

FLIGHT ACROSS ALPS ACCOMPLISHED BY MAN-BIRD

CHAVEZ CROSSES THE SIMPLON BUT LOSES PRIZE OF \$20,000

Lands at Domodossolo, Breaking Both Legs, Fracturing Left Thigh, and Suffering Other Injuries; While the Monoplane Is Ruined by Sudden Dash to the Earth.

THE ROAD BUILT BY NAPOLEON I. IN 1800 WAS COURSE FOLLOWED BY THE AVIATOR

Weymann, the American, Rises in Attempt to Follow the Peruvian, but Descends After Four Minutes—Chavez Held Machine at an Apparent Height of Near 7000 Feet.

MILAN, Sept. 23.—George Chavez, the Peruvian aviator, flew from Brig, Switzerland, over the Simplon pass, arriving at Domodossolo, on the Italian side at 2:19 this afternoon.

This morning both sides of the Alps reported clear weather, but the top of Simplon pass was obscured in haze. Chavez rose to an estimated height of nearly 7000 feet. The summit of Simplon pass rises 6592 feet. Chavez maintained this apparent altitude for at least half an hour, following the road built in 1800 by Napoleon. Eight miles brought him over the top of the Simplon; he then sailed gracefully over the 18 miles down to Domodossolo. The remaining distance offers less difficulties, but takes the aviator over Lake Maggiore and a succession of plains. The distance from Brig to Milan is 75 miles. Experts had predicted the only alternative to a successful flight was death, the aviator being required to cross wide chasms, notably the Gorge of Yvette, where safe descent would be impossible and accident most mean certain death.

Cholera Deaths Number 88,716

During the Present Epidemic There Have Been 191,976 Cases—More Than 2000 Deaths Last Week. S. T. PETERSBURG, Sept. 23.—Figures at the sanitary bureau show that during the present cholera epidemic there have been 191,976 cases and 88,716 deaths throughout the country. For the week ending September 17 there were more than 2000 deaths.

Naples, Sept. 23.—The cholera situation here is grave. There have been 50 cases and 30 deaths. The local authorities do not admit yet that the epidemic is cholera.

HE SAYS NEXT HOUSE WILL BE DEMOCRATIC

Champ Clark Says Republican Dissolution Is Apparent to the Dullest Mind.

Domodossolo, Sept. 23.—Chavez's injuries proved more serious than was at first thought. Both legs were broken and his left thigh fractured, other parts of the body suffered bad contusions. His general condition, however, is not considered grave.

Domodossolo, Italy, Sept. 23.—In alighting here Chavez fell beneath his machine and was injured, and the monoplane was destroyed.

WAS FLYING FOR \$20,000 PRIZE

Chavez was trying for the \$20,000 prize offered by the Italian Aviation society of Milan for a flight from Brig to Milan. Chavez was unable to complete the trip because of injuries sustained in alighting here. It is not believed his injuries are serious. As he descended a great crowd gathered. He was about 30 feet above the ground when a gust of wind caught and overturned the machine, which fell heavily, carrying the aviator beneath it. The machine was ruined. The weather was excellent—the morning clear on the surface; the haze on mountain tops early blown away. By noon the wind died out. But for the mishap there is little doubt he would have reached the goal, as the remainder of the course offers little difficulty. His most notable previous feat was establishing a height record September 2, of 8271 feet.

Weymann Tries It Twice and Fails

Brig, Stp. 23.—Weymann, the American aviator, ascended at 1:10 this afternoon in an attempt to follow Chavez. The weather was favorable. He descended after four minutes in the air. Weymann tried again this afternoon to cross the Alps. Unable to reach the summit of Simplon, he turned back and landed 27 minutes after the start.

