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FIVE DEATHS IN BALLOON WRECK TODAY

Passenger Balloon Plunged From Great Height Carrying Death to Occupants

BLOW TO AVIATION

Giant Passenger Balloon Erbsloeh Dashed to the Ground in a Heavy Gale—All Five Occupants of the Flyer Were Killed—Erbsloeh, the Well Known Aviator, Was Piloting the Machine—The Worst Aerial Disaster of a Decade—All the Occupants Were Caught in the Wreckage and Crushed.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, July 13—The giant passenger carrying balloon Erbsloeh, designed by Oscar Erbsloeh, the daring aviator who won fame in America in 1907 when he captured the international balloon cup, was dashed to the ground today in a heavy gale near Cologne. All five occupants of the flyer were killed.

Erbsloeh was piloting the machine, between Cologne and Dusseldorf, when the disaster occurred. With his four companions he was dashed to the ground at terrific speed.

As soon as news of the disaster reached Dusseldorf a detachment of troops was dispatched to the scene.

This is the worst aerial disaster of the decade which has seen the greatest progress in flying and a hard blow has been struck at the new sport and science by the tragedy than by the frequent wrecking of the giant Zeppelins.

The balloon, according to advices received here, plunged from a great height, falling with startling speed.

All the occupants were caught in the wreckage, and their bodies were so crushed that they were identified with difficulty. The presence of traces of gas for some time after the wreckage had hit the earth prevented the immediate rescue of the victims. It was reported that some of the victims had escaped death in the fall, but had been killed by the gas. This was received with doubt.

When Erbsloeh returned from America in the fall of 1907 it was with the intention of popularizing as far as possible the sport in which he had won a name. To that end he organized clubs and designed flyers, adding to his reputation for daredevilry in many ascents in different parts of Germany. He was regarded as the foremost German aeronaut, next to Zeppelin and Grosse.

The most serious German balloon accident next to today's occurred on April 17, last, when the balloon Deblisch was wrecked in a thunderstorm in Prussian Saxony, the crew of four being killed.

Two daring aeronauts, Dr. Brechmann and Hugo Francke, were killed last November, when their balloon collapsed near Flume, on the Adriatic whence they had flown—500 miles—from Berlin.

On September 25, 1909, four Frenchmen were killed at Moulins, France, through the explosion of the balloon Republique, a military dirig-

LABORERS ON ALDRICH FARM GO ON STRIKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Warwick Neck, R. I., July 13—A strike of laborers on the country estate of Senator Aldrich, where a great stone residence is being erected is on. The strikers demand \$1.75 a day an increase of fifteen cents. A notice conspicuously posted about the site of the house states that sixteen cents an hour will be paid for ten hours a day. The strikers forwarded an appeal to Senator Aldrich for \$1.75 a day, declaring that the high cost of living made it impossible for them to get along on less wages. To this petition some one added:
"Owing to increase in the price of commodities under the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill."

ible. The victims were Captain Marchal, Lieutenant Chauve and sub-Lieutenants Vincenot and Reux.

Thirteen persons were killed on June 22, 1907, in the worst balloon accident recorded, near Deroezin, Hungary. Two French officers and an Austrian army man fell from the balloon. The other victims, however, were peasants, who were killed by the explosion of the bag when they captured it.

Won American Cup Race.

New York, July 13—Oscar Erbsloeh, one of the foremost of German aeronauts, was the winner of the sensational balloon race held in America in 1907 for the international cup. Starting from St. Louis on October 21, 1907, Herr Erbsloeh in the Pommer, covered 880 miles, landing at Bradley Beach, N. J.

For that feat he received the personal congratulations of President Roosevelt and the Kaiser.

Besides his honors in the St. Louis race Erbsloeh secured \$2,500 given for three years by the donor of the international cup, and one-fourth of the entrance fee.

It was in this race, when Germany wrested the cup from America that the best showing by Americans was made by J. C. McCoy and C. DeF. Chandler, who landed at Patuxent, Md., having covered 720 miles, sixteen less than Erbsloeh.

The international cup which had been brought to America the year previous by Lieutenant Frank P. Lahm was formally presented to Erbsloeh, to be held for a year, at the Aero Club of America on November 4, 1907.

COLONEL COMFORT DEAD.

