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Messrs. Simmons and Overman Ask President to Consider Biltmore Postoffice Matter.

A CONTEST OF INTEREST TO VERY MANY PERSONS

Congressman Grant, Active in Support of Mr. Luther, Has Been Looking For Action.

The fact became known here today that the contest over the Biltmore postoffice had assumed an aspect of peculiar interest to the few persons advertent to what has transpired up to the present writing.

It seems that Congressman Grant has favored B. J. Luther, Mrs. Reed's opponent for the office, with his active support, and the talk is that the gentleman from the Tenth, as one might say in House parlance, was expecting the nomination of Mr. Luther to be made by the President immediately after the adjournment of congress The fact that is inflicting pain in certain quarters, and giving encourage ment to the friends of Mrs. Reed is however, that Mr. Luther is no nearer the job, to all outward appearances than he was at the outset of the con-

Whenever a situation of this kind arises in the political world the inevitable inference is that some ulterior move has been made by some enemy in a congressman's own political household, but in this instance such is not the case. The truth is that the two North Carolina senators, after looking into the situation here, have transmitted to President Taft a joint letter asking that no action be taken for the present, representing to the president meanwhile that Mrs. Reed is a deserving widow, with a child to support, that she has discharged her duties to the utmost satisfaction of the patrons of the office, practically all of whom have asked for her reappointment, and that republicans as well as democrats have endorsed Mrs. Reed's

Just to what extent the president d with this plea, in a sort Shipp case, is not known for certain, but the disquieting fact is that no action has been taken. As to the part the North Carolina senators have played in the affair, there is not the now at the Battery Park hotel, does not hesitate to say that he and Senator Simmons felt impelled to interest themselves in the matter after hearing from so many Biltmore and Asheville

It goes without saying that the contest has a large political side. This is practice flight of seven minutes. Continued on page five.

I hereby nominate

credited to a candidate.

ing a nomination be divulged.

Nomination

Date...... Hour......

This nomination ballot, when properly filled out, will

Under no circumstances will the name of anyone mak-

Win a \$65 Prize

\$65 COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE

NOMINATION PRIZE

This splendid prize will be given to the person who nominates the winner of the Buick Touring Car.

The Gasette-News determined to overlook no one in this big proposition, has decided to give a valuable prize to the person who nominates the successful candidate. Clip out the blank published in this issue, fill in properly and send to the Contest Department. You may nominate yourself. If you win the first grand prize, you will also be awarded the \$65 Columbia. But you need not necessarily be a contestant to win this prize. If you are fortunate enough to have sent in the name of the winner of the Buick Touring Car, the talking machine will be given you at the close of the contest. Make as many nominations as you like.

It costs you nething to fill out the nomination blank and send it to the Contest Department of the Gasette-News. If you do not send in your own name you may win a prize anyhow. This paper feels that this is a magnificent offer and should result in the selection of none but the most active and aggressive candidates. Try to name a winner.

count for 1,000 votes. Only one nomination ballot will be

First Air Tournament In History of World

Plains, Near Rheims, to Be the Scene Next Week of Series of Events, Attempts to Break Records Made by Various Sorts of Flying Machines.

Records Which the Air Navigators at Rheims Will Try to Surpass Next Week.

December 31, 1909-Record flight for time and distance; Wilbur Wright remained in the air at Le Mans, France, 2 house and 9 minutes, traveling at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

July 27, 1909-Record for flight with two men; Orville Wright, with Lieut. Frank P. Lahm as passenger, remained in air 1 hour, 12 minutes and 40 seconds, traveling at the rate of 40 miles an hour. July 25, 1909-Record for monoplane flight over the sea; Louis Bleriot, crossed the English channel, 21 miles, from Les Maraques, France, to Dover, England. Time, unofficial, 30 minutes.

July 30, 1909-Record for cross-country flight with two persons; Orville Wright flew 19 miles from Ft, Myer, Va., with Lieut. Benj. D. Foulois as passenger, in 14 minutes and 40 seconds, traveling at speed over a measured course was also made in this flight-42 miles an hour; also record for height, 500 feet.

Dirigibles:

May 31, 1909-Record for distance; Zeppelin airship (German) made from Lake Constance to Goeppingen, 850 miles, having been in the air 37 hours.

