

Some of the Men Who Are to Participate in the Balloon Race, from Indianapolis Ind., Monday



HE WOULD ABOLISH THE NAVY YARDS

Secretary of the Navy in Addressing California Business Men Says Some Very Interesting Things.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 15.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer, addressing the city's business men at a banquet here, advocated the abolishment of half the navy yards on the Atlantic coast. He congratulated the Pacific coast on having only two government ship yards, arguing that these may be brought to a greater degree of efficiency and made adequate to accommodate any fleet. He said half the navy yards on the Atlantic coast would be abolished if Washington would support him. He said he was in accord with the general movement on the Pacific coast for adequate naval protection.

THE RITUAL FOR HEALING SUBJECT NOT REOPENED

The Elimination of "Jews, Turks, Infidels and Heretics" Waits upon Acceptable Phraseology.

Cincinnati, Oct. 15.—The third joint session of the house of bishops and the house of deputies of the Protestant Episcopal convention yesterday was devoted to missionary topics.

No decisive action was taken on any of the leading questions now before the convention, but the afternoon was given over to addresses by bishops.

The matter of omitting from the Episcopal prayer book the references to "Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics" in the third collect for Good Friday will go over to the general convention of 1913 in all probability. The committee on the prayer book to which the matter had been sent back Thursday reported that it was unable to agree on a substitute phraseology.

After a discussion in the house of deputies the question of changing the name of the church was made a special order for today. The subject of a ritual for healing of the sick was not re-opened by the deputies.

The state department is to be asked to aid the church in holding possession of its property in St. James church, Florence, Italy. Francis L. Steison of New York reported that the property might be lost through accumulation of taxes, following successive deaths of several trustees and the resultant heavy inheritance taxes.

Will Not Change Name. The proposal to change the name of the church was lost by one vote in the house of deputies of the convention today.

A distinct victory for advocates of separate bishops for colored churches was won in the committee on constitutional amendments, which reported favorably the proposed amendment providing for mission districts on racial lines, provided the bishop and convention of the diocese affected give permission.

Miss Campbell Wins Championship. Florence, Ill., Oct. 15.—Miss Dorothy Campbell won the women's national golf championship today.

IS THE AMERICA OFF FOR A LONG FLIGHT?

Walter Wellman and His Companion Took Wing From Atlantic City Today, and, in the Language of Ship's Engineer, May Take "a Try at Europe."

New York, Oct. 15.—A bulletin from Wellman at 2 p. m. says the sea is smooth, he is not crowding his motor, he is averaging 15 knots and all is well.

Atlantic City, Oct. 15.—The airship America, which Walter Wellman has prepared for a flight across the Atlantic ocean, at 8 o'clock this morning started seaward. In two minutes it had disappeared in a dense fog which prevailed. A slight wind was blowing from the west. The trip was scheduled as a trial, but a statement of Melvin Vaniman, the chief engineer, that "we won't be back until we have had a try at Europe," is believed to mean that the America will not return unless some accident befalls the ship, or adverse winds force a return.

The dense fog, with no winds, made conditions perfect. The balloon went out of sight almost immediately. Thousands were on the beach and board walks watching, and the wireless operators on the pier stations are being besieged with queries as to the progress of the airship.

The removal of the car from the hanger took about an hour. There are six men aboard, provided with food, mostly canned, to last a month. A small oil stove is their only means of cooking.

Each man is provided with two uniforms, one khaki, the other heavy, in case of cold weather. It is estimated that the balloon traveled off at the rate of 25 miles an hour.

Aboard the America are Walter Wellman, Melvin Vaniman, chief engineer, F. Murray Simons, navigator; J. K. Irwin, wireless operator; Albert Lewis Loud and John Aubert, assistant engineers. The airship's gas bag is about cigar shape—325 feet long, and 52 feet wide. The car under the bag is 155 feet long, and carries three gasoline engines. Beneath the car the

airboat is 27 feet long. The America carries 9000 pounds of gasoline.

Good-bye, Says Irwin. A few minutes after 11 o'clock the first wireless from the America, signed by Irwin, said: "Headed northeast; all well aboard; machinery working fine; good-bye."

A wireless at noon brought news of the start for Europe. The America is making twenty knots an hour, course east by northeast. It is said the machinery is working smoothly.

Messages Exchanged. The first message from Wellman and his crew to local men backing the enterprise arrived at 1 p. m., directed to Joseph W. Salus, president of the local syndicate supporting the project. It says: "All did nobly. Doing our best to repay your loyal support."

In reply the following message was flashed to all ships within this sending zone, with the request that they pick up the American soon as possible. "Walter Wellman, aboard airship America."

"Great work one of achievements of century. Praises from everybody. Our best wishes and Godspeed to yourself and Vaniman. With your family and will stay with them until we hear you have reached Europe. Please continue to flash. (Signed) "JOSEPH SALUS."

Storm Coming Up Coast. Word is received from the weather bureau that the West Indian hurricane is coming up the coast. An attempt is being made to warn Wellman to keep clear from the track of the storm.

