

ATWOOD HOPES TO FINISH HIS FLIGHT IN TWO 'BIRD HOPS'

Now But 134 Miles From New York City and 33 Miles Behind Record

ALMOST CERTAIN TO FINISH TODAY

Flew by Cities Without Stopping Regardless of Large Considerations

Summary of Atwood's St. Louis-New York flight: Distance to fly to New York, 134 miles; distance already flown from St. Louis, 1131 miles.

Days flying, 10. Portions of states passed over: Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

Will beat the world's long distance record at Rheineck, when he will be 13 miles more than the present record of 1,164 miles.

On Last Lap CASTLETON, N. Y., Aug. 23.—On the last lap of his flight from St. Louis to New York, Harry N. Atwood

the aviator, tonight has his aeroplane hitched to an apple tree on top of a hill here, overlooking the Hudson river and Albany, eight miles to the north.

Tomorrow, Atwood expects to complete his journey in New York landing in Sheepshead Bay, with a possible preliminary circle over Governor's Island.

On landing, the Boston aviator will have accomplished the longest flight through the air ever made by man in a heavier than air machine.

Nat a Mishap When he landed, Atwood in ten

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JURY IN TRIVETT INQUEST RETURNS AN OPEN VERDICT

Finds That Deceased Came to His Death at The Hands of His Uncle Pitt Ballew—Several Witnesses Heard.

At the inquest held yesterday by Coroner E. R. Morris over the body of Allen Trivett, who was shot and killed by his uncle, W. Pitt Ballew, at the latter's residence on Park avenue

The jury, composed of X. B. Lange, J. D. Nash, W. A. Penland, J. L. Page, T. W. Osteen and Dr. I. M. Mann, deliberated over the matter for about half an hour after the evidence had been introduced.

The evidence as brought out at the inquest was in substance the same as the story given of the tragedy in yesterday's Citizen.

Coroner Morris stated that Mrs. Laura Trivett, mother of the deceased and sister of the man who shot him to death, was unable to attend the inquest, this leaving Miss Sallie Stines, a nurse in the home where the tragedy occurred, and Paul Trivett, a brother of the deceased, who is familiarly known as "Buck" Trivett.

The tragedy created considerable interest around town yesterday and a continual stream of people visited the "Cross" undertaking parlors throughout the day to take a look at the young man who had met with such a tragic death.

Neighbor Testifies F. W. Poindexter, a neighbor to Ballew, was the first witness to take the stand shortly after 1 o'clock.

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SEVERE CRITICISM OF INSURANCE CO.'S IS MADE IN REPORT

Claimed That Health and Accident Companies Take Advantage of Ignorance

TOO MANY CLAIMS SCALED, REJECTED

Immediate and Effective Reforms Necessary to Correct Serious Evils

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 23.—Important legislation for the control of insurance companies doing industrial, health and accident business is proposed in the report of the special committee of the insurance commissioners of the United States which

was made public at the session of the convention here today. The basis for the legislation proposed is given in reports on the examination of fourteen companies in which nearly 2,000 settlements effected by these companies are examined.

In discussing the settlement of these claims the report says: "Of the specific claims examined, where the amount involved is usually considerable, the percentage of scaled or rejected claims is high—very much too high to be explained by error of judgment or carelessness.

Indeed, the committee feels warranted in concluding that when dealing with companies doing an industrial, health or accident business, the policy holder—particularly those who through ignorance or poverty, are unable to protect themselves and, therefore, are particularly the wards of government as represented in this convention—has too frequently been the victim of unconscionable practices in the claims departments of the companies criticized in this report.

Promises of reformation made at the hearings are therefore not enough. This convention should take action which will ward the just treatment of the policy holders in the future."

List of Companies The list of companies whose examination was the occasion for the report follows:

Standard Accident Insurance company, Detroit, Mich.; United States Health and Accident Insurance company, Saginaw, Mich.; Massachusetts Accident company, Boston, Mass.; Great Eastern Casualty company, New York; Federal Casualty company,

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BATTLE FOR HENRY BEATTIE'S LIFE ON IN EARNEST TODAY

Commonwealth Will Call its First Witness in Now Famous Case at 10 O'clock This Morning—Jurors Charged by Judge Watson.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Aug. 23.—The jury which will decide whether Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., of Richmond, shall go to the electric chair, convicted of wife murder, was completed in battered old Chesterfield court house today.