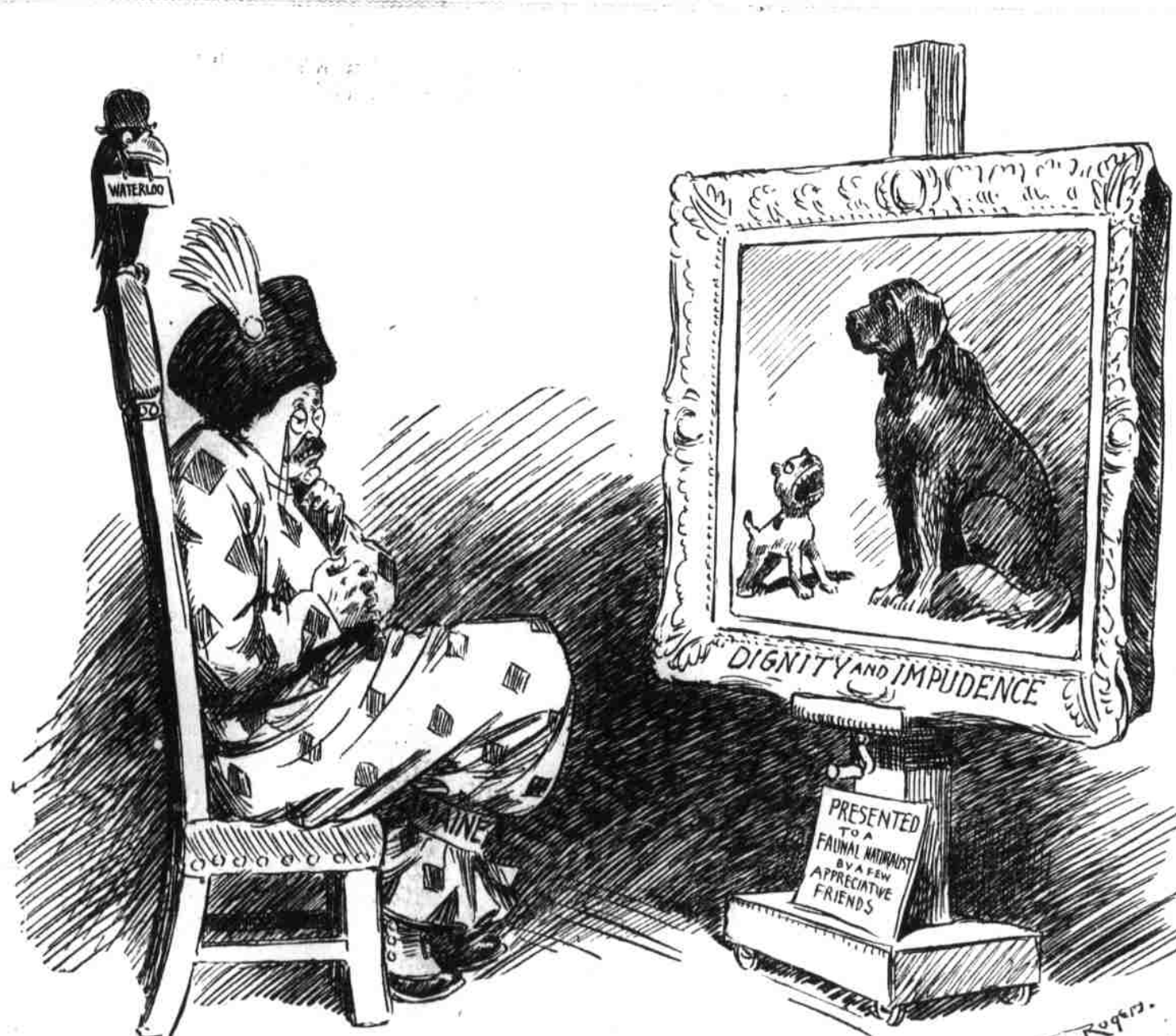
A Disciple of Mme. Cavalleri

New York, Sept. 23.—A disciple of Madame Cavalleri is discovered on Ellis Island in Johanna Zonak, a comely Bohemian girl, who refuses to marry Peter Jollish until he signs an antenuptial agreement. Unless he yields before Tuesday Johanna will be shipped back to Bohemia.

Pink Barbour Electrocuted

Richmond, Sept. 23.—Pink Barbour of Augusta county, a negro, sentenced to death for a murder committed at Harrisonburg, was electrocuted in the penitentiary this morning.

