

AMERICAN FLAG THROUGH EFFORTS OF COOK PLACED AT POLE

Statement from the Explorer That He Had Actually Accomplished Feat Accepted in Paris.

LIEUT. SHACKLETON, LONDON EXPLORER DISCUSSES STORY

Dr. Cook, in Message to Mrs. J. Martz It Is Said Declared He Placed Stars and Stripes at the Pole.

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 2.—Mrs. J. Martz, wife of a Red Land capitalist, is said by her father, Richard Gleason, president of the Santa Clara college, to have received a cablegram yesterday from Dr. Frederick A. Cook, announcing the success of his polar expedition. Mrs. Martz came to San Jose Monday and according to her father, she telephoned her son to tell him the news she had received. The message she read to him follows: "Have placed the Stars and Stripes on the North Pole."

Paris, Sept. 2.—The news of the success of Dr. Cook when it became fully known in Paris, created a veritable sensation. The evening papers publish long accounts of his expedition and while there is a tendency to await arrival of Dr. Cook at Copenhagen to secure from him proof and confirmatory details, the press unites in praising the hardy explorer and congratulating him to America. The best known sensation story at present available from the city either on a vacation or leading expeditions.

All Honor to Dr. Cook. The news was received with the greatest interest by members of the French Geographical society, one of whom said: "Dr. Cook apparently has succeeded where others failed. His success depended on conditions of atmosphere and the positions of the glaciers, which up to the present time have jealously stayed the advance of man. Dr. Cook's record should determine whether or not there is a flattening. (Continued on page 4.)"

RICH RELATIVES' INFLUENCE FAILS

W. H. Mitchell, Wealthy Man, Assailant of Miss Linton, Must Serve Term.

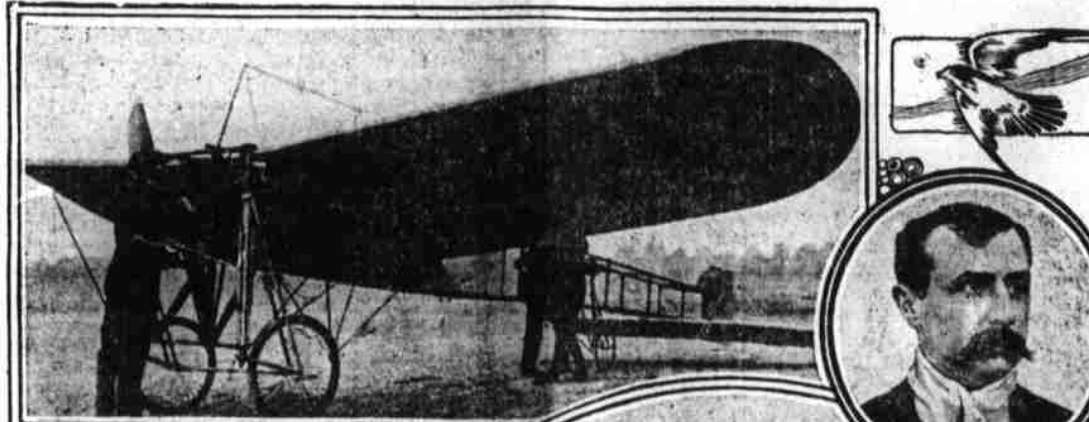
Atlanta, Sept. 2.—Governor Brown yesterday afternoon announced that he would not approve the recommendation of the Senate commission that the sentence of William H. Mitchell, a prominent citizen of Thomsville, Ga., convicted of attempted assault on Miss Lurie Linton, a highly respected young woman and a relative of his wife, be changed from a year on the chain gang to a similar period on the state farm at Milledgeville. Mitchell is now in custody.

The governor's decision ends one of the most remarkable cases in Georgia's legal history. Mitchell's friends have exhausted every effort to save him from the disgrace of convict stripes and the executive ruling came as a great surprise to them. In denying clemency to Mitchell Governor Brown said: "Should the clemency rules, for in the present case he extended, there is grave danger that it would bear fruits of sorrow in every section of our state. It would set an example pernicious beyond compare, an example embodying a daily menace to Georgia's womanhood. It would say that we have one law for the rich, another for the poor; one law for the highly educated, another for those too poor to enjoy the privileges and immunities consequent upon education; one law for the classes, another for the masses."

