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RECORD OF LIVE-SAVERS

1,463 DISASTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SERVICE--ONLY 53 LIVES LOST

74 VESSELS WERE LOST

Washington, Jan. 2.—Out of a total of 6,661 persons involved in 1,463 disasters to vessels of all classes within the scope of the United States Life-Saving Service, only 53 lives were lost and but 74 vessels were completely destroyed, according to the annual report of S. I. Kimball, general superintendent of the service, for the fiscal year which ended June 30th last.

The greatest number of casualties reported was in connection with craft without documents, such as sailboats, launches and rowboats, 1,046 accidents having occurred to such craft with 3,013 persons aboard, and a total of 14 lives having been lost. There were 3,648 persons aboard 417 documented vessels reported in distress by keepers of life-saving stations, and the total number lost was 39.

Of the 1,463 vessels of all kinds which met with accidents, the life-savers rendered assistance to 1,407, valued with property at \$10,179,230. Of these vessels, 1,375 were rescued by the life-savers, and 137 were lost. The rescue of 137 persons from drowning, surgical cases, and persons suffering from gunshot wounds, broken limbs or burns, and the recovery of 150 bodies of persons who had met death by jumping or falling from piers and bridges, breaking through the ice or in other ways. Nine of this number were suicides.

The net expenditures for maintaining the service throughout the year were \$2,249,375.68. The enactment of the bill passed at the last session of Congress by the Senate providing retirement pay for members of the life-saving service and others of the field service incapacitated for duty is urged in the report.

Who Will Christen The Arkansas?

Washington, Jan. 2.—Officials of the Navy Department are non-plussed by the announcement from Little Rock that Governor Donaghey, of Arkansas, has designated Miss Marion Clarke, daughter of Senator James P. Clarke, to christen the battleship Arkansas. The Department already has named Miss Mary L. Macon, daughter of Representative R. B. Macon, of Arkansas, for the honor.

This action was taken, it is said, after the receipt of a telegram from Governor Donaghey declining to appoint a sponsor because of lack of time to make the necessary arrangements. To meet the situation, and in order that Arkansas might not be deprived of the honor of christening her name-sake in the navy by a daughter of the State, Secretary Meyer took up the matter with Representative Macon, who was in Washington at the time, and ascertained that the Congressman's daughter would be willing to act as sponsor. Accordingly the Secretary advised the President of the New York Shipbuilding Company, the builders of the Arkansas, that Miss Macon would be the sponsor. There the matter rests as no further word has yet been received from Governor Donaghey.

Of all the monopolists the one we most detest is he who monopolizes conversation and prevents us from getting in our word.

THE WEATHER

We presume that the weather factory is taking holiday today, New Year's Day, legal holiday, as the Weather Bureau did not send us any bulletin.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Chapel Hill, Jan. 2.—Dr. William B. MacNider, of the University of North Carolina Medical School, was Friday elected a member of the Council of American Pharmacologists at the meeting in New Bern.

Buena Vista, Va., Jan. 2.—Fire early Saturday in the business section did damage to the extent of \$15,000. Insurance of about \$12,000 covered the losses. Brown Brothers' general store was the heaviest loser, it being damaged \$8,000, with half that amount of insurance.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 2.—L. M. Hunter, charged with having forged checks on several Charlotte banks, was brought here Saturday from Harve de Grace, Md., and turned over to the Federal authorities. Hunter came here several weeks ago and posed as a manufacturer investigating a site for a big plant. He instantly won the confidence of local capitalists and lived high for a week.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Saturday took the oath of office as additional Circuit Judge of the United States, thus becoming automatically a member of the new Commerce Court.

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 2.—In the final round of the seventh annual holiday week golf tournament Saturday Walter J. Travis, of Garden City, former American and British champion, defeated Paul M. Hunter, of Midlothian, two up and one to play.

Westfield, Mass., Jan. 2.—Following the discovery of an alleged shortage of nearly \$60,000 in the funds of the Westfield Savings bank, the treasurer of the institution, V. W. Crowson, was placed under arrest and arraigned in court. According to a statement issued by State Bank Commissioner Arthur D. Chapin, Crowson has confessed to misappropriation of the funds of the bank.