March 29, 1909-Record for lifting capacity: the Zeppelin airship ascended with 26 persons and maneuvered 3 hours over distance of

Balloons:

October 9-11, 1900-World's record for distance; Count Henry de la Vaulx and Count Castillion de St. Victor, Vincennes, France, Morostychew, Russia, 1193 miles, in 25 1-4 hours. October 11,13, 1908-World's record for duration; Col. Schaeck, Swiss army, 73 hours in the air, from Berlin, landing in sea off

Rheims, Aug. 21.—A driving this M. Bleriot, driving a small forty horse storm is sweeping over Rheims this power monoplane, made a series of prevented any of the aeroplainants gathered here for aviation week from

indulging in practice work. Thousands of visitors flocked out to he plain of Bethany in farm wagons carriages and automobiles in the hope that some daring flier would venture aloft, but were disappointed. Experts nowever, predict fair weather for aviation week

Good Trink Yesterday. Aeroplanes-flying in straight lines

making wide turns or wheeling ab ruptly, traveling slow and fast and low and high, was the striking spectacle offered 15,000 persons on the field yes terday.

Two slight accidents occurred. M Dumanest, driving an Antoinette ma chine, came to the ground sideways and broke one of the runners of his aeroplane and Mr. Goffroy, in an Esnault-Pelterie monoplane had accomplished a flight of a kilometer when slightest doubt, for Senator Overman, the machine struck a hedge, demol shing its propeller.

This was the second last practice to day before the commencement of the prize flights of aviation week.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the only Ameri can who is to compete in the race

was given an ovation after a successful for a spectacular flight of ten minutes,

Ballot

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masterful maneuvers. M. Sommer, who recently, though anofficially, beat Wilbur Wright's reord for duration of flight, speeded eross the plateau during the afterioon and was lost to sight in the haze t was thought he had descended but uddenly he re-appeared. When he anded he announced that he made a voyage to the village of Vinny ind return.

There are now a total of 28 machines on the grounds, but not all of hem are ready for flight.

Not for many years has any aroused so much vent general nterest in aeronautical circles as he great aero-meet for dirigibles and balloons, which will begin here tomorrow and will continue through the rest of the week. President Fallieres and several members of the cabinet as well as prominent officials of the war office will attend the aerial races and thousands of people nterested in aerial navigation are coming to this city from all parts of he world to witness the contests in

which, it is confidently expected, many ecords will be broken The contests will take place on the picturesque and historic Betheny plains, a short distance from the city, on the road to Neufchatel. The cour which is enclosed, is rectangular, two IIATL | U | IIUUUUL sides measuring 3% kilometers each and the other two 1 1-4 kilometers and the other two 1 1-4 kilometers each. In each corner is an 18 metre high post painted red and white, to mark the course. For the white, to mark the course. For the eccommo dation of the spectators there are many grand stands, club houses and other accommodations, including res-

taurants, cafes and buffets. A garage

eapable of accommodating 2,000 automobiles has also been provided, In addition to the contest for the International Aviation cup seven disweek, five of these being for acroplanes, one for dirigible and one for spherical balloons. The Grand Prix de la Champagne, comprising the sum of 180,000 francs, to be awarded among the first six aviators, will be

contact with the ground. francs, will be awarded to the four ing whiskey to be in the same condiwlators who cover thirty kilometers with the greatest speed. There will also be prizes for aeroplanes covering duty. 10 kilometers with the largest number of passengers and the greatest speed prize of 10,000 francs for the on eaching the highest altitude over 50 metres and other prizes for the great est speed in making the circle kilometers and two prizes of 10,000 francs each for dirigible and spherical balloons. The list of contestants includes Glenn H. Curtiss, representing the United States and nearly every distinguished aviator of Europe.

MRS. THAW COMPLAINS OF SON'S TREATMENT

Says He Has Been Given no Better Trealment, but Rather Worse Than Before.

Mattewan, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, has made public a statement criticizing the treatment accorded to her son in the treatment accorded to her son in killed more than 95 per cent of boll Mattewan state hospital for the criminal insane, since his return to that the heart and the dryness of the stitution by order of Justice Mills.

omforts accorded to her son when was first sent to the asylum were not restored to her son when he was first sent to the asylum were not re-stored after his recent return, but that he had been denied the privileges he had enjoyed for 18 months while in the asylum.

Considerable Excitement Was Caused Today at Honeybrook, a Pennaylvania Minning Town.