The prisoner was locked up for the night in the small jail here and will not be returned to the Richmond jail during the trial. His gray-haired father embraced him and journeyed home in a dusty public conveyance surrounded by the curious.

Made up almost entirely of lean, bronzed faced farmers, the jury as completed follows the lines indicated by Monday's selections.

Jurors are Finally Selected. The twelve men as they remain after the defense exercised its four peremptory challenges on the panel of sixteen are:

- 1.—N. W. Farley, quarryman, 37 years old. 2.—E. L. Wilson, 3 years old. 3.—A. L. Fetteroff, contractor, 34 years old. 4.—Irving L. Bass, Jr., 30 years old. 5.—V. W. Fuqua, 27 years old. 6.—W. L. Burgess, 52 years old. 7.—M. E. Purdie, 27 years old. 8.—M. C. Robinson, 44 years old. 9.—Thomas A. Hancock, 37 years old. 10.—Lewis Robertson, 44 years old. 11.—W. P. Rooks, 48 years old. 12.—M. E. Blankenship, assistant superintendent of a silk mill, 38 years old.

All of the foregoing are farmers except the three otherwise specified.

Beattie conferred earnestly with his lawyers and studied intently the faces in the full panel of sixteen men before the defense decided on its eliminations. Then after a moment of whispered conversation with H. M. Smith, Jr., his chief counsel, the prisoner nodded his head, and the clerk announced that the names of four farmers selected on Monday were dropped from the list.

In charging the jurors, who will be kept during the trial at an old tavern near the court house, Judge Walter A. Watson simply set forth the law of Virginia as applicable to homicide. As the indictment covers all degrees from the first to involuntary manslaughter he explained that the defendant might be found guilty accordingly.

"If you find him guilty of murder in the first degree," said the court, "you shall say so, and nothing more, in which event the punishment shall be death, but if you find him guilty of murder in the second degree you shall so say and shall fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary at not less than five nor more than eighteen years."

After citing the penalty for lesser degrees of manslaughter, the court concluded with the words that "if you find the prisoner not guilty of any of the offenses charged you shall say so and no more."

Hot in Court Room. It was hot almost to suffocation in the little court room today. None of the witnesses was on hand, and those who came to see Heulah Binford, the "girl in the case," were disappointed. She will probably not be called to testify until late in the week.

Thomas Owen, an uncle of Mrs. Beattie, to whose home Henry brought the body with a tale of a bearded highwayman firing into his automobile from the roadway, likely will be the first witness called for the commonwealth in the morning.

FIRE NEAR "BEATTIE JAIL." CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Aug. 23.—Forest fires, sweeping through pine and scrub oak, were burning tonight around the small jail where Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., is held.

Presumably started this afternoon by a match thrown aside by a spectator at today's proceedings, more than half a mile of underbrush, 200 yards wide, had been burning tonight, and farmers were fighting the blaze to protect their homes.

Isolated as it is, in the rear of the court house lawn, the jail where Beattie is confined is in no danger, but telegraph and telephone wires, strung especially for the trial, are threatened with destruction.

BEARISH MOVEMENT TO LOWER PRICE OF COTTON BRINGS FORTH WARNING

Congressional Committee Advises Farmers to Hold Cotton for 13 Cents

OF MUCH BENEFIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—After discussing what was referred to as the "threatening condition of the cotton market," a conference of southern senators and representatives through a committee consisting of Senators Williams of Mississippi, and Owen of Oklahoma, and Representatives Burleson of Texas, decided to give formal advice to farmers' organizations to "hold cotton for thirteen cents."

A committee will urge the state banking associations to cooperate against the "bearish movement of the speculators."

The committee which will advise farmers to "hold for 13 cents," issued a statement which says in part: "It seemed to be the opinion of all that there was a preconcerted effort being made principally through the instrumentality of speculative element of the New York cotton exchange to break down the price of cotton."

It was the opinion of all that the present statistical condition of cotton did not justify the lowness of present quotations and that the estimate of 15,000,000 bales was unjustified by any facts upon which a prediction could be safely based, and that moreover, even if a 15,000,000 bale crop were in sight the world's supply still probably would fall short of the world's demand for cotton to the extent of more than 1,000,000 bales because of the exhaustion of the present visible supply of carried over spot cotton.

