

## THE SENATORS ARE NOW TAKING HAND

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 Look-  
ing 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  
adventurous to what has transpired up  
to the present writing.

It seems that Congressman Grant  
has favored E. J. Luther, Mrs. Reed's  
opponent for the office, with his active  
support, and the talk is that the gen-  
tleman 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 cer-  
tain 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-  
test.

Whenever a situation of this kind  
arises in the political world the in-  
evitable 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 the President 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 reappoint-  
ment, and that republicans as well as  
democrats have endorsed Mrs. Reed's  
application.

Just to what extent the president  
was impressed with this plea, in a sort  
of Mrs. 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  
slightest doubt, for Senator Overman,  
now at the Battery Park hotel, does  
not hesitate to say that he and Sena-  
tor Simmons felt impelled to interest  
themselves in the matter after hearing  
from so many Biltmore and Asheville  
people.

It goes without saying that the con-  
test has a large political side. This is  
about the last move that Congressmen  
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## First Air Tournament In History of World

Beth. 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:**  
**Aeroplanes:**  
December 31, 1909—Record flight for time and distance; Wilbur Wright remained in the air at Le Mans, France, 2 hours 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 Marais, France, to Dover, England. Time, unofficial, 20 minutes.  
July 30, 1909—Record for cross-country flight with two persons; Orville Wright flew 10 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 Goepfingen, 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 150 miles.

**Balloons:**  
October 9-11, 1900—World's record for distance; Count Henry de la Vaulx and Count Castillon de St. Victor, Vincennes, France, to Morosychev, Russia, 1193 miles, in 35 1-4 hours.  
October 11, 1903—World's record for duration; Col. Schaeck, Swiss army, 73 hours in the air, from Berlin, landing in sea off Norway.

Rheims, Aug. 21.—A driving rain-  
storm is sweeping over Rheims this  
morning and weather conditions have  
prevented any of the aeroplanists  
gathered here for aviation week from  
indulging in practice work.  
Thousands of visitors flocked out to  
the plain of Bethany in farm wagons,  
carriages and automobiles in the hope  
that some daring flier would venture  
aloft, but were disappointed. Experts  
however, predict fair weather for avi-  
ation week.

**Good Trials Yesterday.**  
Aeroplanes—flying in straight lines,  
making wide turns or wheeling abrup-  
tly, traveling slow and fast and low  
and high, was the striking spectacle  
offered 15,000 persons on the field yester-  
day.

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 Es-  
nault-Pelterie monoplane had accom-  
plished a flight of a kilometer when  
the machine struck a hedge, demol-  
ishing 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 races,  
was given an ovation after a successful  
practice flight of seven minutes.

Hubert Latham also was applauded  
for a spectacular flight of ten minutes.

## LETTERS SENT BY THE BLACK HAND

Considerable Excitement Was Caused  
Today at Honeybrook, a Pen-  
sylvania Mining Town.

### AUTHORS OF LETTERS WANT MONEY DEPOSITED

Last Month the Business Place of an  
Italian Was Dynamited at  
Hazleton.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 21.—Consider-  
able 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 dy-  
namite unless money is deposited at  
designated places within a certain  
time.

Dynamiters this week blew off part  
of the house of Frank Cascarella, ju-  
stice of the peace of Honeybrook. It  
is believed the authors of the threat-  
ening letters are parties who "last  
month dynamited an Italian business  
place in Hazleton."

## FIRE AT FACE SEEN IN MIRROR

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

Norfolk, Aug. 21.—An unsuccessful  
attempt was made to assassinate S. D.  
Poyner, postmaster of Moyock, N. C.,  
last night by an unknown person who  
fired on him through a bedroom win-  
dow. Fortunately for Poyner it was the  
reflection of his head in a mirror  
across the room at which the would-  
be assassin fired a double-barreled  
gun, whose load of buckshot shattered  
the mirror, with slight injuries to a  
child sleeping in a nearby cradle.  
A 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 if  
captured. The cause of the attempt  
on Poyner's life is not yet explained  
from that place.