AUTHORS OF LETTERS WANT MONEY DEPOSITED

Italian Was Dynamited at

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 21.-Considerale excitement has been caused in Honeybrook, a mining town near here by the flooding of the place with let ters signed by the "Black Hand," threatening the destruction by dynamite unless money is deposited at designated places within a certain

Dynamiters this week blew off part of the house of Frank Cascarella, Jusce of the peace of Honeybrook. s believed the authors of the threatening letters are parties who month dynamited an Italian business place in Hazelton.

Would-Be Assassin Thought It Was Real Face of Moyock Postmaster.

Norfolk, Aug. 21 -- An unsuccessful ttempt was made to assassinate S. D. Poyner, postmaster of Moyock, N. C. last night by an unknown person who tired on him through a bedroom window. Fortunately for Poyner it was the reflection of his head in a mirror across the room at which the wouldbe assassin fired a double-barrelled gun, whose loud of buckshot shattered the mirror, with slight injuries to a child sleeping in a nearby cradle special to the Ledger-Dispatch from Moyock today says bloodhounds are now on the trail and the guilty per son may be summarily dealt with it captured. The cause of the attempt on Poyner's life is not yet explained from that place,

Exporters of Whiskey Are In terested in Customs Regulations Just Issued.

Washington, Aug. 21-Customs regand amended to conform to the re- of Georgia. spread over three days, Monday, Wed- quirements of the Payne law, were isnesday and Friday. The winner will sued by acting secretary of the treas-be the pilot who has covered the ury. Reynolds, today as a result of a greatest distance without renewal of recommendation made by the attor-his fuel supply or without coming in ney general about a year ago. Exporters of domestic whiskey will have The Prix de la Vitesse, of 20,000 to produce a sworn certificate declartion as when exported, in order to obtain the entry of goods free of

BUILDINGS OF WIRELESS CO. ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE

This Will Interrupt Wireless Communication Across the Atlantic Ocean.

ng and condensing buildings of the

Killed the Boll Weevils.

Dallas, Texas, 21,-Dr. W. D. Hunter, the government entomeligist in charge of the southern field crop, in a bulletine today declared that the terstitution by order of Justice Mills.

Mrs. Thaw said not only that the small plants on which bolls will soon open, so the crop may be picked at an abnormally early date.

THE WEATHER.

Porecast until 8 p. m. Sunday for Asheville and vicinity: Pair tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness.

Penland Tells His Story of the Failure of Bank

Left Himself and Family Penniless - His Voice Trembles. and Tears Come to His Eyes-The Adams Mortgage, Complicated Transaction.

ears ago, with a voice very pathetic and at times trembling, and with tears stand in his own behalf, though not and raised \$2000 from other source Major W. E. Breese, J. E. Dickerson and W. H. Penland, told of loans made to himself, his mother, Mrs. A. M. Penland, and sister, Miss M. C. Penland, and the Smith heirs, which by 1894 had amounted to something like \$83,000, and which when bank failed, left them penniless,

A Dramatic Moment.

The most dramatic moment of the norning was reached shortly before the adjournment for the noon recess when Judge Moore asked witness "Did you get any of the money of the bank, and did you have any of it at the time of the failure T Mr. Penland with a husky voice and tears in his eyes, replied with great feeling, "No, it left myself, my mother and my siser penniless."

While these things were being gone bank. over in the court room, there was great silence; in fact one could al nost hear a pin drop, and it really seemed that the noise of the dray wagons on the pavement below was not so great as on other days. Everyone, including a large number of strang ers, listened with almost breathless silence to the witness relating the incidents connected with the loss of his property and his complete ruin, caused by the failure of the bank.

Proceeds of a Mortgage.

Perhaps one of the most interesting bits of testimony of the morning had to do with the distribution of the pro ceeds of a mortgage of \$23,230, which was made to a Mr. Belding, trustee, for a New York man, to raise mone to meet the demands of the National Park bank of New York which had sent an attorney to Asheville regarding \$62,500 which the First National bank of Asheville owed the National Park bank, the latter bank demanding some money on the account. This of the bank. was in 1894. In order to meet the