Will Be Tried Monday. Atlanta, Sept. 2.—The court martial to try Lieut. L. W. Hazelhurst and Private Grover Blum on a charge of "manslaughter to the prejudice of the good order of military discipline," growing out of the killing of Private Edward W. Coulter on August 7, will be convened at Fort McPherson barracks Monday.

May Re-Open Hazing Case. Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 2.—After going over the records in the case of J. H. Baker, Jr., the cadet dismissed from the United States Military academy on charges of alleged complicity in the recent hazing case, Secretary of War Dickinson intimated that the investigation of the case would be reopened.

M. Bleriot's No. 22 Monoplane Now a Mass of Wreckage on Betheny Plain



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FLOOD'S VICTIMS NOW REACH 3000

Stench of Bodies Almost Unbearable—500 More May Be Added to Death List.

Monterey, Mex., Sept. 2.—Three thousand is now the official estimate of those in Monterey who lost their lives in the recent overflow of the Santa Catalina river and to this total will probably be added 500 when complete reports are received from along the valley stream and its tributaries, the San Juan.

Calareya today reported that 125 bodies had been taken from the river and buried at San Juan, 257 were found by searchers. In Monterey 832 bodies, many unidentified, have been buried and the work of the searchers is still far from complete.

Many bodies are undoubtedly buried in the sands of the river bed and will never be recovered. In San Luito a terrible condition confronts the authorities as the stench from the bodies half buried in the sands is almost unbearable. Forces of prisoners under soldiers are working continuously burying those bodies and by morning it is expected that most of them will have been interred.

Reports received from along the Tampico branch as far as the telegraph line has been opened indicate that that section has been entirely damaged and that the La Piedad river has left its banks, causing millions of dollars damage to crops and stock throughout its valleys. Hundreds of small villages are reported to have been swept away and from the village of China come reports of great destruction by the rains and flood in that vicinity.

Telegraphic service with Lucerne on the Tampico branch was opened today and the first message over the wires was report of the party of a fishing party of prominent business men of this city, who left here last Friday for a week's end fishing trip in that vicinity.

The food situation is a little improved but there is shortage of corn, beans and bread. Fresh meat is almost unobtainable at any price and fresh vegetables are out of the question.

CUT DOWN EXPENSES IN POSTAL SERVICE

Postoffice Department Shows Large Deficit and Hitchcock Hurries to the President.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 2.—Postmaster General Hitchcock had an important conference with President Taft yesterday afternoon regarding the plans he has formulated for cutting down expenses in the postal establishment. He told the president that according to the latest estimates the postoffice department will show a deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 last of more than \$60,000,000. This is the largest deficit the postal service ever has known.

The deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, was about \$18,000,000. The increase as nearly as can be ascertained, was due in part to extensions of the service, to the business depression during the first part of the fiscal year and to cumbersome and expensive methods of handling the mail, and in other departments of postal work.

The postmaster general has now at work in Washington a commission of some 40 experts examining the registry department, which has been showing a growing deficit year after year. When the registry commission has finished its labors Mr. Hitchcock will summon another commission of money order experts to make a similar examination of the money order division.

S. A. L. Machinists Went on Strike Today

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 2.—Machinists of the Seaboard Air Line railway went on strike at Portsmouth today, because of the alleged employment of non-unionists. The blockade in the shops have also gone on a sympathy strike. Seaboard officials say the 400 non-unionist employed were two boys who had learned their trade with the road; that the strikers failed to comply with agreements to have all such differences taken up and settled through their grievance committee, which has been in existence since 1906. The most serious approach to the August postal receipts reached something over \$9,000,000. But Christmas time is always regarded as the time when the most money is taken in by the postal department and the fact that August receipts exceeded that is indeed a good indication of conditions in these parts. The outgoing mail at the Asheville office during the past month has been the heaviest in the history of Asheville.