Body Found in Creek—Was Probably a Suicide.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Chester, Pa., July 13—The body of Colonel Silas E. Comfort, vice-president of Pennsylvania Military College, was found in Lelperville creek, near here, this morning. The police are at a loss as yet to say whether the case is one of suicide or murder.

Colonel Comfort's hat was found on the bank of the creek, his watch chain was broken, as though by an assailant who had grabbed for his watch, and there was a bruise on his head, but both watch and money were still on the body.

The suicide theory was advanced because since his election as city consulting engineer of Chester, at a salary of \$4,500 a year, there has been considerable criticism which has reached his ears to the effect that he was not a practical man and doubts were expressed relating to whether his theoretical knowledge of engineering would suffice for the big undertaking upon which he was about to enter.

THE SQUARE DEAL

Has Not Been Meted Out to Labor, Says Secretary Morrison.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, July 13—Declaring that organized labor has not been fairly dealt with by the present administration and that its enemies are in a majority in congress, Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, today made an earnest appeal to the delegates attending the international alliance of theatre stage employes convention to use the ballot as a remedy.

Secretary Morrison urged his hearers to make every effort during the coming congressional elections to defeat the members of congress seeking re-election who are known to be opposed to the interests of labor.

"Vote only for our friends," he declared. "You know who they are. We have the strength to defeat all of our enemies if we go about it in a well-organized way, and there is no reason why we should not succeed."

"It was organized labor that brought about the successful fight on Speaker Cannon and the house rules during the past session, although this is not generally known, and we can be responsible for much more if we only make our ballots count."

NO APPLICATION YET.

Italy Has Not Demanded the Extradition of Charlton, But Will Do So.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, July 13—It was announced at the state department today that no application for the extradition of Porter Charlton has yet been received, but that the Italian government has advised that formal application of the confessed wife-murderer will be made at an early date. Until this application is received the state department will remain silent, although it is generally understood that Charlton will not be surrendered.

HIS NERVE FAILED HIM

He Killed the Woman But Not Himself

Casimir Malski and Mrs. Antonia Skora Agree to Die Together—He Kills Her But Says When He Placed the Gun to His Own Head it Would Not Work.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, July 13—In a suicide pact, Casimir Malski shot Mrs. Antonia Skora, twenty-one years old, three times today after escorting the young woman to her home. Malski, according to his story, then tried to shoot himself, but he said the cartridges would not explode and so he fled to his own home.

Two policemen found him there, round asleep and snoring loudly. They took him to Bellevue Hospital, where Mrs. Skora lay dying. The man calmly admitted that he had shot her. Mrs. Skora tried to shield



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"If you ever marry again know and learn how to be a good husband," the note concluded.

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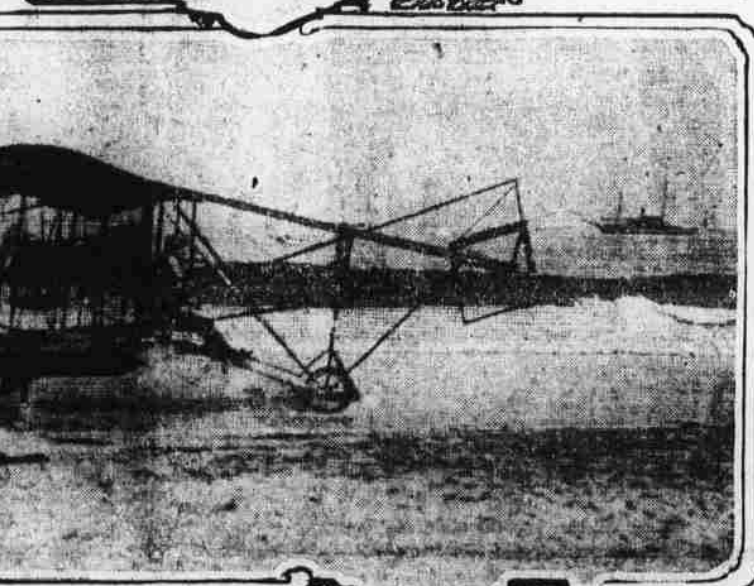
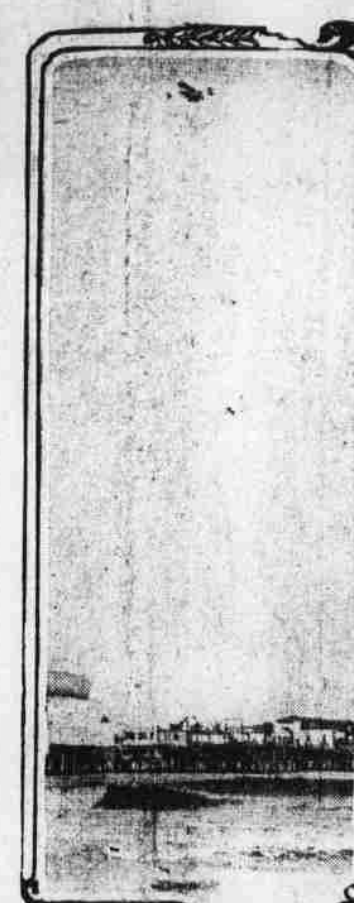
The hat fell almost at the feet of Policemen Byrnes and Neisel, who heard the shots. They ran up to the Skora apartment and found the woman's clothing strewn on the floor.

