

Army Airman Is Drowned

MACHINE WRECKED PLUNGING HIM INTO THE SEA—EIGHTH-TEENTH SERVICE VICTIM.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—Lieut. F. J. Gerstner, of the United States army aero corps, was drowned in the sea near Oceanside yesterday, during a flight of army aerial scouts to Los Angeles. A telephone message to this effect was received this afternoon at the Los Angeles aviation field.

Capt. L. R. Muller, who was driving the machine, clung to the wreckage of the aeroplane and was rescued.

Captain Muller, pilot of the wrecked machine was rescued by Captain L. W. Patterson, another army aviator, whose aeroplane had been wrecked near where Lieutenant Gerstner met his death.

Captain Patterson saw the wreckage summoned aid. Muller was rescued, badly bruised by the fall and exhausted. Gerstner's body was recovered.

Four of the six machines that entered the flight were brought to the earth near here. The other machines reached Los Angeles in safety. Stormy weather and bad air conditions were held responsible for the accidents.

CITY BOARD REMOVES CHARLESTON OFFICIALS.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—The Charleston board of city affairs today removed from office D. B. Crockett, chief of police; Harry Flournoy, auditor; and M. P. Spraling, city jailer. J. F. Bedell recently resigned as mayor. Robert Brawley was appointed to succeed Chief Crockett.

SPAIN HAS THEATER FIRE.

By Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Bilbao, Spain, says that a serious fire has broken out in the Arriaga theater. There appears to have been some casualties, but the number of the victims is not yet known.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monongahela Bank of Fairmont, will be held at their banking house in the City of Fairmont, W. Va., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 3 o'clock p. m., on the 12th day of January, 1915, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may be legally done at such stockholders' meeting.

Given under my hand this 16th day of December, 1914.
R. E. HARR, President.

MUSGRAVE'S MEDITATIONS.

As a Congressman thinks we should check the North Pole. In justice to him it should be stated that he made the suggestion before the blizzard struck the United States last week.

A wise and worldly warbler insists there are two sides to every question except the war news and there are three or more to that.

The goose-bone prophet who assured us of a mild winter evidently killed the wrong goose.

If you didn't do your Christmas shopping early you can't claim you were not warned.

A western journal conveys the startling information that "Billy Sun day inspires amateur poets." Byron, Shakespeare and Shelley wrote some fairly good poetry, yet one cannot help wondering what they might have produced had they sat at the feet of the champion slang slinger of the universe.

Washington crossed the Delaware. The Germans entered the North Sea. Taft rode over Ted's policies. Cannon came back with a cigar in his mouth and a profane bark on his lips and Mrs. Sprawlingdame Spankhurst capped the climax. Get the historian define and describe the greatest of these.

When Byron heard of the British victory over Napoleon at Waterloo, he said he was "darned sorry." Although an Englishman himself he had a chronic habit of laughing to scorn the vain pomp and glory of gossy giddy-brains and soulless sissyslops.



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He was a man, even though shallow slander spewers spouted their spasmodic spleen.

The authenticity of the following dialogue is vouched for by a reliable editor: "Farmers," said the fair city visitor, "are just as dishonest as the city milkmen." "How do you make that out?" asked the farmer's wife. "Why this morning I saw your hired man water the cows just be-

fore he milked them." Who will be the first to announce himself or herself as a candidate on the Progressive ticket for President of the Meandering Meedlers and Tatling Teehes Society?—unlimited. Many of us are competent. Don't heed that old moss-covered song: "Birdy wait a little longer"

"Till your little wings are stronger." A merry Christmas and a happy

new year to the Free Press and West Virginian and all their readers.
S. C. MUSGRAVE.

PASTIME LEAGUE.

Easy Marks Win.

The Easy Marks proved a stumbling block to the Rebels last night, winning three straight games. Although the Easy Marks rolled no extra high scores

they rolled steady throughout the contest. Wilson and Whipple divided the honors. The scores:

Rebels.		
Whipple	143	92
Gardner	95	99
Harden	109	112
Totals	347	303
Easy Marks.		
Storer	120	112
White	102	93
Totals	222	205

Wilson 126 125 110—361
Totals 348 330 340—1018

Rebels vs. Fat Chance.
The Rebels and Fat Chance locked horns again last night, the Rebs winning two out of three games. Moore rolled in fine form, averaging 145 for his three games, with 167 for high score. Harden also rolled in good form. The scores:

Rebels.		
Gardner	112	90
Whipple	95	124
Harden	123	105
Totals	330	319
Fat Chance.		
Moore	130	167
Shotts	83	90
Jepson	106	128
Totals	319	385

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