

TWO MAN FLIGHT ACROSS CHANNEL

Astonishing Feat of John P. Moissant of Chicago, Who Has Made Only a Dozen Flights.

A PARIS TO LONDON TRIP ATTEMPTED BY THE AVIATOR

He Descended at Chatham This Morning, Breaking Propeller and Part of Frame.

Chatham, England, Aug. 18.—John P. Moissant, the Chicago aeronaut, who is attempting to fly from Paris to London, descended for a second time near here today, breaking a propeller and part of the frame of the machine in making the second landing.

The two-man flight from France to England was the more astounding of it was only a month ago that Moissant learned to fly and he made so few flights and was so little known among air men that even his nationality was not disclosed.

To make the feat still more surprising, Moissant was totally ignorant of the geography of his course. He had never been in England and was obliged to rely entirely on the compass. The channel flight was an incident in the aerial voyage from Paris to London.

Moissant cared nothing for the warnings of the people and even the fact that there was no torpedo boat in his wake, but only a slow moving tug, did not deter him. He made the trip in 37 minutes. When he descended his eyes were bloodshot and greatly inflamed, as a result of heavy rainstorm into which they drove on approaching the English coast.

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Bunch of Gazette-News Hustlers, Who Have Secured Over 1000 Yearly Subscription Orders in Thirty Days



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FRANCE RECEIVES HOUDON REPLICA

Bronze Copy of Famous Statue of Washington Is Formally Presented at Versailles.

ACCEPTED FOR THE REPUBLIC BY AMBASSADOR JUSSEURAND

The Virginia Party Are to Be Entertained by President and Mme. Fallieres on August 25.

VERSAILLES, Aug. 18.—In Napoleon hall of the Chateau de Versailles, in the presence of the French minister of war, Mr. Brun, Ambassador Jusserand, Ambassador Bacon and a group of other notables, a bronze replica of Houdon's celebrated statue of Washington, in the state house at Richmond, presented by Virginia to the French republic, was today dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

General Brun, presiding, spoke of the statue as the greatest work of the great French sculptor of the eighteenth century. Colonel James Mann, chairman of the Virginia commission, delivered the speech of presentation. State Senators Don P. Halsey and F. W. King of Virginia also made addresses on behalf of Virginia.

Mr. Mann recounted the splendid deeds of "the father of his country" both in war and in peace and paid fitting tribute to the illustrious Frenchman who aided America in its struggle for liberty. "We remember always," he said, "that but for the aid of France success could not have crowned the efforts of Washington in our revolutionary war. It is because Virginians remember these things and remembering them, love the people of France, that we have come in their name as the bearers of this token of their affection."

DAVIS, MAN WHO SHOT MESSER AT CRABTREE, HAS PRELIMINARY HEARING—MESSER EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE-NEWS. Waynesville, Aug. 18.—Ruben H. Davis, who shot Pink Messer in the Crabtree section of the county, August 6, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Ferguson and bound over to court on \$1500 bond. This has not yet been given.

ARNST HOLDS CHAMPIONSHIP. Defeats Barry of London For the World Title by Two Lengths Upon the Zambesi River.

LIVINGSTONE, Rhodesia, Aug. 18.—The sculling match for the championship of the world, between Richard Arnst of New Zealand and Ernest Barry of London, was this morning won by Arnst, champion, by two lengths.

POPULATION FIGURES. Washington, Aug. 18.—The population of Des Moines, Ia., is 86,368, an increase of 24,329 since 1900; Dayton, O., has 45,928, an increase of 7774; Milwaukee, 373,857, an increase of 88,542.

REFINED SUGAR PRICE ADVANCED. New York, Aug. 18.—All grades of refined hard sugar are advanced 10 cents on the hundred pounds.

MORE than one thousand orders for yearly subscriptions to The Gazette-News in 20 days have been secured by this splendid corps of hustlers; and this master canvass for increased circulation has only fairly begun.

