

Great International Aviation Meet Opens To-day

Long List of World Renowned Air Men Gather to Compete For Honors—Two Women Entered in Contest.

First Flights Were Expected to Begin This Afternoon—Complete Story of Great Event, and Names of Participants.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 23.—With thirty-five aviators, among them four women, turning up their machines and making short test flights all was ready today for the international aviation meet scheduled to start at 3 o'clock this afternoon with a passenger-carrying race between monoplane and continue for nine days at Garden City.

Approximately \$750,000 in prizes is to be distributed during the meet. The management announced today that the Wright brothers, who claim a controlling patent on airships had licensed the meet at last moment and would send aviators to take part in the contest. This reassured many of the aviators who feared suits.

The first aerial postal service to be authorized by the United States postoffice department was to be inaugurated this afternoon from the field. A regular branch postoffice, manned by clerks has been established and a new postmark stamp which will be placed on each letter. This reads that it is a "special aerial service" from "Aerial station No. 1, Garden City, L. I." Capt. Paul W. Peck proposes to make two flights daily, carrying about twenty thousand letters each day. He will take them from the field to some postoffice on Long Island or to Governor's Island from where the aerial mail will be transferred to the regular postal routes and forwarded to its destination.

IMPORTANT CASE IN JUDGE BURWELL'S HANDS. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, Sept. 23.—An order was signed today by Judge Lyon, referring the case of the Fries Manufacturing and Power Company vs. the city of Winston to ex-Judge Burwell, of Charlotte, to report his finding of the facts and conclusions of law to the superior court.

The plaintiff is suing for \$12,000, suit growing out of the building of the East Winston car line.

GIRL INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE DIED. Special to The News. Raleigh, Sept. 23.—Emma Hamilton, the little girl run down yesterday ago by a touring car driven by H. C. Bridgers, of Tarboro, died today.

Mr. Bridgers has spared no expense in providing the best medical treatment and service of trained nurses.

CONDEMN BY SCOUTS. By Associated Press. Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 23.—The Michigan State Federation of Labor in annual convention held yesterday adopted a resolution condemning the Boy Scouts "whether they be called by that name, minute men, children of the republic or anything else."

FOOTBALL FANS MEET TO STUDY THE RULES

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 23.—College Gridiron will stage the most interesting and successful season of football in the history of the sport this year, was the opinion expressed by high officials of the game here today.

Nearly 150 coaches and football veterans from all parts of eastern football territory were in New York this morning after holding their annual conference last night, for the final interpretation of the rules prior to the season's opening games.

Walter Camp, dean of football at Yale; Percy D. Haughton, the Harvard coach; Dr. Carl S. Williams of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. James A. Babbitt, chairman of the central board were among those who declared that the reformed game would overwhelmingly justify itself this year.

For the first time in three seasons the coaches are not hampered by the necessity of teaching a comparatively new system of attack and defense. There is to be no complaint this year of delay in naming officials at the various contests, according to Dr. Babbitt of the central board. Most of the assignments of officials he said would be decided and published earlier than in previous years and the board expects as a result to have its appointments accepted without trouble.

Schools are More Largely Attended

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 23.—Schools of the country are opening this month to increased attendance, which shows that the American thirst for education has kept ahead of the growth in population. This was said today by a manager of the largest teachers' agency in the country, from the nature of his work is in touch with the educational situation all over the country. Incidentally he added that good times were ahead for the members of the teaching profession.

The last school census showed 20,000,000 young persons enrolled in various institutions of the country. While no figures for the present year are obtainable, it is estimated that common schools alone have at least 18,000,000 pupils.

TIME LIMIT FOR SICKNESS IN THE ARMY

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 23.—Another plea has been received by the war department urging the prompt discharge from the army of soldiers on sick report for unreasonable lengths of time, particularly any whose illness was caused by their own misconduct. Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the department of California, has supplemented other recommendations of like import.

"It is an imposition upon the United States and other enlisted men," declared General Bliss, "to carry such men upon the rolls of an organization for a considerable period of time as non-effectives, and in the interest of the most efficient organization of the army, men should be separated from these services without delay."

Connie Mack Sends List Of Eligibles

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics today announced that he had sent to the National commission the names of 31 players as eligible to represent his club in the world's series. The names of the players are: Catchers—Thomas, Lapp and Livingston. Pitchers—Bender, Coombs, Krause, Morgan, Martin and Danforth.

