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## WRIGHT BREAKS RECORD.

**Goes 1,600 Feet Up Above the Earth. Crown Prince of Germany Greatly Enjoys Trip in Wright's Machine.**

Potsdam, Germany, Oct. 2.—Orville Wright the American aviator today broke his own and all other records for high flying. He reached the unprecedented height of more than 1,600 feet, although an official measurement was not taken. He had a red letter day in a double sense in his experience as an aviator, taking up Crown Prince Frederick William and more than doubling the altitude record which he made recently over the same field.

The Crown Prince had been constantly urging Wright, since he first saw the American fly, to take him up as a passenger. Wright evaded this responsibility while making flights at the Tempelhof field, owing to the unfavorable winds, but since the beginning of the flights at Bornstedt field, near Potsdam, the Prince had been telephoning the aviator every morning, asking him if he was ready to gratify his request. Wright finally consented today.

When he returned to the earth Wright, speaking of his marvelous flight, said:

"I never flew so high before. No measurement was taken, but I estimate that I reached an altitude of 500 meters (1,637 feet). It is difficult to gauge height, but I make the estimate from the time it took me from the starting point to the greatest altitude.

"Immediately after rising, I set the height rudder at the maximum and kept climbing steadily for fifteen minutes, until the field and adjacent country reminded me of the picture I had from Zeppelin's airship, only things seemed smaller.

"The descent I made in five minutes. I came down at a simply terrific speed. The whole machine shook as it rushed through the air, but my sensations were just the same as in lower altitudes. The air was no colder and the wind resistance was no greater."

With regard to his passenger, the Crown Prince, Mr. Wright said:

"The Prince did not say much more than 'fine,' during the flight, but I was able to read his impressions from his face. I never took up a passenger who looked so pleased. He just smiled when we started, and he kept smiling all along. I felt a great responsibility in having the future German Emperor as a passenger. Not that I mistrusted the machine, but any little irregularity might cause the people anxiety. I stayed low at first, but the Prince kept urging me to go higher."

## 13,000,000 PASSENGERS

**Record of New York Street Cars During Hudson-Fulton Week.**

New York, Oct. 3.—Thirteen millions of passengers—to be exact, 12,964,716—is the record in transportation which the Interborough Rapid Transit Company reported today as having been set by the subway and elevated lines during the seven days from Saturday, September 25, to Friday, October 1, inclusive. This count did not include Saturday's tally of passengers, which is thought to have been greater than that of any other day of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Company officials think that on Saturday 2,000,000 and more passengers paid their fares, the count not yet being completed, thus bringing the number of passengers carried in eight days of the big show up to 15,000,000. Besides those who paid to ride the company had issued 10,000 passes to the officers and men of the visiting fleets and to the accredited delegates from other countries.

Salt Lake City had three earthquake shocks Tuesday.

## BENSON NOTES.

Mr. H. L. Hall spent several days recently at his old home in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Bryan and children, of Clayton, and Mrs. Dr. Hood, of Kenly, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parrish.

Others who have been visiting in our town recently are Miss Pauline Branham, of Smithfield; Mr. Wm. Hatcher, of Cumberland county, and Mr. Moses Peacock, of Greensboro.

On last Monday night some unknown rascals went to the home of Mr. Marvin Johnson, opened the window blind and tried to enter his sleeping room. Mr. Johnson ran them away from the window and they went to another window and to the door and tried to force an entrance. Mr. Johnson did not have a gun and could not persuade the trespassers to leave for several minutes.

By an error in last week's issue of The Herald your correspondent was made to say that the Hall Hardware Co. had sold its business to Messrs. Royal and Armfield, when it should have been the Wall Hardware Co. The Hall Hardware and Furniture Co. is still doing a thriving business at the old stand.

On the night of October 29, the young men of the two literary societies of the Benson High school will give a public entertainment consisting of a debate, declamations, orations, etc. These young men are doing some hard work for this occasion and no doubt will do credit to themselves. Everybody invited to attend.

In the month of September, 1909, there was sold on the Benson market over 1900 bales of cotton as against 1500 in September, 1908. Over one thousand bales were weighed here last week and up to Saturday night there had been between 2500 and three thousand bales marketed here this season. Benson is one of the best markets anywhere, always paying highest prices for all kinds of produce and selling goods as cheap as they can be bought anywhere else.