REAL FIGHT IS BEGUN UPON MR. CANNON

Representative Longworth, Reflecting, It Is Believed, the Views of the Administration, Says He Will Never Support Cannon Again and Does Not Believe He Can Ever Be Re-elected—Statement Is Given Out at Beverly.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 18. Reflecting the views of the administration, it is generally believed, Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio gave out a statement today in which he says he will never support Speaker Cannon again, and does not believe Cannon ever can be re-elected. This is regarded as the actual beginning of the real fight against Cannon.

Longworth, Colonel Roosevelt's son-in-law, is believed to favor the readjustment of the republican leadership. Does Not Propose to Dodge the Issue. "Mr. Cannon in his speeches so far in the campaign and in recent declarations has made his candidacy for the speakership an issue. I for one do not propose to dodge the issue," said Mr. Longworth.

HALF A DOZEN MORE VENIREMEN DISMISSED. This Makes 111 in Last Three Panels in Brown Case Who Say They Had Been "Approached."

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Judge Kersten, in whose court Lee O'Neil Browne, the democratic legislative leader, is up for re-trial on the charge of buying votes for Senator Lorimer, dismissed six more veniremen today. This makes 111 veniremen dismissed from the last three panels upon their own statements that they have been "approached" with reference to possible service as jurors.

ASHEVILLE TODAY SOUTH'S CAPITAL

Every State Represented—Whole Colonies from the Principal Cities—More Are Coming.

THE ACTUAL FIGURES AT HAND OF ARRIVALS OF LAST NIGHT

This Season the Record Breaker for Western North Carolina, Beating the Yellow Fever Year.

THE summer-guest season in Asheville and western North Carolina is today at flood-tide. Never before, so men grown grey in the service of the railroads in this section say, have so many people from the lowlands found their way to the mountains of western North Carolina; and, again, never before in the history of Asheville, say those men in the employ of the Southern who are constantly on guard at the Southern railway station, have so many summer visitors passed through the gates as during the past five days.

There have been hundreds and thousands of people in Western North Carolina for the past month or six weeks but it remained for the well-conducted and thoroughly-equipped excursion trains of the Southern railway to bring the great bulk of the visitor-crowd during the past few days. Since last Saturday train after train has rolled into the Asheville station from the south with throngs of visitors. It is estimated that between 1500 and 2000 people poured into Asheville alone last Saturday and Sunday. That was really the advance guard of the rush of summer visitors to the mountains. Yesterday afternoon and last night and this afternoon thousands of other summer guests came in; Sunday the last of the excursion trains—the Southern railway terms it per capita excursion—will come from Washington and points en route.

In addition to the crowds coming in on special trains the regular trains daily have been loaded to the boards with incoming visitors. It is said that every resort town in western North Carolina has its quota and more; that the season is at its height and that never before in the history of western North Carolina not even excepting the season when yellow fever broke out in New Orleans and other Louisiana and Alabama cities, has there been such a rush for the coast and the delight of the mountains of this section. It is a season that makes for the prosperity of western North Carolina; a season that undoubtedly will be a record-breaker.

YESTERDAY'S TRAINS. Train No. 2 from the south yesterday afternoon brought to the resorts of this section, the major portion to Asheville, a total of 710 people, the train being run in three sections. Last night train No. 13 was operated in three sections with a competent railroad official in charge of each section. These three sections brought more than 1900 people. Train No. 41, also from the south, brought its quota while regular trains from the east and the west added to the throng already here. The Savannah crowd came on the second section of No. 13 in charge of District Passenger Agent S. E. Burgess brought 250 people. Regular train No. 41 from South Carolina was in charge of Stanton Curtis, northwest railway passenger agent of the Southern at Chicago, bringing four sleepers an d two coaches and between 150 and 200 people. George C. Daniels, the New England passenger agent of the Southern at Boston, was in charge of the largest crowd. He brought the Charleston contingent with a train of nine coaches and approximately 500 people. The per capita excursion from Washington Sunday will bring an additional several hundred. The two sections of No. 2 this afternoon added to the

