

Aviators Atwood and Hamilton Made Early Start For Capitol

Two Noted Bird Men Get Out Early From Atlantic City on Trip to Washington—Forced to Alight Near Baltimore.

Extreme Heat Causes Delay—Took Train to Baltimore—They Hope to Resume Their Journey Later On.

Baltimore, Md., July 10.—Forced by the intense heat with its accompanying extremely high humidity, to discontinue, temporarily at least, their flight by aeroplane to Washington, Harry X. Atwood and Charles K. Hamilton, who left Atlantic City at 5:04 o'clock this morning, in the latter's bi-plane, descended shortly after 9 o'clock near Stemmers Run station, eight miles east of Baltimore, on the Pennsylvania, and came to Baltimore by train. They had traveled approximately 148 miles with but one stop, that at Farnhurst, Del., for gasoline. This distance was thirteen times greater than Atwood carried his mechanic in the flight from Boston to New London, Conn.

Atwood announced this afternoon his intention of resuming the flight later today if the weather conditions permit, with the expectation of reaching Washington before it is dark.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 10.—Harry Atwood and "Charley" Hamilton chanced the elements again this morning and succeeded in making a good getaway at 4:50 o'clock on their flight to Washington. When they sailed out of sight they were making great speed, hampered by nothing more than a gentle westerly breeze. The weather was clear and ideal for the air journey. Both men declared they would reach Baltimore by 10 o'clock unless some thing untoward occurred. "We will be at least a hundred miles from here by 7 o'clock," confidently shouted Atwood as the machine lifted from the ground after a perfect getaway.

The pair worked hard all yesterday afternoon getting the Hamilton bi-plane in shape for its trip. Parts of the machine in which Atwood made his flight here from New York were removed from the wrecked bi-plane and taken to Ventnor, near here, shortly after the men had their narrow escape in the 75 foot plunge to earth yesterday.

It was nightfall before the tail had been replaced, the new blades adjusted, the under structure repaired and the bent and twisted frame work tuned up.

This morning Atwood and Hamilton left their hotel at 4 o'clock and at 4:48 they wheeled the machine from the hangar. The start was made almost in the tracks made by the mishap of yesterday. Everything worked perfectly today. Atwood, with Hamilton seated beside him, lifted the machine to a traveling altitude of 400 feet. First he circled over the meadows near the ocean and then darted the plane for the coast line. When they passed out of sight they were going at a lively gait and still mounting higher.

Later Bulletin.
Baltimore, Md., July 10.—Atwood's machine descended at Stemmers Run, two miles east of this city, at 9:45. So far as can be learned there was no mishap.

Word was received here at 10:10 a. m. that Atwood and Hamilton took a train for Baltimore at Stemmers Run leaving their machine where it landed in a large clear field.

Heat Caused Delay.

The intense heat forced Atwood and Hamilton to discontinue their flight temporarily at least.

The two aviators arrived here by train from Stemmers Run on the Pennsylvania Railroad, where they left their machine.

Will Resume Journey.

Atwood and Hamilton hope to resume their air journey to Washington later in the day. They expect to start from the landing place at Stemmers Run, fly over Baltimore and reach Washington in time for supper.

Landed for Gasoline.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 10.—A dispatch from Farnhurst, Del., says Atwood landed on the grounds of the state insane hospital at that place at 6:30 a. m. After obtaining 10 gallons of gasoline, they resumed their places in the aeroplane and started south at 7:45 o'clock.

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ALL BUT TWO PASSENGERS ACCOUNTED FOR

San Francisco, July 10.—All but two passengers are accounted for out of over 200 who were on the steamer Santa Rosa, which foundered at Point Arguello Friday night, according to an announcement made here yesterday by representatives of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, owners of the boat.

The missing are: C. H. Stark, Oakland, for Los Angeles.

Mrs. S. Payne, San Francisco, for Rondona.

Company officials say they believe these passengers will report within a day or so.

"I wish to God I had followed my judgment and paid no attention to those fellows in San Francisco."

This statement was made by Captain J. Faria, when the Santa Rosa began to break up, at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, according to Mrs. Eltha Campbell, of San Francisco, one of the survivors of the disaster, who reached San Francisco yesterday. Mrs. Campbell said she would testify to this effect.