August Postoffice Receipts Smash All Former Records

During the month of August, 1909, the receipts of the Asheville postoffice broke all previous records, not even excepting the rush days of all previous Christmas times. The receipts for August, 1909, were \$9,019,232, making a net increase over the corresponding time last year of \$758,352, which is something over 12.6 per cent increase. Considering the fact that August, a year ago was regarded as a month in which the city was well off with tourists, the significance of these figures is apparent.

TWO PRESIDENTS WILL BE ROYALLY RECEIVED

El Paso, Sept. 2.—President Taft and President Diaz will be received in this city and Juarez on their arrival October 1, not only by a magnificent military display but by 19,000 school children singing national anthems of the two countries and by the two most famous bands of Mexico and by at least two splendid military bands of the United States army, according to announcement today.

REPORT IS MADE ON COTTON CONDITION

Washington, Sept. 2.—The agriculture department reports the condition of cotton August 25 as 63.7 per cent of normal as compared with 76.1 per cent on August 25, 1908; 72.7 on August 25, 1907, and 73.6, the average of the past ten years on August 25. Comparisons of conditions by states follow:

Table with columns for STATES, 1909, 1908, average. Includes Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, United States.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR BEN MORRIS

Counsel for Morris Went to Brevard Today to Have Writ Signed by Judge Adams.

WARRANT FOR RE-ARREST ISSUED ON AFFIDAVIT OF R. J. CAPPS

Alford Alleges that He Has Evidence That Will Substantiate Charge of Murder.

Ben W. Morris, Jr., who, according to his own testimony at the coroner's inquest, said that he shot and killed Joe T. Capps, a man unknown to him, whom he found destroying the furniture in the Morris home on the road between Asheville and Weaverville on August 25, was late yesterday afternoon arrested by Deputy Sheriff Jordan upon a warrant issued by Magistrate W. A. Jones, Jr., charging Morris with the murder of Capps. The warrant was issued by Magistrate Jones upon the affidavit of R. J. Capps, a brother of the dead man, which sets forth that Morris, who was out on a \$1000 bond, had, according to evidence which the affiant had been able to obtain, murdered Capps and that he should be taken into custody to await an investigation.

Young Morris was placed in jail last night and was still there today. Judge Sparks Reynolds, of counsel for the defense, left this morning for Brevard to meet out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge J. S. Adams, who is holding court at Brevard this week.

At the coroner's inquest before Coroner E. R. Morris, the defendant was the only witness, with the exception of the coroner, who corroborated Morris' statement as to the condition of the house being torn up and the half-shaven razor, which Morris testified Capps was making at 11 1/2 with, when he fired the shot. The coroner's jury after hearing the evidence brought in a verdict that Morris had acted in self-defense.

Last Saturday Capps' father swore out a warrant before Magistrate Jones charging Morris with the murder of his son. Upon learning that the soldier would allow bond, the magistrate fixed the sum at \$1000, which was readily given by the boy's father and relatives. Yesterday R. J. Capps, a brother of the deceased, came to Asheville and after consultation with the attorney, Col. V. S. Cook, made an affidavit upon which the magistrate issued the new warrant and committed Morris to jail. The preliminary hearing was set for Tuesday, September 7, but should Judge Reynolds secure the granting of the writ of habeas corpus, an earlier hearing will in all probability be had.

Relatives of the deceased have been very active since the shooting, and while no evidence was offered at the coroner's inquest, they claim that they have discovered damning evidence since that time, and evidence which they claim will be sufficient to establish their charge that murder was committed. For the hearing a large number of witnesses have been summoned.

"BIG RED APPLE" DINNER FOR TAFT

Spokane With the Apple Will Seek to Outdo South and the 'Possum.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 2.—Spokane is preparing to give President Taft a dinner that may become as famous as the "possum dinner of the south. In one of the finest banqueting rooms in the world, the president will be impressed with the fact that Spokane is the home of the big red apple.

Increased Imports and Exports

Washington, Sept. 2.—There's an increase in value of both imports and exports of the United States during the month of July over that month of last year, according to the monthly statement of the country's foreign commerce issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. The value of imports for July was \$112,488,354, an increase of \$26,052,861 over July one year ago, making the total value of imports for the seven months ending with July \$826,485,646, which is an increase of \$221,598,998 over the same period for 1908.