Infielders—Davis, McInnis, Collins, Barry, Baker and Derrick. Outfielders—Murphy, Lord, Oldring, Strunk and Hartzel.

Last year against Chicago there were 23 men eligible to represent Philadelphia. Those not on this year's list are: Pitchers Atkins and Dyegeert, first baseman Houser and Catcher Donohue. The new men this year are Pitchers Danforth and Martin.

The players who are eligible for the series this year and who played against the New York Nationals in 1905 are Bender, Plank, Davis, Murphy, Lord and Hartzel.

Board Signed Contract For Delivery of Pipe

The city board of water commissioners met this morning at 10:30 o'clock to sign a contract with the representative of the Glamorgan Company for the delivery of the pipe that is to extend the city water system to the Catawba river.

THINKS SUGAR WILL SOON BE CHEAPER

By Associated Press. Boston, Sept. 23.—That sugar will be cheaper within a fortnight is the prediction of Edward F. Atkins, vice-president and managing director of the American Sugar Refining Co. In a statement issued here Mr. Atkins said: "The domestic beet sugar crop of the west is just commencing and in two weeks deliveries will be made. This crop is estimated at 530,000 tons. The Louisiana crop, estimated at 325,000 tons, will come on the market the first of November. These two sources will furnish a supply sufficient to provide for all requirements until the new arrivals from Cuba Jan. 1."

HANDCUFFED NEGRO ESCAPES

By Associated Press. Monroe, La., Sept. 23.—Though both hands were handcuffed, John Johnson, a negro convict yesterday seized an axe handle and brained his negro guard, killing him instantly and escaping. Johnson had been convicted of a minor offense and was being escorted to a road camp.

Wheat Market Quieter To-day

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 23.—Reciprocity here works in the wheat market did not show today so much as a glimmer. In sharp contrast to yesterday when millions of bushels changed hands with prices fluctuating rapidly, the market this morning was steady and appeared to have no more memory of reciprocity.

President Reaches St. Louis

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Sept. 23.—President Taft arrived here at 7:58 o'clock this morning. He was taken at once to the Mercantile club for breakfast. While here he is to be the guest of the Million population club.

Following breakfast President Taft was taken for a forty mile automobile ride in St. Louis county. He is to address the Masonic club for five minutes and then go to the City club for luncheon. He was scheduled to lay a corner stone in the new Y. W. C. A. building at 2:30 o'clock and then to witness a ball game between Philadelphia and St. Louis National League teams.

He will be a guest of honor at a private dinner at 6 o'clock and at 8 o'clock tonight he is scheduled to speak at the Coliseum. The president's reception here was non-partisan. At the Mercantile three former governors of Missouri, Stephens, Francis and Folk, crats, were on the reception committee.

At the union station companies of boy scouts were given place of honor despite the prohibition of men against the boys participating. A union band furnished music at the Coliseum light. Taft on Reciprocity.

"I suppose you heard the policy of reciprocity is not going through," he said. "I see Speaker Champ Clark has been speculating as to who is responsible but I do know that I am content to abide by the result."

"I have been on the bench long enough to know that when you get a decision that hits you between the eyes, the best thing to do is sit still. I regret that it is not going through. For it would have insured benefit to both countries."

St. Louis Sept. 23.—The central trades and labor union recently passed a resolution prohibiting any union musicians from playing in any of the entertainments given to President Taft and his family at the Coliseum.

All night long members of working crews struggled to remove a mass of scrap iron, once the switch engine which toppled over when struck by the passenger train, to rescue the mangled bodies of Engineer J. A. Ferriss and Fireman N. M. Robinson, the only persons killed.

On one side of the passenger train were the wrecked freight cars that attached to the switch engine. A single plank across the deep, swift running waters of the creek afforded the only means of access to the train. After crossing the plank a high bank had to be scaled before the train could be reached.

The piled up wreckage had to be moved before an engine could reach the passenger train and haul it to Athens, thence to this city. List of the injured: Among those injured were: W. A. SINGLETON, mail clerk, Westminster, S. C. MISS DOHA DILLS, Arto, N. C. MISS MARGARET MCCREDMOND, Savannah, Ga. MRS. ANNIE TUCKER, Granite Quarry, S. C. MRS. M. MCCREDMOND, Savannah, Ga. MISS MARGARET MCCREDMOND, Savannah, Ga. MRS. LIZZIE SYLVESTER, Archie, Fla. T. A. FURLONG, Savannah, Ga. None is seriously hurt.