## REPORTER.

Benson, Oct. 6.

## ROCKEFELLER TALKS JOB.

**Tells Sunday School Boys How To Get and Keep One.**

Cleveland, Oct. 3.—"Work just as hard when the boss is away as when he is watching," is John D. Rockefeller's motto for holding a job, as related by him to his Sunday school boys, at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, this morning.

First Mr. Rockefeller told how to obtain a job, by establishing a reputation for honesty, industry and sobriety. Mr. Rockefeller philosophized from his own experience in life, so he said. Incidentally he remarked that last Sunday was the fifty-fourth anniversary of the date when he obtained his first job. He was footsore and weary when at last he found a chance to go to work. Then he was told to call again.

"I was told to call after luncheon. A gentleman who knew me was hunted up by my prospective employer," Mr. Rockefeller said. "He told all about me and I got the job. Remember boys when you look for a job, employers will inquire about you, and it is a good thing to have a reputation for honesty, as is not only proper, but profitable, especially do they inquire of your pastor and teacher. A boy must not necessarily be smart to hold a position, but he must be honest, sober and diligent."

## Card of Thanks.

I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to the good people in and around Smithfield for their help and kindnesses to me during the sickness and death of my wife. May the Lord bless them abundantly is the sincere wish of my heart.

Oct. 5. W. R. CORBETT.

## JAMES BRYCE TO ATTEND.

**English Statesman to be Chief Speaker at State Literary and Historical Meeting in Raleigh in November.**

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 4.—Hon. James Bryce, the distinguished ambassador from Great Britain to the United States, will be the chief speaker for the annual meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association November 4th. This is the gratifying announcement made today by Mr. Clarence H. Poe, secretary-treasurer of the Association.

There was an unsuccessful effort to have Mr. Bryce here for the meeting last year and Mr. Bryce manifested so much interest that the invitation was successfully renewed this year. He is to prepare a special address for the society and the meeting this year is sure to be one of the chief happenings in the State in recent years. Another notable feature of the annual session this year will be the completion and presentation to the State of the marble bust of William A. Graham just completed by the distinguished Sculptor Ruckstuhl for the North Carolina Historical Commission. Capt. Thomas W. Mason and Mr. Frank Nash are to deliver addresses on the life and character of Governor Graham. Mr. Junius Davis, of Wilmington, is president of the Literary Association and his address will involve some phase of North Carolina history to which much personal research is being devoted.

The Association proposes to take up during the coming year the work of bringing about the proper marking of historical sites in North Carolina; the Association and the State Historical Commission joining in a campaign to this end all over the State.

## FATAL MINE EXPLOSION.

**At Least Thirty Lives Lost and More Than Fifty Men Entombed.**

Nanaimo, B. C., Oct. 5.—Thirty lives are known to have been lost in an explosion that entombed more than 50 men in the Extension mine of the Wellington Colliery Company here today. Twenty-five of the imprisoned men were rescued, but the rapidly spreading fire prevented the rescuers from completing their work. Eight bodies were recovered and the workers late tonight were making every effort to force further entrance into the two levels affected by the explosion in an effort to save any who may be living and to recover the bodies of the dead before they are consumed.

The fire was constantly gaining headway tonight and while it continues there is little hope of the rescuers being able to reach the imprisoned men. All the men rescued were badly injured.

The men employed in the collieries on Vancouver island are of the better class of British miners, are well paid and have comfortable homes.

The Wellington Colliery Company which owns the Extension mine is controlled by British Columbia capitalists, Lieut. Gov. Jas. Dunsmuir being the head of the corporation.

## Legislator a Blind Tiger.

Danville, Ky., Oct. 4.—Col. E. W. Lillard, representative of this (Boyle) county in the Kentucky Legislature, was fined \$3,300 in the police court in this city today on forty-five warrants charging him with the illegal sale of liquor. Colonel Lillard, who has been proprietor of a drug store in Danville for many years, was allowed to pay \$300 as full satisfaction of judgment under the condition that his store be closed permanently.