Argentine, Uruguay, and Paraguay Buy \$20,000,000 of Cotton Goods, \$300,000 from U.S. Washington, Aug. 18.—Although Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay purchase more than \$20,000,000 worth of cotton goods annually, less than \$300,000 of this trade is with the United States, according to a commerce and labor bureau report. The chief obstacle to larger sales is said, in American manufacturers' failure to conform closely to the requirements of the market. Electrical Storm Sets Off on Fire; \$150,000 Loss. Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 18.—Approximately \$150,000 worth of oil tanks in Oklahoma fields were destroyed by fire during an electrical storm yesterday. Spontaneous Combustion Causes Fire. Boston, Aug. 18.—Fire in the wool district this morning caused a loss of \$60,000. The blaze was caused by spontaneous combustion in the warehouse of Crimmins & Pierce, wool merchants.

NOT TO WITHDRAW IN TEDDY'S FAVOR

Vice-President Sherman Says He Has no Intention of Stepping Aside for Roosevelt.

Taft HAS AGREED TO POINT THE WAY IN THE CAMPAIGN

Letter Which President Will Write Will Be Made Part of Campaign Text Book.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 18.—For nearly three hours yesterday afternoon President Taft and Vice President Sherman talked over the defeat of Colonel Roosevelt by the New York state committee and the selection of Mr. Sherman over Mr. Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention. Mr. Sherman said he had no intention of withdrawing in favor of Mr. Roosevelt and he treated lightly the stories that there might be a fight to repudiate the action of the state committee in the convention. The vice president also talked to the president regarding the congressional campaign. He wants the fight to be waged along the old lines.

At Mr. Sherman's solicitation President Taft agreed to writing a letter in the campaign by which the letter which is to be made a part of the campaign text book of the republican committee. While the fight apparently is to be directed along the lines of the past, it can be said authoritatively that the feature of the party reorganization plans which calls for the retirement of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon will be strictly adhered to. It is even said that Vice President Sherman, one of the staunchest supporters of the speaker ever had, has become reconciled to the fact that Mr. Cannon must go. A statement is being prepared in quarters close to the administration in which the attitude recently taken by Mr. Cannon in public interview will be deplored.

Longworth Called. Representative Longworth was with Mr. Sherman yesterday. Representative Anthony of Kansas, so-called stand-pat delegate, was suggested in shaving off defeat in the recent primaries, also saw the president. Though he supported Cannon he, too, said that he deplored the steps the speaker is taking. President Taft will begin work at once on the letter which is expected to be ready for the congressional campaign.

He will address it to Representative McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the congressional committee. Mr. Sherman urged the president to make the tariff a paramount issue. "On the ground that it is the best tariff bill ever enacted," was suggested by an interviewer. "I have never said it was the best tariff bill ever passed," replied Mr. Sherman. "It is the best real tariff of a tariff act. If the Payne stands longer than the Dingley law stood then it will have proved itself a better law. If it does not stand as long, then it would not be as good a law."

With regard to New York, especially with regard to the state committee, Mr. Sherman said he had explained matters to the president as far as he understood them. "Did you explain the turn down of Colonel Roosevelt?" "I don't know that Mr. Roosevelt was turned down. I only know that another man was selected as temporary chairman of the convention." Mr. Sherman, it is said, did not give the president a very rosy view of the general situation. Mr. Sherman holds the reputation of never predicting a republican success unless he feels sure of himself. He is not making any prediction this year. This is what he did have to say: "So far as one can judge at this time there is ground for the belief that the republican party will be continued in power."

President Taft would not discuss the vice president's visit in any way. He is going ahead with his plans to visit Panama in November.

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THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather, probably showers to-night or Friday. For North Carolina: Partly cloudy with local showers tonight or Friday.