Held Up On Midlothian Turnpike

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—Samuel Martin, a farmer living in Chesterfield county, 10 miles south of Richmond yesterday reported that he was held up at the point of a pistol at the exact spot on the Midlothian Turnpike where Mrs. Henry Clay Beattie, jr., was murdered.

He said that last Wednesday night he had just noticed that a front wheel of his wagon had struck the iron spike driven into the roadbed to identify the famous blood spot when a rough unshaven man appeared with a pistol in hand. Martin had \$500 which he had drawn from the bank to purchase cattle. In his fright he fell backward off the seat, rolled out of the wagon and stumbled into the road. As the team went on, disconcerting the highwayman, Martin took to the woods and hastened home by another route. Wagon and horse were drawn up at the gate when he got there. The \$500 was saved. The highwayman fired three shots after the fleeing farmer.

Huntersville Fire Burns Lumber

A fire of considerable proportions occurred at Huntersville Wednesday night at 12 o'clock when a tenant house belonging to Dr. M. C. Hunter and a house full of lumber just to the rear of the tenant house was burned. One of the houses contained a very valuable quantity of lumber, belonging to Mr. Richard S. Samman, the contractor, which was insured to about half its worth.

Neither the tenant house nor the lumber house themselves were insured. The tenant, a negro named Garfield, barely escaped with his family. It is not known how the fire started, but it is supposed matches had been scattered some where about the lumber house by rats.

THIRTY MINUTES LATE: MUST PAY \$10,000.

By Associated Press. Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 23.—Because George Crump and Thomas Wright were thirty minutes late to court, were aggregating \$10,000 which had been given for their appearance were declared forfeited. The two men were charged with forgery of deeds of Potawatamie county land and although they appeared for trial and were convicted and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary, acting judge W. L. Williams denied a motion to set aside the forfeitures made by the attorney for the bondsmen.

MISS MATILDA MOISANT

Miss Matilda Moisant, who has announced that she will dispute the championship of the air with Miss Helene Dutrien, who sailed from France on the steamship La Provence to take part in the international aviation meet which opens today at Nassau Boulevard, Long Island, Miss Dutrien is the most famous of a considerable group of French women aviators, all of whom have attained aerial distinction.



Passengers Spent Night In Coaches Of Wrecked Train—Two Dead; Several Hurt

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—Passengers aboard the Southern Railway train that collided with a switch engine on Peachtree Creek trestle, near Atlanta last night were forced to spend the night in the coaches of the train at the scene of the wreck.

Marooned above the creek were nearly 150 persons, many of them injured, waiting for relief which the accessibility of the place rendered difficult.

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FIRE BURNED IN STEAMER FOR A WEEK.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 23.—With a smoldering fire in her after hold, which the crew has been fighting day and night for a week, the Santa Clara of the American and Cuban line, with a cargo of Mexican hemp, is being cared for by the experts of the New York fire boats squad at her Staten Island pier today.

Large notes burned through her after hatches show how narrow was the boat's escape from destruction at sea.

The Santa Clara steamed from Progreso, Mexico, at half-past 2 o'clock last Saturday morning and at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day the flames were discovered. After a desperate struggle which was continued all night, Captain Frachy and his crew drove the fire back into the hold and thereafter kept a constant stream of water going through the ventilators.

The fire was started by a careless deck hand dropping a lighted cigarette into a hold.

Morrison May Get Out on Bond Today

By Associated Press. Mr. J. D. McCall, counsel for Young Ralph Morrison, who admitted shooting Cliff Ellis the other night when Ellis and two companions assaulted his uncle and who has been in jail without bond since, appeared before Recorder D. B. Smith this morning with a motion that Morrison be allowed bond or given a hearing at which it may be decided whether he is entitled to bond.

By agreement between Solicitor Parker and Mr. McCall and the consent of Recorder Smith the hearing was set for 3 o'clock. Ellis was reported considerable better today at 1 o'clock and his physician offers hope of his recovery. Several prominent citizens have offered to go on Young Morrison's bond and there is no doubt that since Ellis is improving a bond for the young man will be accepted.

JEALOUSY CAUSED DOUBLE TRAGEDY

By Associated Press. Decatur, Ills., Sept. 23.—Jealousy of his wife, Campbell H. Alexander, a miller, aged forty, shot and killed her today and then killed himself. Mrs. Alexander was 25 years old.