## HAVE TO PRODUCE SWORN CERTIFICATE

Exporters of Whiskey Are In-  
terested in Customs Regu-  
lations Just Issued.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Customs regu-  
lations governing the free entry of  
domestic products reported and after-  
wards brought back to this country,  
and amended to conform to the re-  
quirements of the Payne law, were is-  
sued by acting secretary of the treas-  
ury, Reynolds, today as a result of a  
recommendation made by the attor-  
ney general about a year ago. Ex-  
porters of domestic whiskey will have  
to produce a sworn certificate declar-  
ing as why exported, in order to  
obtain the entry of goods free of  
duty.

## BUILDINGS OF WIRELESS CO. ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE

This Will Interrupt Wireless Com-  
munication Across the Atlantic  
Ocean.

New York, Aug. 21.—The Marconi  
wireless headquarters has received a  
telegram announcing that the operat-  
ing and condensing buildings of the  
trans-Atlantic wireless station at Glace  
Bay, N. S., were destroyed by fire this  
morning.

The operating building is the chief  
of the plant and wireless com-  
munication across the Atlantic will be  
interrupted by the fire. There will be  
no interruption of the usual wireless  
service to and from streams off the  
coast.

Killed the Boll Weevils.

Dallas, Texas, 21.—Dr. W. D. Hun-  
ter, the government entomologist in  
charge of the southern field crop, in a  
bulletin today declared that the ter-  
rible pest of the last few days has  
killed more than 99 per cent of boll  
weevils in Texas and Oklahoma and  
that the heart and the dryness of the  
season everywhere has brought out  
the small plants on which boll weevils  
soon open, so the crop may be picked  
at an abnormally early date.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday for  
Asheville and vicinity: Fair 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 Mort-  
gage, Complicated Transaction.

W. H. Penland, cashier of the First  
National bank of Asheville at the  
time of its failure here more than 12  
years ago, with a voice very pathetic  
and at times trembling, and with tears  
in his eyes, this morning while on the  
stand in his own behalf, though not  
at present on trial, in the United  
States District court in the trial of  
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 the  
bank failed, left them penniless.

**A Dramatic Moment.**  
The most dramatic moment of the  
morning 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?" Mr. Penland,  
with a husky voice and tears in his  
eyes, replied with great feeling, "No,  
I left myself, my mother and my sister  
penniless."

While these things were being gone  
over in the court room, there was  
great silence; in fact one could al-  
most hear a pin drop, and it really  
seemed that the noise of the day was  
on the pavement below was not so  
great as on other days. Everyone,  
including a large number of stran-  
gers, listened with almost breathless  
silence to the witness relating the in-  
cidents 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 money  
to meet the demands of the National  
Park bank of New York which had  
sent an attorney to Asheville regard-  
ing \$62,500 which the First National  
bank of Asheville owed the National  
Park bank, the latter bank demand-  
ing some money on the account. This  
was in 1894. In order to meet the

## NEGRO IS HANGED BY GEORGIA MOB

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

Fitzgerald, Ga., Aug. 21.—Henry  
Taylor, a negro ex-convict, charged  
with assaulting Mrs. Josh Vickers,  
Tuesday and then murdering her and  
her infant, was yesterday afternoon  
taken from the sheriff of Wilcox  
county, between Lumpkins Ferry and  
McLure and lynched, according to re-  
ports reaching here.

The crime for which the negro paid  
the penalty at the hands of indignant  
citizens was one of the most brutal  
ever recorded in the criminal annals  
of Georgia.  
Mrs. Vickers and her eight months  
old baby were left at their home at  
Lumpkins Ferry Tuesday afternoon  
and that night when the husband and  
father returned from his work both  
his wife and baby were missing. A  
search revealed the fact that they were  
not at the home of any neighbor.  
Soon their disappearance, with suspi-  
cion of foul play, was known through-  
out 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 woman 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  
direction of the pond in which their  
bodies were found. Suspicion was im-  
mediately directed toward him upon  
the finding of the bodies, but he had  
disappeared. Early yesterday Taylor  
was arrested in Hen Hill county, near  
Lumpkins Ferry. He was taken in  
charge by the sheriff of Wilcox county,  
who immediately started for Fitzgerald,  
Ga. Finding that his way was block-  
ed by the presence of large numbers  
of aroused people, a circuitous route  
was taken. The citizens, however,  
learned of the change of plans, and  
continually augmented by blood-thirsty  
men, the mob followed the trail of the  
sheriff and finally came upon him be-  
tween Lumpkins Ferry and McLure  
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  
serving a chalking sentence in this  
county.