Wireless operator Frankel said: "Just before the vessel swung around and cracked in two, I received the following order from San Francisco for the captain:

"Get out two more keedge anchors and try to hold her until the president arrives."

"Keedge anchors be —" shouted the captain. "It is a case of life and death now and I am going to land these people before it is too late."

Phil G. Todd Dead.

Atlanta, July 10.—Phil G. Dodd, formerly of Atlanta, and more recently a prosperous attorney in San Francisco, died suddenly there last night, according to telegrams received by relatives here. Mr. Dodd was a graduate of the University of Georgia, and was well known throughout this state.



A NEW MENACE TO THE FARMER—AEROPLANE POST.

TRY TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF LOST LETTERS

New York, July 10.—The police, aided by the defendants, redoubled their efforts today to solve the mystery of the lost letters in the Stokes shooting case. Tomorrow the court will receive the last evidence to show whether or not Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad should be held for the grand jury on the charge of trying to murder W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel man, and without these letters the young women say their cause is badly handicapped. They admit that they shot Stokes, but declare that the circumstances which these letters would help reveal were such as to make the shooting justifiable.

The superintendent of the apartment house where the shooting occurred was summoned before police commissioner Waldo today. The commissioner is interested in the case on account of charges that some of his men permitted Stokes' private detective to break into the suite and carry away the bundle of letters while the city detectives were present. The defendants say that the letters already made public in connection with the case were returned after nine of more which Stokes wished to suppress had been taken from the collection.

The defendant's lawyers have threatened to bring charges against the Stokes' detective who admitted on the stand that he had carried away the letters. Whether the charge would be a remedy of the suppression of evidence they have not decided.

Called off Labor Day Meet.

Chicago, July 10.—Owners of the Indianapolis motor speedway have called off their Labor Day meet so as not to conflict with the road races scheduled for September 2 and 4 at Elgin, Ill.

Word to this effect was received today in answer to the protest made by the local organization to the American Automobile Association.

Magistrate Freschi, who has been conducting the preliminary hearings in the case and District Attorney Whitman will confer today with a view to deciding what action ought to be taken about the disappearance of the letters.

At the close of the examination tomorrow the magistrate probably will issue a summons for James Cummings, Stokes' private house detective. Formal proceedings will then begin to determine whether or not a crime has been committed.

CHANCES FAVOR APPOINTMENT OF MR. TRAVIS

Special to The News.

Raleigh, July 10.—Ex-Judge Avery held a conference with Governor Kitchin, this morning in the interest of former Corporation Commissioner Pearson, of Morganton, who is making a fight for appointment as corporation commissioner.

B. S. Gay, C. G. Peebles, J. A. Worrell and Sheriff Joyner, of Northampton county, came today as a delegation in the interest of Capt. T. W. Mason, as corporation commissioner.

Mr. Travis had a conference with the governor today and he is still regarded as most likely appointee.

Government Issues Replot on Condition Of all Farm Crops

Washington, July 10.—The July crop of the United States department of agriculture crop reporting board, issued at 2:15 p. m. today, shows the condition on July 1 and the yield per acre, as indicated by the condition on that date, of the principal farm crops and the acreage of those not already announced, as follows:

Corn—Condition 80.1 per cent of a normal, compared with 85.4 per cent in 1910 and 84.7 per cent, the average for the past ten years on that date; indicated yield per acre, 25.5 bushels, compared with 27.4 bushels, the 1910 final yield, and 27.1 bushels, the average for the last five years; area planted to corn this year 115,939,000 acres, compared with 114,002,000 acres in 1910.

Winter wheat: Condition, 76.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 80.4 per cent on June 1, 1911, 81.5 per cent in 1910 and 81.4 per cent the ten year average; indicated yield per acre 14.6 bushels, compared with 15.3 bushels in 1910, and 15.5 bushels, the five year average.

Spring wheat: Condition 78.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 94.6 per cent on June 1, 1911, 61.6 per cent in 1910 and 87.8 per cent, the ten year average; indicated yield per acre 11.8 bushels, compared with 11.7 bushels in 1910 and 13.5 bushels, the five year average.