President Finley of the Southern at the County Court House Tonight. Public Invited.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

NEW HAVEN, SEPT. 19

DEFINITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ASHEVILLE AND ITS VICINITY

Southern Promises to Place Special Man in the Field to Secure Immigration from Other Sections.

THERE was held at the board of trade rooms today an important meeting of Southern railway officials and men prominently identified with the commercial life of the city. The meeting was really in the nature of a conference, free from formality, everybody speaking, seated in a conversational tone. The largest room available was filled and many turned about the entrance. Discussion turned upon the effort to build up this mountain section, and in the matter of ways and means took a wide range. Perhaps the most important development of the gathering was the suggestion that the Southern Railway company might become interested in the proposal to build a branch line which would traverse the north Burnsville and Yancey sections. Judge Pritchard, who presided in the absence of President Nichols, explained that he had had some correspondence with President Finley on this subject and had enlisted his interest. Judge Pritchard said that in taking this step he had been influenced by the regrettable fact that Asheville had very largely lost out in the matter of trade relations with that section to the north of us, and Capt. W. T. Weaver pointed out that he gathered from Slayden, Fakes & Co. that there had been a material decrease in the wholesale business with that section.

As a result of a conference between Southern railway officials and Asheville business men today in the board of trade rooms it was determined: First, the Southern railway company will place a man in western North Carolina with special reference to the growing and handling of fruit, especially apples. Second, the Southern railway company will within a short while place a special man in the field to secure immigrants for Western North Carolina from other sections. President Finley stated that the railway company as a corporation could not invest in a hotel in Asheville, but that he and his associate officials would see that Mr. Grove's proposed hotels are brought to the serious attention of moneyed men, or a man of means capable of conducting them. Mr. Finley stated that the present tonnage per mile in this section might not warrant the construction of more railways in this section within some years by his company; development of the resources and good roads would bring about other railway construction at the proper time. The officials expressed a willingness to revise rates on raw material on certain articles as soon as possible, so as to make the incoming rate on a parity with outgoing rates, which they said are low. A conference is being held today to arrange for Asheville the best winter tourist schedule from Florida and the north Asheville has ever had. The Southern railway will co-operate with an organization of western North Carolina people in exploiting the resources of this section for manufacturing and our attractions as a tourist center.

A BIG GUN BURSTS ABOARD GEORGIA

Fifty-Ton Cannon Explodes on First Range Shot of Target Practice, Crew Miraculously Escaping Injury—Georgia Is Flagship of Third Division Commander.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—During target practice of the Atlantic fleet, off the Virginia capes yesterday, one of the big twelve-inch, 50-ton guns on the battleship Georgia burst on the first range shot. The muzzle as far back as the forward end of the jacket was blown off. The crew miraculously escaped injury. The accident occurred to the left gun in the forward turret. The gun is ruined, probably beyond repair. Report reached the navy department this morning by wireless from Rear Admiral Schroeder. The vessels of the fleet were divided in two squadrons, one of which held day practice Wednesday and the other yesterday. The Georgia, commanded by Capt. William L. Rodgers, is the flagship of Rear Admiral Samuel P. Comly, commander of the third division of the Atlantic fleet. The accident on the Georgia will not interfere with the Georgia's participation in the coming European cruise of the Atlantic fleet; a gun is being built at Washington navy yard and will be ready by November 1 to replace the ruined one.

Death Rate in Year 1909 The Lowest Ever Recorded

Washington, September 23.—The death rate in the United States in 1909, was 15 in each thousand, according to the census bureau bulletin. This is the lowest average ever recorded in this country. The showing is not so good as that in England, however, where it was only 14 1/2 to the thousand. General Charles R. Brayton Dead. Providence, R. I., Sept. 23.—Gen. Charles R. Brayton, the blind leader of the republicans, and Rhode Island member of the national republican committee, died here today.