In other words, that with a 15,000,000 bale American crop, the world's crop for 1911 would sum up only 25,000,000 with 140,000,000 of spindles creating an active demand for 26,000,000 bales. This opinion was based upon the latest advices from Egypt, India, China and other cotton producing countries.

Information was given at the informal conference that assurances would be given to President or to southern banks that ample funds from banks outside of the south could be had through the instrumentality of southern financial institutions to be lent at the rate of six per cent per annum to those who did not wish to dispose of their cotton at a sacrifice upon cotton warehouse certificates.

DISAPPEARANCE OF NOTED PAINTING "MONA LISA" REMAINS GREAT MYSTERY

Appears Now That Work of Art Disappeared Monday Morning Early

NO CLUE FOUND

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The mystery of the disappearance from the Louvre of Leonardo da Vinci's great painting, "Mona Lisa," popularly called by the French "La Joconde" appears more impenetrable than ever tonight. The only thing definitely established by today's investigations is that the picture disappeared between the hours of 7 and 8 30 o'clock Monday morning.

Whether it is still in the Louvre or has been taken away it is impossible at present to determine. Not the faintest clue has been discovered in spite of the united efforts of sixty of the smartest detectives in Paris and all the museum staff. Whether the picture was abstracted by one or several persons also remains in doubt, and M. Lepine, the prefect of police, admits that he is completely baffled.

It is one of the hardest cases in the annals of criminal investigation and the search is being continued with unremitting zeal. To facilitate this the museum will be closed for three days. No one will be admitted on any pretext whatever, except the police and officials.

A council of war was held in the Louvre this afternoon, those in attendance including M. Steeg, minister of public instruction; M. DuJardin Beaumets, under secretary of public instruction and fine arts; M. Lepine, director of the Louvre, Examining Magistrate Drioux, who is charged with the judicial investigation and the different chiefs of the museum. Various theories were advanced, weighed and finally rejected for lack of evidence. The consensus of opinion, however, was that the picture has not left the building, but is hidden in one of the innumerable recesses. All the gatekeepers are positive that no such package as the picture would have made was taken out of the museum. It would require at least a week to search minutely every cranny of the vast building. There is an immense packing room, which contains a quantity of cases used for sending off plaster casts of the statues and similar works to the provincial museums and schools.

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ELOPER SLASHED HIS THROAT WITH A RAZOR

Man Running Off With Young Girl Claimed to Have Wife and Children

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 23.—In Wayne county jail at Goldsboro, N. C., today Buford Miles from Chesterfield county, Virginia, cut his throat with a suicidal intent and tonight the jail physician says there is very little hope of recovery.

Miles was arrested yesterday charged with eloping with Sarah Bowles, aged 19 years, of Chesterfield, Va. They arrived in Goldsboro after passing through Raleigh and were identified by descriptions sent out by Virginia officers. Miles is said to be married, and to have three children in Virginia. The father of the girl, David Bowles, arrived in Goldsboro, to have Miles taken back to Virginia for trial. He refused to go and it was while awaiting requisition papers that he was confined in jail. Today he slashed his throat and nearly bled to death before the jail physician reached him.

HOUSTON PORTRAIT PRESENTATION Austin, Tex., Aug. 23.—Texas is to present a life-sized portrait of General Sam Houston, hero of the battle of San Jacinto and twice president of the republic of Texas to Virginia. The senate by unanimous vote today adopted a resolution to make the presentation. General Houston was born in Virginia. The painting now hangs in the senate chamber at Austin. It will be transferred with fitting ceremonies at the Virginia state capital.

INDIVIDUAL SHOOT WAS PULLED OFF MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 23.—The ranges of the national individual rifle match were completed today. This is the first of three big matches conducted under the auspices of the war department. The shooting began with the skirmish run and continued for two hundred yard rapid fire and the two hundred yard slow fire. Shooting at the six hundred yard stage was begun, but on account of the large number still to go will not be completed until tomorrow morning. King of Iowa is high man up to the 1,000 yard range. The high men with their scores follow:

- Sergeant E. M. King, Iowa, 249; Sergeant C. M. Smith, army, 249; Sergeant C. J. Vanamburg, Massachusetts, 236; Lieutenant Geo. C. Shaw, infantry, 235; Captain F. W. Holt, District of Columbia, 235; Ensign W. F. Arnden, navy, 234.