Fall wheat: Condition, 75.6 per cent of a normal, compared with 86.1 per cent on June 1, 1911, 73.5 per cent in 1910, and 84.4 per cent, the ten year average; indicated yield per acre, 13.5 bushels, compared with 14.1 bushels in 1910 and 14.7 bushels, the five year average.

The amount of wheat remaining on farms on July 1 is estimated at about 38,288,070 bushels, compared with 33,739,000 bushels on July 1, 1910, and 37,701,000 bushels, the average amount on farms July 1 for the past five years.

Oats: Condition 68.8 per cent of a normal compared with 85.7 per cent on June 1, 1911, 82.2 per cent in 1910, and 86.3 per cent, the ten year average; indicated yield per acre, 23.2 bushels, compared with 31.4 bushels in 1910 and 28.4 bushels, the five year average.

Baleage: Condition 72.1 per cent of a normal, compared with 90.2 per cent on June 1, 1911, 73.7 per cent in 1910 and 87.9 per cent the ten year average; indicated yield per acre, 20.9 bushels, compared with 22.4 bushels in 1910 and 24.8 bushels the five year average.

Rye: Condition, 85.0 per cent, of a normal, compared with 88.6 per cent, on June 1, 1911, 87.6 per cent, in 1910 and 90.8 per cent, the ten year average; indicated yield per acre, 15.5 bushels, compared with 16.3 bushels in 1910 and 16.4 bushels, the five year average; area planted to rye this year 2,028,000 acres in 1910.

White Potatoes: Condition 76.0 per cent, of a normal compared with 86.3 per cent, in 1910 and 90.4 per cent, the ten-year average; indicated yield per acre 81.7 bushels, compared with 94.4 bushels in 1910 and 96.9 bushels, the five-year average; area planted, 3,495,000 acres, compared with 3,591,000 acres in 1910.

Tobacco: Condition, 72.6 per cent, of a normal, compared with 85.2 per cent, in 1910 and 86.0 per cent, the ten year average; indicated yield per acre, 698.1 pounds, compared with 797.8 pounds in 1910 and 826.0 pounds, the five year average; area planted, 893,000 acres, compared with 1,233,800 acres in 1910.

Flax: Condition, 80.9 per cent, of a normal compared with 65.0 per cent, in 1910, and 87.8 per cent, the eight years average; indicated yield per acre 8.6 bushels, compared with 4.3 bushels in 1910 and 8.6 bushels the five year average; area planted 393,000 acres, compared with 2,916,000 acres in 1910.

Rice: Condition, 87.7 per cent, of a normal, compared with 86.3 per cent, in 1910 and 88.6 per cent, the ten year average; indicated yield per acre, 32.2 bushels, compared with 33.9 bushels in 1910, and 32.4 bushels, the five year average; area planted, 705,000 acres, compared with 722,800 acres in 1910.

Hay: Condition, 64.9 per cent, of a normal, compared with 76.8 per cent, on June 1, 1911, 80.2 in 1910 and 85.7 per cent, the ten-year average; indicated yield per acre, 10.8 tons, compared with 1.33 tons in 1910 and 1.41 tons the five year average; area planted 45,691,000 acres, compared with 45,691,000 acres in 1910.

Commissioner Fred Dennett Summoned At Investigation

GERMANY TO TAKE ACTION IN MOROCCO

Berlin, July 10.—Preliminary negotiations regarding Morocco are being conducted confidentially but nothing is being made public officially beyond the joint statement that the exchanges are on a friendly footing, that is expected they will be prolonged and are wrought with sensational developments.

NEW YORK IN GRIP OF TERRIFIC HOT WAVE

New York, July 10.—An untamed heat wave that showed no consciousness of having been broken last week, returned with the sunrise this morning to claim renewed domination over the city and its exhausted millions. Two deaths occurred during the night.

The tremendous demand for milk and ice has made both scarce and prices have risen.

Pittsburg Still Suffers From Heat

Pittsburg, Pa., July 10.—The excessive heat in Pittsburg was abated today, but the discomfort is increased by more humidity than was present in the atmosphere last week.

