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SOME GREAT FLIGHTS AT LOS ANGELES

Glenn Curtiss Makes Flight, In Strong Wind, of 70 Miles An Hour

THE DAY'S PROGRAM

Paulhan Expected to Fly Today in Distance and Endurance Test—Also Wants to Win From Curtiss the Speed Honors—Curtiss Makes Record Flight Late Yesterday—Sensational Manipulation of His Ship in Wind—Paulhan Member of the Aero Club of California.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 17.—Thousands of people went to the aviation grounds today in the expectation of seeing Louis Paulhan, the daring French aviator, make his flight for the Michelin cup which carries with it a prize of \$4,000. This is at the same time a test of distance and endurance. Paulhan has asserted that his machine will remain in the air five hours.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.



Prince of Wales, one of the three royal members of the House of Lords. Should this body be made an elective one, as a result of the present crisis, it is a question as to how it would affect the three princes of the royal blood. Owing to their royal patronage, it is doubtful if they would be made subject to the voters; but, in the other hand, if the House of Lords is made purely elective, it would eliminate them from participating.

NAPLES IN HANDS OF THE RIOTERS

(By Cable to The Times.) Rome, Jan. 17.—Naples today is an armed camp. Troops held every street and reinforcements have been rushed there, yet the disorders continue the duplication of the rent riots in which 20,000 persons yesterday attacked the town hall.

KICKED BY MULE.

Small Boy is Perhaps Fatally Hurt by Animal. (Special to The Times.) Lumberton, Jan. 17.—A very sad accident happened near here yesterday afternoon when the son of Mr. Wellington Meares was severely hurt by a mule. The little boy, who is only about two and a half years old, was playing near a mule in the lot of his father. He, not knowing the danger of such animals, crept up near the mule's hind feet, whereupon he received a kick in the head which fractured his skull. Dr. W. A. McPhaul was called in and the little fellow seems to be getting on nicely, although it is feared that he is fatally injured.

SEA LEAVES CANALS OF VENICE DRY

Venice, Jan. 17.—Half a dozen of Venice's historic canals ran dry today when the sea retired, leaving many vessels high and dry and trans-Atlantic liners lying on their keels. The phenomenon created a panic in the city, and many fled in fear of a tidal wave. The withdrawal of the sea was accompanied by a heavy fog and for a time the drying up of the canals was not noticed. Not until vessels began to touch bottom and keel over was the imminence of the strange danger recognized. Such a condition has not been known here before.

UNIONISTS IN GLOOM

Liberals are In Exaltation Over Balloting

This the Crucial Day of the Election and the Liberals Confident of Victory—Suffragette Voted at Morpheth—Name Put on the Register by Mistake.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Jan. 17.—There was exultation in the headquarters of the liberals and corresponding gloom in those of the unionists when balloting opened today in 93 constituencies. The liberals were confident that when the returns of this, the crucial day of the most important election since 1832, were in, they would still hold the whip hand. In spite of the gain in the unionist vote as compared with the vote of 1906, the indications were for a liberal majority in the next parliament of between 90 and 100.

The program today included the final contests of some of the most noted politicians in England including former Premier Arthur Balfour in the city of London and three members of the liberal cabinet, John Burns in Battersea, MacNamara in North Camberwell and Birrell in North Bristol. At Portsmouth Admiral Lord Charles Beresford was a candidate.

One feature that contributed to the importance of today's returns was the fact that some of the most important trade centers of Great Britain voted, among them being Newcastle, West-Field, Hull, Leeds and Bradford.

CITY PRINCIPALS

City Public School Principals and Superintends to Meet

North Carolina Association of City Public School Principals and Superintends Will Meet in Durham January 27-29—A Most Interesting Program Has Been Prepared.

NEGROS ARRESTED FOR SELLING BOOZE

(Special to The Times.) Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 17.—Four negroes of the town, among them a preacher, were arrested last night and will appear before Mayor Caddell today on the charge of selling whiskey. Those arrested are J. R. Trent, a negro preacher; Coleman Whitfield, Henry Ruffian and Ransom Baker.

GREAT ICE GORGE IN OHIO RIVER

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17.—The federal government was asked today to dynamite the great ice gorge which extends for sixty-five miles below Louisville in the Ohio river, and threatens the destruction of property worth millions and the flooding of Louisville and other cities.

MRS. CHARLES MORSE.



Mrs. Charles Morse, wife of the convicted banker, who has just been sentenced to fifteen years in a federal prison at Atlanta for bank fund manipulation. She has already begun a campaign of pardon that she is working along the endless chain method. President Taft is said to have been greatly affected by her marital devotion.

WANT ELECTRIC LINE

Company Wishes to Build From New Bern to Trenton

Application Made to Board of Alderman for Franchise to Build Electric Railway From New Bern to Trenton, a Distance of Eighteen Miles—Contractors Will Sue City For Work Done On Streets Which Has Not Been Paid.

(Special to The Times.) New Bern, N. C., Jan. 17.—Application has been made to the board of alderman for a franchise for motor car railway which is to be run from New Bern to Trenton in Jones county, a distance of about eighteen miles. The proposed line is being pushed by Messrs. W. S. X. Taylor and A. E. Stevens. The promoters wish to come into the city on Pollock street and to go to the proposed union depot. The line is for both passenger and freight and will be used for motor cars, such as a number of railroads are now using on short lines. There was opposition to the franchise by a number of the aldermen and the matter was finally referred to a committee of five, which will report at the next meeting of the board.