"What's the matter?" they asked after extinguishing the flames.

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THE STATE CONVENTION

Will Meet Tomorrow at Noon in Charlotte

Charlotte Ready For the Big Convention, Which Meets Tomorrow—The Work the Convention Will Have to Do.

(Special to The Times)

Charlotte, July 13—The vanguard of the state democratic convention is already arriving and the cohorts in large numbers will be here on the night trains.

Senator Overman will arrive at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Arrangements have been completed by the local committee for the meeting of the congressional district delegates at ten different points tomorrow morning to elect members to the state executive committee, committee on platform and on plan of organization, and on credentials. It is generally

understood that Chairman Eller will keep his present office.

Headquarters for the Manning and Allen forces have been opened and intense interest and no little activity already surrounds these centers. There are some interesting questions being asked concerning the platform that will be presented to the convention by the committee, and in particular does the question arouse interest: "Will the liquor problem be mentioned?"

The indications now are that the platform will be built up on conservative lines, but nobody is willing to make definite forecast. Preparations have been completed here for the convention, and plenty of amusement features will be provided should the delegates have any time for such. The entire city is awake to the importance of the event and Charlotte will extend a welcome most cordial and hearty to every delegate.

Work Before Convention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Charlotte, July 13—On Thursday, July 14, of this week the democracy of the Tar Heel state, coming in from the Appalachians to the Atlantic, will assemble at 12 o'clock noon, when the gavel will, in the hand of Senator Lee S. Overman, fall and the "off year" convention will be formally convened.

To choose a state executive com-

mittee, to formulate a platform, to nominate candidates for the general election, which will be of great moment, the general elections two years hence, to name two corporation commissioners—these are a few of the more important features of the program constituting the work already mapped out for the 967 delegates representing the nearly 100 counties of the state of North Carolina.

For associate justice, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Justice Connor to the federal judgeship of the eastern district of the state, and which office has been filled temporarily by appointment of Justice Manning, of Durham, there are two candidates, Justice Manning and Judge Allen, formerly a state judge on the circuit court bench. This race has attracted more notice and interest than any other that will be settled by the approaching convention.

Justice Manning was appointed by Governor Kitchin. Justice Manning having conducted one of the most strenuous and well-planned campaigns in behalf of the governor, whose campaign manager he was. Therefore the unspoken interest of the governor in this contest will be of no little weight.

Ex-Judge Allen's candidacy on the other hand, is being most vigorously upheld by a strong element, so that the campaign managers of both gentlemen are claiming the nomination. It has been thought by some that in this race is reflected indirectly the fierce struggle between Kitchin and Craig in the recent gubernatorial contest, and therefore to this race in particular great interest attaches throughout the entire commonwealth.

Only Chance of Deadlock.

As there is only one office for which three candidates are struggling—Lee, Pearson, and Graham, for corporation commissioner to succeed in office made vacant by death—this race offers the one chance for a deadlock in the convention so far brought into view. There are only two candidates, Brown and Bagwell, to succeed Commissioner Rogers on the commission. Yet in this case while some time is likely to be required to settle the contest between the three men, it is hardly possible that a prolonged deadlock is very likely.

Local Entertainment Committee.

The big convention will be held in the Charlotte auditorium, where 4,000 people can easily be seated. It is expected that between 700 and 800 delegates will be in attendance, these having been named at the various county conventions following the state primary on June 25.