LEADS THE WORLD AS A COALING CENTER

Hampton Roads Shipments For Year Exceeds Cardiff By 2,000,000 Tons.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 2.—Hampton Roads became the leading coal shipping center of the world during the year ending Saturday night. More than ten million tons of coal went over the docks at Lamberts Point, on the Norfolk side, and the Newport News piers in nineteen and ten, giving Hampton Roads a lead of about two million tons over Cardiff, until now recognized as the world's greatest coal port.

Of the ten million tons four millions were dumped at the C. & O. piers here, while the six million were handled by the N. & W. at Lamberts Point and the Virginian at Sewalls Point. It is estimated that the three railroads received fifteen million dollars in freight charges.

Local agents say that the new record will be exceeded in nineteen eleven, and that when the Panama Canal is opened Hampton Roads will send out fifteen million tons of coal and upwards annually.

Disappointed In Love, Young Man Kills Himself.

Sheppards, Va., Jan. 2.—Archer Duncan committed suicide Friday afternoon by shooting himself in his temple with a pistol at the store of James Gills.

Mr. Duncan was a very bright and handsome young man. It is reported that disappointment in love caused him to kill himself.

GONZALES IS INTERVIEWED

LEADER OF MEXICAN INSURGENTS TELLS OF HIS POLICY AND HIS PLANS

FIGHT IS AGAINST DIAZ

Presidio, Mex.—Abraham Gonzales, leader of the insurgent forces operating near Ojinaga and provisional Governor of Chihuahua, has given an interview to the Associated Press correspondent at Mulato.

This is the first statement made by any of the insurgent leaders in the field.

Gonzales talked frankly telling of the policy of the insurgents and their plans.

"The independents now control the greater part of Chihuahua," said he "we could capture any of the outlying garrisoned towns at any time but in turn we would have to establish garrisons in these cities, thus taking many fighting men from the field.

"We did not expect to defeat the Diaz army in a day or a month. We have accomplished all that we set out to do up to date."

"The independents control a section of the railroad, thus holding the garrisons at Juarez, Ojinaga, Pedernales and Laguna helpless in their barracks. We have checked every effort to send reinforcements north and control several hundred miles of the border.

"This gives us an opportunity to recruit our armies and train our eager recruits. Every day increases our strength. When we are ready to strike we will strike and Diaz will be shaken from his throne.

"The independents will protect the property and lives of Americans and other foreigners. We come as liberators, not as invaders.

"The independents are not fighting Mexico, they are fighting the Diaz government."

Gonzales talked slowly in halting English, turning now and then to a young officer for aid in translating his words.

"Of our immediate plans I cannot, of course, speak. We have opened the door for our countrymen who wish to fight and we are arming and drilling them as fast as they come.

"We want simple justice. We want the right to vote as we believe. The courts, the great instrument of Diaz's tyranny next to the army, must be made court of law, not tools of oppression.

"The men who have organized this uprising will fight until all are dead. They are confident of victory."

BRYAN FEARS DISCORD.

Hesitates to Send Letter to Baltimore Diners Lest He Spoil Harmony.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—William J. Bryan has informed Albert L. Almon, Baltimore, Md., that he can not attend the Jackson Day celebration on January 17th, it is stated. Mr. Bryan says:

"It will be impossible for me to be present, and I hesitate to send a letter to be read at the celebration lest it might prove a discordant note, if, as I would infer from the preliminary arrangement, those who originated it are dissatisfied with the last Democratic national platform.

"That party was satisfactory to the party two years ago and is satisfactory to the rank and file now. The victory of last month was, in my judgment, largely due to the fact that several planks of the platform had already been vindicated by events, and events have, since the election, vindicated other planks."

The boaster's story of his life is too much like the historical novel,—one part truth to three parts fiction.

TREASURY BETTER OFF

BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR SHOWS IMPROVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY'S FINANCE

TO ISSUE PANAMA BONDS

Washington, Jan. 2.—The coming of a New Year finds the finances of the United States Treasury far improved over the condition in which the business of 1910 was begun, having spent some \$26,000,000 more than it had taken in. That sum took no account of the extraordinary expenditures for the Panama Canal.