Charitersville, Ga., Sept. 2.—Following reports last night that an attempt probably would be made to lynch three white men and a negro confined in the county jail here on charges of criminal assault, this place is quiet today. Rumors of threatened violence from the section in which the crimes were committed continued to be heard and steps have been taken to guard the jail.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Friday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Friday, with rising temperatures.

GRAND ARRAY OF PRIZES OFFERED

Contest Man Tells About the Gathering in of All Those Handsome Presents.

BIG RED TOURING CAR HEADS THE LONG LIST

The Bonus Period Has Aroused the Candidates—Last Big Offer of Contest.

BONUS OFFER ON NEW SUBSCRIPTION

Every candidate bringing in or sending to The Gazette-News office five new yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$25.00, to be delivered by carrier, or six new yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$24.00, to be delivered by mail, before Wednesday, September 1st, and midnight Wednesday, September 8th, will be awarded a voting certificate for 35,000 votes additional to the regular scale. One year subscription will be counted as two yearly subscriptions, and each candidate may secure as many of these clubs as possible.

Two six-months subscriptions will be counted as one year and all six months subscriptions heretofore sent in will be counted in this magnificent offer.

LAST BONUS OFFER ON OLD BUSINESS

Every candidate bringing or sending to The Gazette-News office five RENEWAL yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$25.00, to be delivered by carrier, or six RENEWAL yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News, \$24.00, to be delivered by mail, between Monday, August 30th, and midnight Saturday, September 4th, will be awarded a voting certificate for 25,000 votes additional to the regular scale. TWO SIX MONTHS SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE COUNTED AS ONE YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION, AND A TWO YEAR SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE COUNTED AS TWO YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS, and each candidate may secure as many of these clubs as possible. All six months subscriptions heretofore sent in will be counted in this magnificent offer.

Until about eight weeks ago The Gazette-News contented itself with giving its friends and subscribers accurate, clean readable accounts of great events, happenings, and everything which is considered to have any news value, including deaths, births, accidents, etc., etc.

Not content with giving value received The Gazette-News decided to develop another generous scheme to do something real handsome for the benefit of its patrons and industry to provide a little excitement of its own which it is firmly convinced has become a mighty big affair.

Just about the time above mentioned the big noise of one of the largest and most reliable contest companies in the country happened in Asheville and after talking matters over with Mr. Mosler, manager of The Gazette-News and Mr. Law, the purchasing agent, they went out one morning and after "sneaking" with Mr. Sawyer of the Asheville Cycle and Auto. company, district representative of the Chalmers-Detroit and Buick Car manufacturers, they gathered in the big red Buick Touring Car and a Buick Roadster of which there are several in these parts, and which require no particular eulogy in this vicinity, or, in fact, in any other part of these United States. Everybody knows the Buicks, and with these as head liners in the long list of desirable prizes to be given by The Gazette-News, the reader can at once gather a pretty fair idea of the dimension of this great enterprise The Gazette-News has launched.

The purchasing agent proceeded on his merry way to the Dunham Music house and arranged with H. A. Dunham for five of those beautiful and sweet-toned Story & Clark pianos, valued at \$250.00 each. These are undoubtedly the finest to be found anywhere, and of which there is absolutely no better at the price. By this time, his mingling with the crowd had lent fuel to the flame, so he "went shopping around among the merchants," but in the meantime it dawned upon him that \$100.00 bank accounts would be very nice and acceptable District Second prizes so he at once proceeded to the American National Bank and immediately arranged for a deposit of two \$100 accounts; thence to the Battery Park Bank and arranged for a deposit, thence to the Citizens Bank and thence to the Wachovia Loan and Trust company. There are five of these accounts and one of them must go to each district.

Next he acquired those beautiful brass bed outfits, valued at \$75.00 from Burton & Holt, who are well known in Asheville and vicinity, and where anything in household goods (Continued on page 1.)

Nomination Ballot form with fields for Name, Address, District, My Name is, Profession, Date, Hour.

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.