A committee of 50 or more leading citizens have been selected to look after the entertainment of the guests who will be here, and these will meet all incoming trains on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, and every possible courtesy will be shown the visitors. The large hall has been handsomely decorated for the convention, and everything is now in readiness for the sound of the gavel, and the beginning of the convention.

A well-posted politician has made the statement that there will not be a single contest in the convention—that is, nothing sufficiently debated to stir up the slightest degree of feeling, and all now looks like a harmonious and unanimous gathering of democrats for the furtherance of the party's interests and the strengthening of democracy in the Old North State.

YOEMAN PAPERS FRIENDLY.

But Do Not Go Out of Their Way to Conciliate the United States.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Berlin, July 13—The comment of the influential German press on the American-German incident today is for the most part friendly to the United States but there is no apparent disposition to go out of the way to straighten out the tangle or attempt placation. Several of the papers profess indifference as to the attitude of the United States. It is significant that the North German Gazette, the official paper, maintains silence on the incident.

The papers which are most emphatic in declaring America's opinion unworthy of consideration are the Vossische Zeitung and the Neussche Aechelien. The Berliner Post says that if the American press feels inclined to lecture on the behavior of "rulers" it might begin with Roosevelt.

Voted For Strike.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Philadelphia, Pa., July 13—Seventy-five percent of the trainmen and conductors of the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburg have voted to strike, according to an unofficial announcement made here this afternoon.

CONTINUOUS STREAM OF POLITICIANS

Sagamore Hill the Mecca of Men and Politicians of All Opinions

ONE GOES, TWO COME

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 13—After the longest conference in the history of Sagamore Hill, Governor Charles E. Hughes, advocate of direct primaries, left today without making a comment, having spent the night with Theodore Roosevelt.

He left to make way for Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York state republican committee, and one of his enemies. He said he would go to Washington today to pick out his home.

The report was current after the governor's departure that the ex-president had determined to throw all his weight for a truce between the republican factions in New York, if possible, the direct primary the chief issue of the fall campaign. Failing to solidify his party, according to this report, he would lend his influence toward the support of the direct primary advocates, who have had Governor Hughes as a leader.

The meeting between the governor and the ex-president was the longest ever known at Oyster Bay, and was unprecedented, according to the oldest inhabitants and other wisacres, in that never before had a purely political visitor stayed over night at the home of Mr. Roosevelt.

"All I can say is that I have had a most delightful visit; I have nothing to say regarding politics," was as far as Governor Hughes would commit himself on his departure.

Mr. Roosevelt bade farewell to the governor with many handshakes and smiles.

"I can't give a statement now as to Governor Hughes' visit," said Mr. Roosevelt, when the anxious newspaper men were assembled before him. "I am expecting to see Mr. Woodruff today and after that I may have something to say."

Mr. Roosevelt and Congressman Chas. M. Fowler, of New Jersey, who defied Speaker Cannon and was ousted from an important committee chairmanship as a consequence, were others for whose arrival preparations were made this morning.

Mr. Woodruff reached Sagamore Hill at noon in an automobile. When asked the purpose of the visit, Mr. Woodruff replied with a smile: "Politics, I suppose."

Colonel Roosevelt was waiting on the veranda for the state chairman (Continued On Page Five.)

STEAMER DESTROYED BY AN EARTH QUAKE

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(By Cable to The Times.)

London, July 13—A volcanic eruption in mid-sea totally destroyed the German steamer Attika on July 6 according to dispatches received by Lloyds today. The steamer's crew was saved by the French steamer Radiolene. The Attika was bound from Novorossisk for Algiers, when, on July 6, she was suddenly heaved high on the crest of a gigantic wave. She buckled and her hatches broke open. So quickly did she fill that the crew barely escaped in the boats, and they had a hard fight to keep the small craft afloat in the terrific wash of the sea. According to the sailors, the water was warm and of a dark red hue. The Frenchman landed the crew at Oran.

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SWITCH OPENED AND TRAIN WRECKED

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, July 13—Six persons were severely injured and more than a hundred, many of them women, were badly shaken up and bruised, when an express on the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad ran into an open switch early today near Prince's Bay.

Officials of the road believe that the switch was opened by someone intent upon causing a wreck and detectives have been assigned to make an investigation.

A freight train passed over this portion of the track half an hour ahead of the passenger train and everything was all right then.

Whiskey and love never affect two men in exactly the same way.