Justice William Jay Gaynor, of the New York State Supreme Court, has been nominated for Mayor of Greater New York by the Democratic convention.

## TO STUDY LAW AT FIFTY.

**Capt. Sealby Who Commanded The Republic When She sank Now at University of Michigan.**

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 2.—Capt. Inman Sealby, commander of the White Star Line steamer Republic, when she was sunk last January, after a collision with the Italian steamer Florida, has entered the University of Michigan as a freshman law student at the age of 50.

The collision, with the litigation which has followed to determine the responsibility for it, turned Capt. Sealby's attention to admiralty law and its opportunities.

"I want to be treated like any other freshman in Ann Arbor," Capt. Sealby said today. "If there is any ducking of freshmen I want my share."

"How did I come to pick Michigan for my college? Naturally enough. I had heard favorably of Michigan in all the countries I had visited all over the world, and especially had I heard the law school highly commended. Then, I have a brother living in Marine City, so that I was not unacquainted out this way."

Capt. Sealby is not the only sea Captain studying Admiralty law in Michigan University. Capt. Irving Evans, who resigned the command of the United States steamship, the General Gillespie, to enter Michigan, will graduate here in June. He, too, is making a specialty of Admiralty law.

The report of the National Cotton Ginners' Association issued last week gives the condition of cotton as 60.2.

The local option election at Roanoke, Va., Thursday resulted in a victory for the "wets," the majority being 69.

## HOWE'S LONDON SHOWS.

**No Money Has Been Spared to Make This Show a Complete Success.**

This year the show has been enlarged so as to rank with any tented organization on the road. Thousands of dollars have been spent in improving every department.

No one who is not in touch with the great show can form any idea of the immensity of it. It is a small city in itself, constantly on the move, but with all kinds of mechanical provisions for its running.

With the monster show are its own minister, surgeon, barbers, blacksmiths, electricians and others.

In the culinary department are employed fifteen cooks and thirty-six waiters, besides assistant cooks, meat cutters and pastry cooks.

A circus is a splendid object lesson in system-perfect system.

This is seen in the unloading of the cars and in every detail of the work. Every man is held responsible for his particular duty.

When Howe's Great London Show exhibits here its well-known coterie of funny fellows, as well as the large number of features which are not allowed to be clowning, will attract large crowds to the tents of this popular show. The big show comes to Smithfield, Monday, October 18, 1909.

## Babies' Death Toll.

Three hundred and seventy-five thousand babies under one year of age died during the last year in the United States—one half from gastro-enteric diseases.

It is this grim total of deaths of the innocents that impels the American Academy of Medicine to hold a meeting with sociologists and educators at New Haven on November 11-12 for a conference on the prevention of infant mortality.

In cold figures, economists figure that the financial value of every baby is \$90, so that the total loss to the nation each year is \$33,750,000.—Washington Herald.

## CLAYTON NEWS.

Mr. A. J. Barbour returned Wednesday from Richmond and other points where he has been for several days on business matters.

Mr. W. M. Whitley returned to his home at Archer Tuesday after spending several days here, the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. S. Penny.

Mr. John W. Yelvington, of the Polenta section, was in town last Saturday on business. Mr. Yelvington is having a System gin installed at his place and will be ready to serve his friends in a few days. He will also put in a saw mill during the winter. His machinery is all new and will be equipped with all the modern conveniences.

The Chas. W. Horne brick store on Main street is going up rapidly and when completed will add much to the appearance of that section of town. The Clayton Fruit Company will occupy it when completed.

Mr. Chas. R. Stott, a progressive mill and lumber man from Archer, spent Wednesday in town on business.

The continued upward tendency of the tobacco market and cotton playing around thirteen cents per pound makes the farmers carry a happy smile. Our townsman Hon. Asauey Horne, in an article in Tuesday's News and Observer says there is no reason why cotton should not reach fifteen cents in the near future. Mr. Horne is in close touch with the cotton world as well as the financial world and your humble correspondent knows of no one in Eastern Carolina or even the Old North State that can give with as much accuracy as he the future price of cotton. Colonel Horne has ever been the friend of the working man and his advice at this time when so many dollars are at stake with the cotton farmer should be considered well and then decided positively.