Fowler Files High

By Associated Press. Colfax, Cal., Sept. 23.—When Fowler returned here he was flying at a high altitude and descended near his place of departure in a long glide. He said that his engine was not strong enough to carry him over the mountains.

Mr. Graham Writes Of Western Cotton

By Associated Press. Mr. Tom Graham of Talequah, Oklahoma, writes his father Mr. W. C. Graham of Sharon about cotton conditions in Oklahoma.

Mr. W. Cook Graham of Sharon, has received an interesting letter from his son, Mr. Tom Graham of Talequah, Cherokee county, Okla., telling of cotton conditions in that section of the country.

He writes that the outlook for a big cotton crop in Oklahoma for a while were very bright but that now it is very gloomy. The prospects have been cut almost in half and are evidently not so good as they are here.

Graham is at the head of a large ginning business in his section, besides farming on a large scale, and keeps well informed of the cotton outlook. He says that now is the time for farmers to hold their cotton if they are ever going to hold it. He writes further of conversing with a Texas cotton expert who reports millions of acres in the cotton district of Texas where it will require 20 acres to produce a bale.

Violent Earthquake In Valdez

By Associated Press. Valdez, Alaska, Sept. 23.—The most violent earthquake ever experienced in Valdez occurred at 7:02 Thursday night. The oscillations covered 52 seconds. Valdez buildings are all of wood with not more than two stories high and no damage was done. The cable at Sitka was severed.

Mecklenburg Fair Association

in Correspondence With the World Famed Aviation to Make Flights on Three Successive Days.

It is Thought That He Will Come Flying As he Wishes to Make Good in Charlotte—To do Aerial Stunts and Fly High.

It is not improbable that those who attend Charlotte's big fair in October will see three aviation events—three flights on three consecutive days by J. A. D. McCurdy.

The management are in correspondence with McCurdy and the tone of the correspondence is more than favorable. The proposition is that McCurdy give a flight of 1,000 feet on one day, and on the other two days ascend to a given altitude and throw bombs and do other aerial stunts.

McCurdy, as known, is an aviator of world-wide fame. He ranks second to none amongst aerial navigators. His failure here last November was due to wind and weather—things over which he had no control. He has wanted a chance to redeem his aerial reputation in Charlotte, and the fair manager's proposition gives him that chance.

The proposition he is to give a guarantee and forfeit of a certain sum if he does not make the flight.

Try To Settle Strike in Ireland

By Associated Press. Dublin, Sept. 23.—The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has begun attempts to settle the railway strike and the lack of enthusiasm on the part of men to obey the general strike order promises to make his task easier.

FRANCE AGREES ON REPLY TO GERMANY.

By Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 23.—A French reply to Germany's latest proposals for an agreement over the Moroccan dispute was agreed today at a meeting of the cabinet.

Since Germany's proposals were drawn after two long conversations between the German minister of foreign affairs and the French ambassador, probably it will be found that France had accepted the arrangement proposed regarding Morocco itself, the question now remaining for settlement being the details of the cession to Germany in French Congo.

WILL LOVETT BE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD?

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 23.—Associates of Robert S. Lovett, president of the Harriman Railroad lines placed little credence today in the report that Mr. Lovett was to be made chairman of the board of directors and that Julius Kruttschnitt would succeed him as directing head of the road. Judge Lovett was not in town.

"This is the fiftieth time this report has bobbed up within the past few months," said a friend of Judge Lovett. "We hardly think it is true."

Detectives Find More Clues

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 23.—Detectives searching the unoccupied house in Englewood where Dr. W. H. Falner shot and killed Emil Dignos, the aeroplane mechanic, discovered a locked chest today in which six heavy staples had been driven into the floor with ropes drawn through them in such a manner as to permit the binding of a human body.

In one corner of the closet was an axe. The police believe that the staples and axe were put in the closet by Dignos. Notwithstanding that Dr. Falner was exonerated at the coroner's inquest, the police still are investigating the case in the belief that another motive for Dignos' attack on the doctor besides robbery may be discovered.

FATAL COLLISION WITH CALF

By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., Sept. 23.—A man named White, signal engineer of the Northeastern Railroad, was brought to this city from Ployame, Miss., last night in an unconscious condition the result of a collision with a calf while riding on a railroad motorcycle. His condition is serious.

McFARLAND TO MEET HAYES.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Sept. 23.—Packey McFarland, of Chicago, and Grover Hayes, of Philadelphia, signed articles last night for a six-round bout before the Mosier Club here Oct. 9.