Engine No. 114 which was burned in the Norfolk & Southern shop fire last October, has been rebuilt and will be ready for service again in a few days. This engine was almost ready for service after a thorough overhauling in the shops when the fire occurred and so has been practically rebuilt. Engine No. 41, which was also burned, has had very little work done on it so far, but it will also be rebuilt and put in service.

APPLY FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

(Special to The Times.) Wadesboro, N. C., Jan. 17.—Messrs. Lendon and Thomas, acting as attorneys for Earl Gatewood, have applied for a writ of habeas corpus and the hearing is set for Tuesday morning before Judge Long.

INVESTIGATION IN THE LAND OFFICE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Jan. 17.—Notwithstanding that certain political and other interests are seeking to convey the impression that the agitation regarding the coming investigation of the general land office and the forest service is rapidly dying out and that the entire affair may collapse, the fact remains that it is the intention of those who favor the investigation to push it as hard as ever, the talk about public and congressional interest in the investigation subsiding being it is thought, a case of the wish being father to the thought. Since the statement issued by Mr. Pinchot nothing has been done by himself or his friends to continue the agitation but it is known that this is merely due to the fact that he Pinchot side is quietly preparing for the investigation. The resolution providing for the investigation of the general land office and the forest service will soon be ready for adoption. The sum of \$25,000 is to be appropriated for the investigation which is confidently believed may continue for three months.

TRIAL MAN "HIGHER UP" POSTPONED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Jan. 17.—Six officials and employees of the sugar trust who were recently indicted on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government, were arraigned today in the United States court and their trials postponed until next Monday.

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GENERAL BOOTH.



General Booth, of the Salvation Army of the world, who has just announced that he believes our planet is about to be destroyed by fire and that the destruction is imminent. The general quite a number of years ago launched his method of saving the entire world according to the evangelical idea of salvation. In the twilight of a very strenuous career he talks in a pessimistic way as to what may be religiously accomplished.

RESIDENT SPOKE TO GOVERNORS

National Civic Federation Met Today With Opening Address by The President FOR UNIFORM LAWS

Conference Opens With About 600 Delegates Present—Speeches Today by President Taft, Judge Parker and Seth Low—Aside From the Uniformity of State Legislation One of the Principal Matters to be Discussed Will be the Conservation of State Rights—Executives of All the States Expected to be Present.

CLERGYMAN A SUICIDE.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—The Rev. Paul Axtell, aged 28, pastor of the fashionable First Presbyterian church at Sewickley, Pa., shot himself through the heart in a barn at the home of his father, the Rev. J. S. Axtell, pastor of the Lebanon Presbyterian church at Lebanon. The body was found by the young brother of the suicide this morning. It health is given as the motive. When the news of the suicide was taken to the clergyman's mother, she fainted, and in falling broke her arm.

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(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Jan. 17.—President Taft this morning delivered the opening address to the conference of the National Civic Federation, which began a three days' meeting today. The conference opened in the Belasco Theatre with nearly 600 delegates, from all sections of the United States present. Seth Low, president of the federation, presided. The president's address was received with great applause.

Judge Alton B. Parker and Mr. Low also spoke, explaining the purposes of the conference.

Aside from uniformity of state legislation one of the principal matters to be considered by the federation is the conservation of state rights. One of the most important reforms to be considered will be a uniform divorce law.

One of the proposals to be offered to the conference is a plan for an organization in each state, which will send delegates annually to a national conference.

The National Association of Uniform State Law Commissioners will present a number of commercial bills. These include the negotiable notes act, adopted by six states, and the warehouse receipts act, adopted by eighteen states.

The delegates to the National Civic Federation are appointed by the governors of the various states, and by the presidents of commercial, manufacturing and other organizations.

Members of the National Association of uniform state law commissioners are included in all state delegations and will figure prominently in the deliberations of the federation. The delegates are composed of representative men including many members of congress, assembly men, and former governors.

Among the delegates are Andrew Carnegie, John Hays Hammond, Elihu Root, Alton B. Parker, W. R. Wilcox, Henry Wade Rogers, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, Warren S. Stone, James Duncan, W. G. Lee, M. E. Ingalls, Thomas F. Walsh, W. C. Brown, Walter L. Fisher, James R. Garfield, John C. Richberg, Walter George Smith, Amasa Eaton, John G. Milburn, Francis Lynde Stearns, Charles Thaddeus Terry, William Allen White, A. A. Goddard, Theodore Marburg, Edwin Warfield, Rome G. Browne, H. E. Miles, Frederick N. Judson, Seldon P. Spencer, J. M. Whitehead, Charles E. McCarthy, Ralph Breckenridge, John L. Webster, C. B. Aycock, L. E. Holden, George E. Chamberlain, C. A. Woods, E. E. Hunter, O. M. Barber, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, W. S. Allen, and Charles M. Fassett.

The attitude of the states toward the proposed income tax amendment to the federal constitution will be the most important topic to be discussed by the conference of governors which is to begin here at the Willard tomorrow. This meeting is a sequel to that called by President Roosevelt two years ago but differs from that in that it is entirely under the auspices of the governors themselves, instead of having white house initiative.

The chief executives of forty-four states are to be present. A tentative program has been prepared by Governor Hughes, of New York, Fort, of New Jersey, and Weeks, of Connecticut, which calls for papers from several members of the conference on various subjects on which uniformity of legislation may be found practicable.

William Green, who was captured in Roanoke, Va., a few days ago, was brought back here last night. He is charged with killing Bennie Young at a festival at Ruth Hall in this city. The preliminary hearing will be held January 27.