Mrs. Walter D. Wall, from Archer, is spending this week here with her brother, Mr. J. I. Barnes.

The patronage of Clayton High school continues to grow daily. Prof. Ray Funderburk, the Principal, is making every effort to enroll all the school children in town before the free school begins.

Dr. J. B. Robertson's new residence, Sunny Side, is nearing completion and is modern and up-to-date in every detail. The carpenters and painters are now giving it the finishing touches and in a few days it will be ready for occupation.

Mrs. Earnest Broughton, of Raleigh, was here Sunday, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ellis.

A few cases of scarlet fever have been reported in and near town but all seem to be doing well and no fear of an epidemic is entertained.

Hon. Ashley Horne spent Monday in the Capitol City on business.

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## Four Goldsboro Men Fight.

For a few days past John H. Sanders and William G. Kleinert, of Goldsboro, have been at work here. Last Friday night they went to the stores on the road near Smithfield Cotton Mills. There they met two other Goldsboro men, Pet and Ruffin Allen, who have been living here for some time. It seems they got to talking over some old matters and a fight ensued. Pet Allen caught J. H. Sanders by the shoulders and threw him into a ditch but this was not done until Sanders had cut him across the back a shallow gash about four inches long. Ruffin Allen and Kleinert fought. It appears that Kleinert got the worst part of it as his face was badly bruised. A trial was held at the court house Saturday and all of them were bound over to court.

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## Peary in New York.

Commander Peary and his Arctic ship, Roosevelt, was the feature of the big naval parade up the Hudson River Friday. The noted explorer, accompanied by his wife, was given a great ovation throughout the day by the millions of sightseers who had lined the banks to view one of the principal attractions of the Hudson-Fulton celebration. An accident to the steering gear of the Roosevelt caused some delay, but everybody joined in giving the explorer a welcome homecoming. The foreign vessels and other craft saluted the Roosevelt with all manner of noisy signals. Commander Peary and his wife did not tarry long in New York. They returned to their home in Maine Friday night.

During the year 1908 the telephone was adopted on 2357 miles of railroad.

## GREAT OVATION TO COOK.

**Immense Throngs Cheered Him In Washington Sunday. Told Story of Polar Quest to a Packed House.**

Having run up to the north pole and back, Dr. Frederick A. Cook dropped into Washington and turned the town upside down.

The person who thinks Dr. Cook allowed the glare of the arctic sun to enlarge his imagination at the expense of his veracity didn't seem to be on hand. He refused to mingle in one of the largest crowds that in the history of Washington has ever turned out to welcome any returning hero in public life or out of it.

And through it all the explorer was just what the reports have made him out to be—quiet, reserved, telling his story in a way that brought friends to him at the end of every sentence. Those who came to listen and to form their own conclusions went away from the National Theater at the end of the lecture with hands red from clapping. Those who helped swell the crowd that met Dr. Cook's train at the Union Station just before supper time went away with voices hoarse from yelling.

The crowd at the station reached close to the 10,000 mark, and nearly got out of the control of the police. The turnout at the theater filled every seat, downstairs and up, and in the boxes. Dr. Cook showed wonderful pictures of the frozen north, in which the muffled figures of lonely men could hardly be seen in the Arctic haze. And he told his story to an intensely interested audience of well-clad and comfortable cosmopolitans which, every here and there in the course of the narrative, interrupted with spontaneous outbursts of applause.

One new feature of the Cook-Peary controversy came out in an interview the newspaper men had with the explorer in the New Waldorf.

Dr. Cook was asked if he would be willing to submit his data to American scientific societies before he submitted them to the authorities of the University of Copenhagen. He said he could not do this, as he had promised the Danes to let them have his notes first. Then he added he would be willing to give them first to the Danes, then to geographic and other scientific organizations in this country, with the provision that the announcement of the verdicts on both sides of the ocean should be made at the same time.

"That amounts to the same thing, so far as the public is concerned," said the explorer.

In regard to a query as to whether he would try to round out the globe and discover the south pole, Dr. Cook laughed and said he would not.

"The situation with regard to the south pole," he said, "will undoubtedly be settled in not such a very long time. It is an easier quest, from the standpoint of geographical conditions there, and I look to see it discovered before long."—Washington Herald.

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