The beginning of 1911 finds that deficit reduced to \$6,000,000 and the total deficit, including Panama expenditures, reduced to almost \$26,000,000 on all accounts—practically half of what it was a year ago.

The year closes with about \$86,000,000 in the general fund and a working balance of \$34,000,000 in the Treasury offices, both considerably lower than a year ago. This is considered by the Treasury officials a remarkable showing in the face of the fact that more than \$130,000,000 has been advanced out of ordinary funds for the canal construction. The showing seems to sustain Secretary MacVeagh's declaration that the Treasury would be able to keep an even keel until Congress passed legislation to allow an issue of securities upon the plans which Mr. MacVeagh has laid down.

Such a plan as Mr. MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich have so far worked out contemplates the issue of \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000 of Panama bonds, not to be available for national bank circulation, and at a rate of interest high enough to make them attractive to investors. Such a plan promises to develop into legislation when Congress settles down to work.

HE LIVED THREE WEEKS WITH DEAD IN HOUSE.

Decomposed Body of Cleveland Man's Wife and Daughter Found.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 1.—For three weeks, while the dead bodies of his wife, Anna, and three-year-old daughter, Hermina, lay decomposed in an upstairs room, Herman Mielke ate and slept in a downstairs room at his home.

Mielke, who is a paroled workhouse prisoner, went to police court Saturday to report to Probation officer Vinning. While there he told Vinning that he has just discovered the death of his wife and daughter.

Mielke said that he and his wife quarreled two weeks ago because he kicked their collie dog, and that he had not seen her or the child since. He said he supposed she had run away, until Saturday when odors issuing from her bed room led him to investigate. He claimed that he found a bottle that had contained chloroform by her side.

Quail Released Mate.

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 2.—"The quail is a remarkable bird," declares Mr. Metcalf, of Providence, a cottager here, "and I haven't been reading Roberts, Long or Seton-Thompson Early in the week we caged a pair of wild birds which had been brought in to my daughter by a native. Shortly after the male escaped.

"For two days he was missing, then, returning, he hovered about, and at the first opportunity, pecked at the button on the door until he was able to open the exit and release his mate. "You can talk about loons playing tic and crows counting, but I guess the quail comes in for some consideration, too.

"Don't believe it?" The fact, however, remains," concluded Mr. Metcalf with conviction.

CANDIDATES FOR U. S. SENATE REPORTED OUT

HOWEVER EX-GOV. AYCOCK SAYS HE IS NOT IN RACE--KITCHEN NON-COMMITTAL

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Special dispatches from Washington to the effect that ex-Governor Aycock and Governor Kitchin are both active candidates for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Simmons two years hence has created considerable comment here. Asked about the matter Ex-Governor Aycock said that he is not and will not be a candidate. On the other hand Governor Kitchin made this response to the inquiry:

"The Washington story is interesting but I have no statement to make about its subject matter at this time."

The situation seems to narrow down to the conclusion that the senatorial contest will be between Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin, the fight to be between them exclusively in the event there is primary expression on the senatorship. Then if the question goes into the Legislature without primary expression ex-Governor Aycock might be drawn in for the election through a deadlock between Simmons and Kitchin.

SHOOT'S CAFE PROPRIETOR.

Wholesale Merchant of Laurinburg, in Difficulty Over Settlement of Bill For Oysters, Seriously Wounds Restaurant Keeper.

Laurinburg, Jan. 2.—A most unfortunate shooting affair occurred here Friday night in the "Busy Bee Cafe," in which Peter Tsumas was the victim.

Mr. Lonnie Hammond, a member of the firm of Covington-Hammond Company, wholesale grocers, had recently sold some oysters to the "Busy Bee," and there had arisen some dispute as to the settlement. It was while the parties were endeavoring to settle the matter that the dispute arose which led to the shooting immediately after the bill had been paid. It is said that as Mr. Hammond was about to leave the cafe, Tsumas asaulted him with a stick which was the beginning of the real difficulty. There are contradictions as to the succeeding occurrences.