DECISION ON BANK PROBLEM. WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—President Taft will decide if the government, under the terms of the national bank act, can permit national banks to own interests in other banking institutions.

CLAMORED HER SISTER WAS SPIRITED FROM HER HOME SEARCHED LONG FOR HER

Prominent Atlanta Woman Finds Sister in Cincinnati Sanitarium SOCIETY LEADER

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 23.—After searching for several weeks for her sister, whom she says was spirited away from her home, Miss Alice Palmer, prominent in social circles of Atlanta, Ga., today declared she found her in a sanitarium in Cincinnati and filed a writ of habeas corpus seeking her release. Upon application of John E. Bruce, counsel for the sanitarium, common pleas Judge Cushing, postponed the hearing on the writ until tomorrow. Miss Palmer alleges that her sister, Annie, aged 36, also of Atlanta, is confined in the institution and that the officials of the institution have refused her permission to see or communicate with her. Miss Palmer charges that her half sister, Mrs. N. Cummings, of Augusta, Ga., (Continued on page eight.)

COTTON WORM PEST WILL CAUSE BIG CURTAILMENT

Expert Claims That Alabama's Cotton Crop Will be Injured 50 Per Cent

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 23.—Dr. W. E. Hinds, state entomologist, tonight predicted that the caterpillar or cotton worm will curtail the cotton crop in this state from 30 to 50 per cent and that within the next few weeks other states east of the Mississippi river would feel the full force of this pest. The worms are beginning to work in Mississippi, he said, and he is getting reports from other states of their appearance. It is an impossibility, said Dr. Hinds, for the south to make a fifteen million bale crop this season. In this and in other states the rains have ruined the middle crop and the worms are about to get the top crop. The bottom crop is practically made in most states and this will be the main crop gathered.

The second crop of worms is now at work and the third will come on about the middle of September. He does not think the danger will be over before the middle of October.

EXPLOSION IN KENTUCKY MINE KILLS TWO ITALIANS

Six Others Probably Fatally Injured at Works of Wisconsin Steel Co.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Aug. 23.—Two Italians were killed and six probably fatally wounded in an explosion at Bonham, Harlan county, at the works of the Wisconsin Steel company today. The Italians were opening up mines for the company. A large quantity of dynamite was exploded from some cause not as yet known. A number of others were seriously injured.

Bonham is at the head of the new extension of the Louisville & Nashville railroad and there the Wisconsin Steel company is putting in a coal and coking plant.

COTTON STATES 'RAG' TO VICKSBURG VICKSBURG, Miss., Aug. 23.—The Cotton States league closed its 1911 season today with Vicksburg as the successful bidder for the pennant, which is the first ever won by the local club. Hattiesburg finished second and Yazoo City third.

THREE SEPARATE TARIFF PROGRAMS AT NEXT SESSION

Three Elements Will be Engaged in Great Battle on Subject of Revision

PRESIDENTIAL VETO REPUBLICANS' HOPE

Much of Trend of Fight Will Depend Upon Report Made by Tariff Board

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The democrats, the progressive republicans and the regular republicans will have their own programs for tariff revision legislation when congress reconvenes in December. This much was made clear today. All three elements in the senate will be engaged in a great battle on the general subject of revision, the most important feature of the contemplated work of the regular session. Much of the trend of the fight will depend upon the report of the tariff board and the recommendations of the president in connection with that report. The regular republicans do not anticipate such actual tariff revision at the coming session by reason of the wide divergence of opinion in the senate. They contend that failure is likely to follow attempts to bring together either the regular and progressive republicans or the latter and the democrats. Neither the democrats nor the progressive republicans whose alliance swept revision legislation through the senate until the combination was broken on the cotton bill, are willing to predict a renewal of that alliance in December.

May be Coalition Senator Martin of Virginia, democratic leader of the senate, declared today, however, that if the president's recommendations should be for large reductions and many of the regular stand pat republicans fail to support the recommendations the situation would tend to line up the democrats and republicans insurgents.

The regular republicans have expressed the fear that the tariff board's recommendations may be too radical for their acceptance. They contend that most of the measures resulting from a progressive republican-democratic alliance are likely to fall in conference on the ground that the democrats desire to fight the next national campaign on the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The regulars also depend on the presidential veto to put a quietus on any measure that would be satisfactory to democrats and insurgents.

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