MOTHER AND BABE PLUNGED INTO WELL

Calhoun, Ga., July 10.—Word came here today that while apparently suffering from temporary insanity last Saturday, Mrs. Joseph Stephenson jumped into a well at the home of her brother, R. H. Land, in the country. The woman was saved but the little girl was drowned.

THREE LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMER WENT DOWN

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., July 10.—Three lives were lost and 31 people, including six women and a little boy, experienced a thrilling midnight rescue, when the steamer John Mitchell, of Chicago, was sunk early today in collision with the steamer William H. Mack, of Cleveland, off Vermillion Point, Lake Superior, about 60 miles east.

EDUCATORS IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR MEETING

San Francisco, July 10.—In surroundings typifying the best of the civilization and education of ancient Greece, the 49th convention of the national education association opened this afternoon in the Greek theatre of the University of California at Berkeley. The educators were welcomed to California by Governor Hiram W. Johnson, Mayor P. H. McCarthy, of San Francisco; C. C. More, president of the Panama Pacific Exposition and President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California. Response was made on behalf of the delegates by Robert Aley, president of the University of Maine.

YACHT PARTY IS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, July 10.—The President's yacht Mayflower with the President and his party of guests, including senators and other aboard, arrived at the navy yard this morning at 7 o'clock, ending the two days cruise that begun from Philadelphia.

House Committee Investigating Alleged "Grab" of Water Front Lands in Alaska by Guggenheims Sends for New Secretary of Interior.

Miss M. A. Abbott, a Writer Who has Made Startling Statements About This Case, Has also Been Called on to Testify in House.

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Description of Vessel.
Chicago, Ill., July 10.—The John Mitchell was coal-laden from Buffalo. She was 420 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 4,468. The William H. Mack was 354 feet long and her gross tonnage was 3,781.

Washington, July 10.—Commissioner Fred S. Dennett, of the general land office, and Miss M. A. Abbott, a writer, both subpoenaed as witnesses were present today when the house committee department began an inquiry into charges of an alleged "grab" of valuable water front lands on Controller Bay, Alaska, by the Guggenheim interests.

Published charges have been made that Richard S. Ryan, of New York, said to be a secret agent of the Guggenheim syndicate, wrote to former Secretary Ballinger declaring that he, Ryan, had asked Charles P. Taft to speak to his brother, President Taft, about the Controller Bay claims and that following this the president "made no further objection to my claim." The land is said to have been wanted as a terminus for railroads from the Guggenheim properties.

Commissioner Dennett was summoned to tell what he knew of an order by the president throwing the land open to entry. Miss Abbott claimed to have made a copy of the alleged letter from Ryan to Ballinger.

Immediately following his return to Washington today President Taft set his office force to work to investigate the Controller Bay affair. All four of the departments interested were requested to make investigations and report any information that might be found. The Controller Bay and Charles P. Taft letter files were searched for a letter to the president from his brother in regard to this matter, the report that such a letter had been written having been brought to the president's attention for the first time this morning.

A telegram has been sent to Charles P. Taft's secretary at Cincinnati, asking that an inquiry for such letter be instituted there. Mr. Taft said that he had never discussed R. S. Ryan or Controller Bay with his brother and had received no letter so far as he could remember.

It is explained that R. S. Ryan, representing the Controller Bay Navigation Company, secured a front of eighty rods on Controller Bay. The government retained every other eighty rods of the water front on the bay, making the department officials declare, a monopoly impossible. At the White House it was said that there had been no secrecy or anything unusual in the order opening Controller Bay to entry. The matter was passed upon by the cabinet in regular form, it was stated.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 10.—At the request of President Taft, the letter files of his brother, Charles P. Taft, were searched here today for possible correspondence with the president, Richard S. Ryan, or other persons regarding Controller Bay affairs or Alaskan lands. A statement was made declaring that no letter bearing upon the subject in the remotest degree was found, and that so far as the files in Mr. Taft's office show, he has no acquaintance with Mr. Ryan or any interest in any Alaskan development.

JUSTICE HOOKER DIED SUDDENLY IN STATION.

Auburn, N. Y., July 10.—Frank A. Hooker, of Lansing, Mich., one of the justices of the supreme court of Michigan, died suddenly this morning in the New York Central station here. He was on an automobile trip but abandoned it last night and was returning by train.