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity last night, 40; this morning, 69.

River stage, 6.5 with a fall of .4 of a foot.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter.

The bright star north of the Pleiades (northwestern sky) is Algol (Demon Star), seen in the evening.

## CHICAGO FIREMEN BURNED FATALLY

### Three of 18 Injured in Explosion at Gazallo Saloon May Not Survive Injuries.

Chicago, Ill., May 23.—Eighteen firemen are in hospitals today suffering serious injuries from fire explosions yesterday that destroyed a building occupied by the saloon of Louis Gazallo and his brother, Alderman Frank Gazallo. Six other persons hurt by flying glass are in hospitals. Six firemen and 19 citizens are under care of physicians at their homes. Of 49 seriously injured three, Firemen Bouchard, Hopp and Moran, may die.

## ENGLAND POLICE RAID SUF OFFICE

### London, Eng., May 23.—Police this afternoon raided the headquarters of the Women's Social Political union, a militant organization. They took possession of the offices and detained all members of the staff on duty.

After thoroughly ransacking the rooms the police let all the officials go except one woman. There was no disturbance inside the building. A large force of police protected the women from a hostile crowd outside.

Two suffragets broke the glass case of an exhibit in the mummy room of the British museum. There was no damage to the exhibits. Both of them were arrested.

Glasgow, Scotland, May 23.—Failure of fuse early today saved an aqueduct which carries half of Glasgow's water supply from Loch Katrine, 42 miles away. A watchman noticed freshly turned earth and discovered two powerful bombs with a half-burned fuse. In the vicinity was a woman's handbag containing two towels and a placard stating the destruction was a protest against the treatment of Mrs. Pankhurst.

Edinburgh, Scotland, May 23.—A picture of King George V., by Lavery, in the Royal Scottish academy was hacked by a suffraget this afternoon. She smashed the glass of the picture with a hatchet and made a gash of several inches in the canvas. She was arrested.

## MRS. FLAVELLE IS SHOT BY STUDENT

### Youth Who Had Lost His Money Gambling Confessed Robbing Woman on Train.

Florence Italy, May 23.—Pietro Rossi, 24 years old, an art student arrested today, confessed he shot and robbed Mrs. Mary Flavelle of Chicago. He said, "I had gambled away almost all the money I possessed and started on my way home to Monte Pulciano to inform my family of my predicament. On the train I saw an old lady who apparently had already one foot in the grave, and to whom wealth could not mean much, I attacked her, but would not have tried to kill her if she had not screamed when I grasped her valise. I then lost my reason and fired."  
The condition of Mrs. Flavelle was improved today.

## MAZATLANS FALL TO REBELS CLOSE

### Wireless From Battleship California Says Water Supply Will Last Only 15 Days.

San Diego, Cal., May 23.—A wireless from the battleship California says Mazatlan's water supply will last only 15 days and it is believed constitutionalists will soon be in possession of the city. Since the arrival of rebel General Obregon, fewer cruelties to federal prisoners are being practiced. It is reported F. Green, an Englishman, was murdered by bandits near San Marcos. Several Americans reside in that vicinity.

## 5,250,000 BIBLES PLACED IN YEAR

Chicago, Ill., May 23.—General Secretary Fox of the American Bible society told the Presbyterian general assembly today that 5,250,000 bibles were distributed in the year by the bible society. A special edition was printed and sold in China at one-seventh of a cent a copy.

Sunday baseball was condemned in the report of the committee on Sabbath observance which was presented and discussed at the morning session of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States.

Dr. Quales Dies in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., May 23.—Dr. Niles T. Quales, pastor of Scandinavian-American medical men of Chicago, is dead, aged 83. He was decorated by the king of Norway with the cross of St. Olaf.

## OKLAHOMA NEEDS 15,000 IN FIELDS

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 23.—Fifteen thousand additional hands will be needed to harvest the 1914 wheat crop of 40,000,000 bushels, the largest the state ever produced.

## FULL MEET IS ARRANGED TO PRESS PEACE

### First Session of All Mediation Agents Called This Evening.

## IS ASKED BY MEXICANS

### Opinion Expressed That Obstacles Heretofore Bothersome Have Been Removed.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 23.—The first full conference between the mediators and both the American and Mexican delegates will be held tonight. It was arranged at the request of the Mexican delegates, who met the mediators informally this morning.

It is understood the envoys are confident of being able to remove such obstacles as had delayed the proceedings during consideration of the preliminary measures. The sudden calling of a full session for tonight was not expected by the American delegates.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Watchful waiting on mediation continued to be the attitude of the Washington government today in regard to the Mexican situation. The president left the White house early for a ride and recreation after receiving encouraging reports of the preliminary negotiations from the American commissioners.

No Word from Carranza.  
At the constitutional agency here it was said no word had been received from Carranza or from the mediators on the representation of the constitutionalists at the Niagara Falls conference.

A Mexico City dispatch to diplomatic sources here reported that when the constitutionalists captured Tepic recently, they put to death the entire federal garrison, 300 officers and men. Mexico City, Mexico, May 23.—General Zaragoza, with troops that evacuated Tampico, arrived safely at Huajuquila, Hidalgo, proceeding to Mexico City, according to a report.

Vasconcelos in Dark.  
Plans under consideration by the constitutionalists for sending a representative to give information to the mediators at Niagara Falls have not been communicated to Jose Vasconcelos. Mr. Vasconcelos has been suggested to undertake this task however, and the situation will be explained to him when he reaches Washington today.

It was pointed out last night that if the constitutionalists finally sent one of their number to Niagara he would not go as a delegate or with the purpose of seeking participation in mediation but merely to give information as to General Carranza's plans and purposes. This would be done with the distinct understanding that the constitutionalists were not committed to any plan the mediators might propose for the pacification of Mexico.

New York, May 23.—Jose Vasconcelos, the special agent of Carranza, it has been reported would be chosen as a constitutionalist representative to the Niagara conference, emphatically denied in a statement that he was to receive such an appointment or that Carranza would ever consider mediation as a solution of Mexico's internal affairs.

"As long as the Huertalistas are at Niagara we shall not be represented there," Mr. Vasconcelos said. "The only way my party meets Huerta is on the battlefield."  
Orozco Is Routed.  
Juarez, Mex., May 23.—Colonel Miguel Gonzales was the highest ranking insurgent officer killed in the fighting incidental to the capture of Saltillo according to advices received here yesterday. He was in command of one of the brigades of Villa's army.

Pascual Orozco, the one-time leader of an anti-Madero revolution, was defeated in fighting near San Luis Potosi, according to official report received yesterday. His defeat was considered important as having connection with the federal retreat to San Luis Potosi from Saltillo, recently taken by General Villa's constitutionalists. The report also ended uncertainty regarding Orozco's whereabouts.

General Carrera Torres, in command of constitutionalist troops investing the capital of San Luis Potosi, reported that on May 19 his troops routed the forces under General Orozco, General Antonio Govea Loya and General A. Mendoza. The battle took place at Coriova, 30 miles northeast of the state capital.

The Orozco troops had made a sortie to cover the entrance of the retreating Saltillo garrison. Torres has been confronted with the problem of holding the federals in the city and at the same time preventing the entrance of the Huerta troops from Saltillo.

El Paso, Texas, May 23.—Federal troops sacked Saltillo before evacuating. It is asserted in a message to local agents of the constitutionalists.