Key West, Oct. 15.—The storm center is now slightly southwest of Florida Keys. The barometer is rising and falling. Indications are the wind will reach a velocity of 40 miles an hour this afternoon. The highest recorded thus far is 52 miles. There is no damage of consequence yet and none is anticipated.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. & W. STOCKHOLDERS

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 15.—The annual meeting of the Norfolk and Western railway was held today, about 30 percent of the stock being represented. The present board of directors was re-elected and authorized to acquire the property of the Big Stony Railroad company, and make a contract for use of the terminal facilities of the Norfolk Terminal Railway company.

An increase of \$50,000,000 in common stock was voted, also authority for the creation and sale from time to time of convertible bonds to the aggregate of \$50,000,000.

Five Members of Repair Gang Killed by Train. Sandusky, O., Oct. 15.—The bodies of five men of a bridge repair gang, working on a Lake Shore railroad bridge west of Sandusky, were found this afternoon near the tracks. They had been run down by a train.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE HENDERSON COUNTY ROAD

News has been received here of a fatal accident which occurred on the Henderson road between Asheville and Hendersonville yesterday afternoon when Amos Maxwell, a young white man 22 years of age, was crushed to death by a mill engine which was overturned as it was being taken to Hendersonville. It seems that young Maxwell was driving a wagon on which the engine was loaded and that at a point along the road the wagon tilted, the engine fell and that Maxwell was caught beneath the engine and terribly crushed. He lived only about 15 minutes after being injured. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Maxwell was a young farmer of the Henderson county section and well known and liked. It is supposed that the engine was not properly loaded on the wagon and that it gradually shifted until it overturned the wagon and crushed the life out of Maxwell.

OATH IS REQUIRED OF M. T. SPINOLA

The United States Has not, However, Formally Recognized the Portuguese Republic.

New York, Oct. 15.—Although the United States has not formally recognized the Portuguese republic, when Manuel T. Spinola, a native Portuguese, applied for naturalization papers an oath was required to renounce allegiance to the Republic of Portugal.

TO HOLD HEARING ON NEXT TUESDAY

At That Time Coroner Hartwell Will Conduct Inquest into Los Angeles Times Disaster.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 15.—Coroner Hartwell sets next Tuesday as the day for the inquest into the Times disaster. Contributions for relief of the victims' families now amount to \$27,000.

FREIGHT RATE INQUIRY ADJOURNED TO NOV. 21

Final Argument Before the Commerce Commission Has Been Set for December 14.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Adjournment of the pending inquiry by the interstate commerce commission into proposed advances of freight rates in eastern territory was taken today until November 21, when shippers will be heard here. Final argument of the case is set for December 14. J. C. Stuart, vice president in charge of operations for the Erie, testified today at the hearing. He declared Erie officials wished to co-operate with the commission in making the business of their lines successful as well as that of other lines. Mr. Stuart said the railroads have arrived at that stage where they cannot provide facilities the demand unless they can obtain the necessary money from their traffic.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather with showers tonight or Sunday; cooler Sunday. North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness with showers late tonight or Sunday; cooler Sunday.

The Storm Will Miss Us. Tampa, Oct. 15.—The indications this morning are that the West Indian hurricane continues to move westerly and may lose its force in the Gulf. There are no signs that the storm will turn and sweep up the Atlantic coast.

STEEL MAGNATES ARE IN NEW YORK

The Possibility of a World-Wide Corporation of Steel and Iron Workers Is Discussed, and Judge Gray Says Don't Let the Prices Go Down.

New York, Oct. 15.—Steel makers from all parts of the world, who came to attend the meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute, are sight-seeing today. Sunday they will start and tour the country's big steel plants in a special train.

This is the most important gathering of international steel men ever held in this country. It is regarded as probable that its organization will result in important changes in some important branches of this industry. The

aim of the institute to deal not only with the technical part of the industry, but take up its commercial side. There is a possibility of a world-wide corporation among steel and iron makers for mutual protection in the world markets. The stability of prices will be discussed.

Judge Gray yesterday urged co-operation for a reduction of the output, rather than for a reduction of prices, when consumers were willing to pay the market prices.

Dr. Byrd Returns to Central; Dr. Detwiler Goes to Tenn.

Important Announcement Made at Meeting of the Board of Stewards of Central Church Late Yesterday Afternoon—Dr. Detwiler Has Been Much in Demand.

Rev. G. H. Detwiler, who for the past year has been pastor of Central Methodist church, has been transferred by Bishop Hendrix to the Tennessee conference, and becomes pastor of the West End Methodist church, the Vanderbilt University church, at Nashville, exchanging with Charles W. Byrd, the present pastor, who has been transferred by Bishop Candler to the Western North Carolina conference, and again becomes pastor of Central Methodist church. This arrangement was perfected at a conference of Dr. Detwiler held with Bishop Candler recently in Spartanburg, and was announced to the board of stewards of Central Methodist church at a called meeting yesterday afternoon.