Serious Floods in Victoria.

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

## HERE ARE "TIPS" FOR CONTESTANTS

Nothing Dark or Secret, but Valuable;  
in Proportion as Taken  
to Heart.

### RIGHT NOW, IS THE TIME; VERY BEST TIME OF ALL

The Big Bonuses in Vogue Will Have  
No Counterpart During Life  
of Contest.

### Another Bonus Offer.

All candidates bringing or  
sending to the Gazette-News  
office five yearly RENEWAL  
subscriptions to The Gazette-  
News (\$25) to be delivered by  
carrier, or six yearly RE-  
NEWAL subscriptions to The  
Gazette-News to be delivered  
by mail between Monday,  
August 2 and midnight Sat-  
urday, August 21, will be  
awarded a voting certificate  
for 30,000 votes in addition to  
the regular scale. One two-  
year renewal will be counted  
as two yearly renewals. This  
is positively the largest offer  
that will be made on renewal  
subscriptions during the en-  
tire contest, and each candi-  
date may secure as many of  
these as possible. In order to  
be absolutely fair and impar-  
tial, this offer will include all  
yearly RENEWAL business  
hereof 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 sub-  
scriptions 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 two-  
year subscription will be  
counted as two yearly sub-  
scriptions, and each candi-  
date may secure as many of these  
clubs as possible.

If Jim Riley—he is too good a fel-  
low to object to the familiarity—if  
Jim hasn't forgotten the days when  
he pumped a few joyous thrills through  
the hearts of a bewildered, but in-  
terested bunch of admirers who ab-  
sorbed intelligence from his fence  
board signs, he will be willing to per-  
mit 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  
why he is going to ask his readers to  
sort of whip the following bunch of  
near poetical blarney into themselves  
on a chance of digesting the one, sin-  
gle, solitary idea that there is an ex-  
cellent opportunity for a live man or  
woman. When it last occurred to the  
Contest Man it made a noise some-  
thing like this: when the frost is on  
the pumpkin, and the fodder's in the  
shock, when your salary's sorter laggy  
and your overcoat's in back; think  
the contest matter over, put an  
auto underfoot, 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,  
uninformed sort of individual and he  
is trying to express an idea in his rough,  
uncouth manner. The idea "If a  
map" is 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. This  
week's offer is sufficiently elastic to  
cover all conditions that are likely to  
arise and should not be overlooked  
by the ambitious, wide-awake candi-  
date.

The Rev. preachful gentleman who  
has been prayerfully talking to his  
flocks of contestants for several days  
has gone away, but his optimistic  
successor can see that his predecessor  
was right about a good many things.  
Briefly he might mention the little  
talks on perseverance and opportu-  
nity and initiative and organization and  
genuineness, 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 "ac-  
cording" 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 mod-  
est and effective. Of course, there is  
the needle—but what is the use of go-  
ing that far. The "live" ones need no  
further enlightenment—the typewriter  
ribbons cost money.  
It has not been so very long ago  
that not only the American people—  
who love gameness above everything  
else on earth—were enthusiastically  
voicing their admiration of a certain  
son of Italy who was a near winner  
of a Marathon race in the recent test  
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## Nomination Ballot

I hereby nominate

M. ....

Address.....

District.....

My Name is:

M. ....

Address.....

Profession.....

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

This nomination ballot, when properly filled out, will  
count for 1,000 votes. Only one nomination ballot will be  
credited to a candidate.

Under no circumstances will the name of anyone mak-  
ing a nomination be divulged.

## 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 Gazette-News determined to overlook no one in this big propo-  
sition, 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 neces-  
sarily 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 nothing to fill out the nomination blank and send it to  
the Contest Department of the Gazette-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.

The Columbia was purchased from and guaranteed by

FAIR'S MUSIC HOUSE.

## MRS. THAW COMPLAINS OF SON'S TREATMENT

Says He Has Been Given no Better  
Treatment, 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  
Mattewan state hospital for the crim-  
inal insane, since his return to that  
institution by order of Justice Mills.  
Mrs. Thaw said not only that the  
comforts accorded to her son when  
he 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.