W. H. Penland, cashier of the First jurgent demands of the National Park National bank of Asheville at the bank, J. S. Adams mortgaged his time of its failure here more than 12 home for \$10,000 and took up his RIGHT NOW, IS THE TIME; note in the bank for that amount thus "squaring his account," Dicker in his eyes, this morning while on the son mortgaged his house for \$8,000 at present on trial, in the United and Penland mortgaged his farm and States District court in the trial of mill for \$123,230. Mr. Penland testified that out of the \$23,230, \$4232.28 went to pay a mortgage, which hi mother had given to E. T. Clement in 1894 to secure a loan of \$4000 which he had made to her and which money went into the bank. Witness said that in order to get the money from New York, he had first to pay up this mortgage, so that he could give a first mortgage on his property to secure the loan of \$23,230. The rest of the money went to pay a \$5000 Smith note, \$1000 Miss Mary Penland's note, about \$1400 in interest, and the rest to pay on the debt to the National Park bank; that the bank paid some on the debt, and that the rest was made up with the personal notes of Breese, Penland and Dickerson, which notes were preferred, witness stated, to the notes of the

Mr. Martin Recalled.

With the opening, J. C. Martin was recalled to the stand for a moment regarding the First Baptist church notes. Mr. Martin in reply to a question, stated that he remembered seeing two of the notes in 1897 or 1898; which were brought to him by the paster of the church, who asked him if the church could be held liable for them. Witness stated that he said it could not; as the signature had been I cut or marked off.

A Character Witness

G. W. Wilson, representative from Transylvania county in the state legislature, one time sheriff and county ommissioner, was a character witness for Major Breese. He testified Major Breese's character Transylvania county was good at the present, and that he had known him for about 15 years. Did not witness' character before the failure

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Was Supected of Assault and Murder of Woman, and Murder of Her Babe.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Aug. 21.-Henry Taylor, a negro ex-convict, charged Tuesday and then murdering her and her infant, was yesterday afternoon taken from the sheriff of Wilcox county, between Lumpkins Ferry and McReo and lynched, according to reports reaching here.

The crime for which the negro paid domestic products reported and afterwards brought back to this country, ever recorded in the criminal annals

> old baby were left at their home at the hide and other schedules, were Lumpkins Ferry Tuesday afternoon really not much of a victory after and that night when the husband and all. A number of schedules, he addhis wife and baby were missing. A search revealed the fact that they were not at the home of any neighbor. Soon their disappearence, with suspicion of foul play, was known throughout the neighborhood and search for them was immediately commenced. Thursday afternoon the bodies were found in a pond not a great ways from the Vickers home. The weman had been assaulted and then choked to death, while the baby's skull had been crushed. Henry Taylor had told of seeing

Mrs. Vickers, with her baby, go in the New York, Aug. 21.—The Marconi wireless headquarters has received a telegram announcing that the operating and condensing buildings of the was arrested in Hen Hill county man. was arrested in Hen Hill county, near trans-Atlantic wireless station at Glace Lumpkins Ferry. He was taken in Bay, N. S., were destroyed by fire this charge by the sheriff of Wilcox county. norning.

Who immediately started for Fitzger aid. Finding that his way was block one of the plant and wireless com-munication across the Atlantic will be interrupted by the fire. There will be was taken. The citizens, however, interrupted by the fire. There will be no interruption of the usual wireless service to and from streams of the continually augmented by blood-thirty men, the mob followed the trail of the men the mob followed the men the sherift and finally came upon him be-tween Lumpkins Perry and McRae and quick work was made of the negro. After being strung up to a tree, Taylor's body was filled with bullets. Taylor had only recently completed gro. serving a chaingang sentence in thi

Serious Floods in Victoria.

rious floods throughout the state of Victoria. Many villages have been a number of fatalities. Railroad communication between Melbourne and Adelaide has been suspended for three days on account of the collapse of bridges. Melbourne, Aug. 21 .- There are se

county.

The Common Run of Folks, Thinks Senator Overman, Who Is

Senator Lee S. Overman was among vesterday's arrivals at the Battery with assaulting Mrs. Josh Vickers, Park hotel. Unless something unforeseen should arise Senator Overman tain section, but not all the time in Senator Overman is not inclined to

the penalty at the hands of indignant mon run of people, and he is of the opinion that, President Taft's efforts ected. His so-called victories, point-Mrs. Vickers and her eight months ed out the senator, in the matter of father returned from his work both ed, especially in the non-revenue producing class, which should have received attention from the president or somebody interested in the point of view of the consumer, were entirely

neglected. Senator Overman expressed satisfaction with the course of his senatorial colleagues, and minority house members, toward the tariff legislation, and said that with the exception of an occasional lapse at no very important juncture, democrats lined up right. He thinks their course will ultimately be approved by the people.