Much in Demand. With this series of transfers is associated a long story. Dr. Detwiler was a much-wanted preacher. He came to Asheville last year from Charlotte, being sent here to succeed Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, who had served his time at Central church. In sending Dr. Detwiler to Asheville it was stated that he had great ability for managing things and that he would be needed for the big Methodist general conference. That Dr. Detwiler more than measured up to the requirements of the three weeks' session here last May is a matter of history. So well was that body handled that it was the consensus of opinion among the delegates that the Asheville conference was the best conference ever held. Dr. Detwiler did not trust to others; he was on the job continuously and saw that every detail in the preliminary arrangements as well as actual handling of that great gathering went through all right.

Large Pastorate Readjustment. Under the Methodist plan of organization about 15 of the larger churches of the general conference this fall lost their pastors by expiration of the four year time limit, and some time ago Bishop Alpheus Wilson, the senior bishop, wrote Dr. Detwiler that in order to re-adjust the big pastorate it would become necessary to transfer Dr. Detwiler to another conference. A strong effort was made to get him to become pastor of St. John's church in Memphis, one of the largest and best paying churches in the whole

conference. Bishop Wilson wanted Dr. Detwiler to become pastor of the largest church in Atlanta, while the official board of West End church at Nashville and the faculty of Vanderbilt university sent a strong petition asking for Dr. Detwiler to be sent to that church. He had known some of the leaders there for years, and came in touch with others at the general conference, and so well were they pleased with his work that they demanded that he be sent there to succeed Dr. Byrd, who wished to come back to North Carolina on account of his wife's health. Personally Dr. Detwiler stated that he would rather have remained in this conference, but since he had to be transferred the strong petition from West End church and the university faculty had considerable to do with determining his course.

At the conference in Spartanburg with Bishop Candler it was decided that the Vanderbilt appointment would be the best way out and simply make an exchange with Dr. Byrd, who is to become pastor of Central church again.

To Leave in November. Dr. Detwiler will leave in the early part of November. His farewell sermon will be preached the first Sunday in November. Dr. Byrd will remain in Nashville until Dr. Detwiler leaves Asheville. The West End church is one of the most important in Tennessee as it has an attendance each Sunday of 400 to 500 college students in addition to the Vanderbilt faculty and many Nashville people. The new position is quite a promotion for Dr. Detwiler. The new charge pays a salary of \$3000 at present as against \$2500 at Central church.

The coming of Dr. Byrd to Asheville again will be well received in Methodist circles. Dr. Byrd has twice served as pastor in Asheville, at one time a period of four years, and another of two. He was one of the most popular ministers who ever held a charge here, and he will be gladly welcomed to Asheville again.

The Western North Carolina conference will be held at Winston beginning November 14, with Bishop Hendrix presiding. For much of Asheville, however, the question of church concern has already been decided.

RAILROADS AGREE TO GRANT DEMAND

Directors of French Roads Will Concede Minimum Wage Scale of \$1 per Day.

Paris, Oct. 14.—The directors of the railroad companies involved in the strike today granted a minimum wage of \$1 per day to employes on all lines running out of Paris. This goes into effect January 1; it will constitute the chief demand of the men. At a Fortunate Moment. This action was decided upon at a conference of directors in which the minister of public works, posts and telegraphs took part. It came at a particularly fortunate time, as it was becoming evident the strikers were beaten and a resort to violence on a wide scale was anticipated.

Today the ministry of the interior discovered the existence of an organization with headquarters in Paris and branches in the provinces, whose purpose was the destruction of rolling railroad stock. The government is investigating and the instigators will be dealt with sternly. From the start Premier Briand dealt firmly with the situation, declaring the strike was unjustified. He undertook to put it down by a display of military force and in calling railroad men to service as reservists. Meantime, negotiations with the heads of railway lines continued, resulting today in adjustment of the principal grievances. There was an unsuccessful attempt today to dynamite the tracks of the Northern railway near Dreuil.

The government feared that rioting would follow a meeting of strikers last night and this led to the placing of 10,000 troops in the narrow streets adjoining the hall where it was held. There were no disturbances other than a few harmless pistol shots and jeers. After the meeting 5000 strikers emerged from the hall singing revolutionary airs and shouting "long live the commune."

Mounted troops immediately charged the crowd and dispersed it. Trains Held Up. Crews Assaulted. Passengers Injured. Corneille, France, Oct. 15.—Two hundred strikers held up three trains here today, dragged off and assaulted the crews, and injured the passengers, unoccupied and damaged cars.

VINE IMPOSED UPON A CHICAGO BOMB THROWER

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Fred C. Wahlenmeyer, who recently placed a bomb in front of the residence of Mrs. Potter Palmer, and was adjudged sane, was yesterday fined \$200 on a charge of disorderly conduct. In default of payment he was taken to the county jail.

Ketchel Is Shot.

Springfield, Oct. 15.—Stanley Ketchel, champion middleweight pugilist, was shot in the chest today, on the ranch of R. Dickinson, five miles north of Conway, Mo. This morning a message from Conway says Ketchel was shot by a stranger, a 22 calibre rifle bullet passing through the right lung. The man escaped and bloodhounds have been sent for to track him. The wounded man will be brought to a hospital here.

Sugar Cane Dying.

New York, Oct. 15.—The cane crop in the West Indies is being ruined by a disease which has already been reported in the West Indies.