Mr. Hammond contended that he fired the shot in defense of himself as the proprietor was about to fire upon him. He surrendered to the chief of police and was placed under a bond of \$5,000 by Recorder W. P. Benton for his appearance at court.

The bullet entered the left side, shattering one rib and lodging against the spinal column. A portion of the body is slightly paralyzed. The bullet has not yet been removed. His general condition at this time is reported to be uncertain.

Athletics May Play in Japan.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 2.—Business Manager Frank Bancroft, of the Cincinnati Nationals, who has taken baseball clubs to foreign countries, expects to add another country to his list after the next world's series. Japan is the country Bancroft expects to storm, and his army of invasion will consist, he says, of the Philadelphia Americans, whose recent trip to Cuba he had charge of.

Greensboro Man Killed by Train.

Greensboro, Jan. 2.—Andrew Weatherly, a well known Greensboro real estate and rental man, was run over and instantly killed by the incoming passenger train from Madison Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. His body was crushed almost beyond recognition, and at first the body was thought to be that of W. G. Jennings, another Greensboro man. Investigation showed that Mr. Jennings was at home.

It will require more than one coat of whitewash to renovate some politicians. Indeed, some of them need a disinfectant added to the lime.

2 AVIATORS ARE KILLED

MOISANT AND HOXSEY DARING AIRMEN HAD FATAL FALLS ON SATURDAY

TREACHEROUS CURRENTS

John B. Moisant and Arch Hoxsey, aviators extraordinary, were killed Saturday. Both fell out of the treacherous air currents with their machines—neither from a vast height—and Moisant's remaining minutes of life were so few as to count as naught. Hoxsey was killed instantly.

Moisant met his death at 9:55 a. m., attempting to alight in a field a few miles from New Orleans, La. Hoxsey, who went into the air early in the afternoon at Los Angeles, lay at 2:12 p. m. a crushed, lifeless mass in view of the thousands who were watching the aviation tournament.

Moisant's Record.

Thus the last day of 1910, in bringing the total number of deaths of aviators to 30, capped the list with two of the most illustrious of those airmen who have been writing the history of aviation in the sky of two continents. Moisant, a Chicagoan by birth, after an adventurous life in Central America, became interested in aviation in France less than a year ago. After soaring into public recognition by his plucky flight from Paris across the English channel to London with a passenger, Moisant's fearlessness and resourcefulness were exhibited frequently. Finding himself without a machine, he purchased one from a friend for \$10,000 and within ten minutes started on his winning flight from Belmont Park, N. Y., around the Statue of Liberty, winning a prize of \$10,000.

Saturday a sudden puff of wind caught him within 500 feet of the earth, turned his machine over and a broken neck terminated his career.

Hoxsey's Achievements.

Arch Hoxsey, after a year of uniform success with the Wright aeroplanes, had gained a name for daring and competence in the air. Only in the past week he set a new world's record for altitude of 11,474 feet and then, to show his contempt for the earth, sailed majestically more than 4,000 feet above the highest mountain in California Saturday he ran afoul of the same kind of boiling, treacherous wind within some 500 feet from the earth, and a minute later a horrified crowd, aroused from its shock, was rushing madly to where a broken mass of humanity lay beneath a torn bit of canvas and some broken spars.

Both met death in almost the same manner. Each machine was headed for the earth and suddenly seemed to stop, hover in the air, then "turn over onto its nose" and dive headlong to the earth—and to destruction.

With Hoxsey and Moisant, twenty-seven aviators and their passengers were killed last year in falls from heavier-than-air machines, against five in the two years previous. And those three years comprise the working history of the sport, for it was in 1908, that Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, U. S. A., fell with Orville Wright in the first public trial of an aeroplane at Fort Meyer. He was the first passenger and the first man killed in a self-sustained machine. The other American dead, all killed this year, are Johnstone, Hoxsey and Moisant.

COTTON MARKET

The New York cotton exchange was closed today, the day being observed as New Year's day and a holiday. Spots were bringing from 14 1-2 to 14 2-4 on the Wilson market today. Receipts here were light.