LORIMER HEARING IS TO GO RIGHT ON

Committee Decides not to Put Off Investigation Until After Elections, as Hancey Requested.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—The senatorial subcommittee on privileges and elections, convened here to investigate the alleged fraud and corruption in the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate, today decided to proceed with the taking of testimony and not postpone action until after the November elections, as was urged by Elizabeth Hancey, Lorimer's attorney, at the first open session of the committee, yesterday. Hancey presented a formal motion for continuance, for reasons in substance similar to those given yesterday when he declared that Lorimer would be handicapped through the disqualification of legislators now under indictment to testify before the committee. The Chicago Tribune's list of witnesses was submitted and the committee began consideration of methods of procedure. The decision overruling the plea for delay was announced by Senator Payne of Kentucky.

MAY HOLD UP SULTAN FOR DUTY ON JEWELS

Whether Sulu's Ruler Is Exempt Is a Question Customs Officials Are Discussing.

New York, Sept. 23.—The Sultan of Sulu, on his way here with \$500,000 worth of jewels, among other things, may be held up by the customs officials, as rumor says he intends to dispose of his jewels here. Sulu is one of the Philippine Islands, where some officials think anything the sultan may bring in would be exempt from duties. Honorary Professor in Mexico's New University.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—It is announced today that Dr. L. S. Rowe of this city, president of the American Academy of political and Social Science, has been appointed honorary professor of political science in the National University of Pennsylvania at the opening.

PAYNE TARIFF ACT DEFENDED

The Speaker the Author of the Bill—Mr. Payne Explains Failure to Revise Schedules on Woolen Goods.

COMMITTEE WERE UNABLE TO AGREE, HE DECLARES

A General Downward Revision Was Accomplished, With an Increase in Revenues, in Mr. Payne's Opinion.

LYONS, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Serenio E. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives and author of the tariff bill bearing his name, defended that measure today before the congressional convention which re-nominated him. Mr. Payne said the reason the woolen schedule was not revised was not because the committee was unduly influenced by those interested, but they could not agree upon the labor cost of producing wool and woolen goods here and abroad, with a reasonable profit to the producer. Downward; a Revenue Producer. The law, he said, has resulted in a general revision downward and is a revenue producer. It is easy to say it has increased the cost of living but almost impossible to find a single item on which the tariff was increased on which the price has shown a similar increase. The price, Mr. Payne went on to say, has no relation whatever to changes in the tariff act.

INDIANAPOLIS SELECTED AS NEXT MEETING PLACE

Odd Fellows Reject Committee Recommendation for a Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Atlanta, Sept. 23.—Indianapolis was selected as the next convention city by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, yesterday afternoon, defeating Los Angeles, Baltimore, Chicago and Sidney, Australia. At the morning session of the Grand lodge the report of a special committee recommending the erection and maintenance by the organization of a tuberculosis sanitarium was rejected. The main argument of those who opposed the proposition was that the several states should provide the funds for such institutions. A motion to limit the membership of Rebekah lodges to the wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of Odd Fellows and the widows of deceased Odd Fellows was defeated at the morning session. This measure would have made ineligible for membership all unmarried women not relatives of Odd Fellows who are now eligible. The Odd Fellows Press association held its annual meeting last night and the officers were elected as follows: President, S. A. Baker of Watertown, N. Y.; first vice-president, J. H. Sykes of Springfield, O.; second vice-president, C. R. Gibson of Waco, Texas; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Ledy of Indianapolis.

GOOD SHIP ROOSEVELT IS SOLD TO ARBUCKLE

She May Be Used in Charity Work, or Made Flagship of Fleet Used in Raising Maine's Wreck.

New York, Sept. 23.—The ship Roosevelt, in which Commander Peary went to the Arctic regions on the way to the North pole, is bought by John Arbuckle of this city, who will use it in connection with some of his charities for working men and women. Arbuckle is the originator of the "floating hotel" for persons unable to pay average rates for board and lodging. The Roosevelt, however, may see other service, also. Arbuckle hopes to secure the contract for raising the battleship Maine. If successful, he will use the Roosevelt as the flagship of the fleet which undertakes the work.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather with showers tonight or Saturday. For North Carolina: Unsettled weather with showers tonight or Saturday.