Will Be Turned Over to the State of

Nothing Dark or Secret, but Valuable: in Proportion as Taken

to Heart.

VERY BEST TIME OF ALL

The Big Bonuses in Vogue Will Have No Counterpart During Life

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of Contest

Another Bonus Offer.

All candidates bringing or ending to the Gazette-News office five yearly RENEWAL subscriptions to The Gazettenews (\$25) to be delivered by carrier, or six yearly RE-NEWAL subscriptions to The Gazette-News to be delivered by mall between Monday, August 9, and midnight Saturday, August 21, will be awarded a voting certificate for 30,000 votes in addition to the regular scale. One two-years renewal will be counted as two yearly renewals. This is positively the largest offer that will be made on renewal subscriptions during the entire contest, and each candidate may secure as many of these as possible. In order to be absolutely fair and impartial, this offer will include all yearly RENEWAL business heresofore sent in. Bonus Offer on New Subscrip-

tions. Every candidate bringing or sending to The Gazette-News office five new yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$25, to be delivered by carrier, or six new yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$24, to be delivered by mail, between Wednesday, August 11, and midnight Wednesday, August 25, will be awarded a voting certificate for 40,000 votes additional to the regular scale. One twoyear subscription will be counted as two yearly sub-scriptions, and each candidate may secure as many of these clubs as possible.

If Jim Riley-he is too good a felow to object to the familiarity-if Jim hasn't forgotten the days when he pumped a few joyous thrills through the hearts of a bewhiskered, but inerested bunch of admirers wi sorbed intelligence from his fence board signs, he will be willing to permit the Contest Man to trifle with some of his "most standard" verses. The Contest Man wants to steal the rhythm and swing of his graceful style and prostitute the whole idea to the base uses of advertising. That's will spend several days in this moun- why he is going to ask his readers to sort of whip the following bunch of near poetical boorlash into themselves on a chance of digesting the one, single, solltary idea that there is an exthink much relief will be found un- cellent opportunity for a live man or der the new tariff bill for the com- woman. When it last occurred to the Contest Man It made a noise something like this: when the frost is on the pumpkin, and the fodder's in the were in a very large measure miadi- shock, when your salary's sorter lagging and your overcoat's in hock; think the contest matter over, put an auto underlook, right away you should get busy putting bonus votes in stock. Of course, Riley would not be guilty of anything as crude as the above, but the Contest Man is rather crude, unformed sort of individual and he is trying to express an idea in his rough, uncouth manner. The idea map" be necessary, is that NOW is the right time for contestants to avail themselves of what is the greatest op-portunity that will be offered at all during the life of the contest, week's offer is sufficiently elastic to cover all conditions that are likely to arise and should not be overloo by the ambitious, wide-awake candidate.

The Rev. preachful gentleman who has been prayerfully talking to his flocks of contestants for several days has gone away, but his optimistic suc-cessor can see that his predecessor was right about a good many things. Briefly he might mention the little talks on perseverance and opportunity and initiative and organization and gameness, common sense, intelligently directed effort and all other sugges-tions of kind. The contest has four weeks yet to go. And there is many a good horse loses the race by "scor-Georgia, Which Wants Him
for Another Offense.

Washington, Aug. 21.—"Not guilty" is the verdict of the naval court, which tried David Williams, the negro mess hand of the battleship Vermont, who caused the death of a brother sailor, as a result of a boxing match, and who was tried for manslaughter.

News of the acquittal was received at the navy department through a dispatch from Rear Admiral Schroed er, commanding the fleet. In consequence of the verdict Williams will weeks yet to go. And there is many a good horse loses the race by "scoring" too often. He burns up all of his energy and vitality in trying "to get away" while the other fellow "who lays up" surges through the bunch and it heads into the stretch, and is "there" with an "unbeatable" burst of speed. This is just a little tip for the late entrants. There are several methods of administering tips for candidates, but this is believed by the Contest Man to be the most moderat and effective. Of course, there is the needle—but what is the use of going that far. The "live" ones need to further enlightenment—the typesetter ribbons cout money.

It has not been so very long ago that not only the American people—

PALE'S MUSIC HOUSE.

The Columbia was purchased from and guaranteed by