

TWO OF BALLOONS IN NATIONAL RACE NOT HEARD FROM

All of Ten Other Entries
Down, With 405 Miles as
Best Record; Perils
Are Narrated.

PITTSBURGH, May 6.—Two balloons that left here Saturday in the national elimination balloon race had not been reported to headquarters here today. The ten other entries were down at points in Pennsylvania and New York.

Of those reporting, the Goodyear VII apparently had covered the greatest distance of 405 miles, although all figures were unofficial and were based on cursory estimates.

The Detroit Balloon club entry's pilot, Svend Hassmussen, reported to headquarters this morning that he had landed yesterday near Camden, N. Y. He estimated the distance traveled roughly at 300 miles.

Tales of battles with the elements and in one instance a near collision with an air mail plane were told by balloonists who took part in the national elimination balloon race.

Captain H. R. Honeywell, pilot of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce entry, who landed at Middletown, N. Y., said in a message received here "we rained into a mountain, rattled wind, snow, rain and fierce blizzard and narrowly escaped being dumped into Lake Canandaigua."

Lieutenant U. G. Ent, aide on army No. 1, which landed near Branch, N. Y., reported he and Captain W. J. Flood, pilot, went through rain, snow and hail, narrowly escaped being struck by a plane and were nearly dumped out once when a drag pole caught in a tree. Lieutenant Ent recently received the distinguished service flying cross for his heroism in last year's race when he piloted to the ground the blazing balloon in which his pilot, Lieutenant Paul Evert, was killed by lightning.

Collides With Mountain.
Honeywell said that although the barograph showed the "St. Louis" to be up 2,000 feet, "we suddenly rained into a mountain side."

He added that a "quick ballast heave prevented serious damage and got us over the top." He said the balloon collided with the mountain about 11 o'clock last night.

The Clayton, Mo., veteran of the air, said his balloon was nearly grounded at 2 o'clock in the morning when it ran into a terrific rainstorm, followed by snow and wind. At one time, he said, it was believed the bag had drifted over the ocean, but later it was found to have been a lake, possibly Lake Canandaigua. "We saw our 300-foot drag rope trailing in water and we worked like the devil to get back to safety," Honeywell telegraphed.

WORLD PEDALERS

GLASGOW.—Dr. J. H. Bell, and the son of the late Captain T. L. Bell of Glasgow Cathedral, J. T. R. Lennie, left Liverpool recently on a bicycle trip that will take them around the world. It is estimated that the trip will take four years.

ATTENTION PATRIARCHS

All members of Union Encampment 1, O. O. F., who possibly can, are requested to go to Oakland Tuesday to attend the funeral of Patriarch Ed Richards at 2 o'clock p. m.

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Mooney and Billings, 13 Years in Prison, May Be Freed As Innocent Of Bomb Outrage That Killed Ten

WHAT PRISON LIFE HAS DONE TO MOONEY

BY PHILIP J. SINNOTT
NEA Service Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Thirteen years ago he was strong, youthful and energetic. Today he is weak, white-haired, emaciated by years of ill health. A dozen years of prison life have broken him physically, although his fighting spirit is still as alive and vibrant as ever.

Tom Mooney, about whom those two contrasting pictures are painted, is still in prison. Some time this spring, however, he may get out. For Governor C. C. Young has promised to make a thorough study of the 600 pounds of affidavits, briefs and other documents that make up the records on his case, and to take some definite action on his long-standing plea for a pardon.

It was in 1917 that Mooney entered San Quentin penitentiary after spending approximately a year in jail. He had been convicted of first degree murder. A jury found him guilty of hurling a bomb that exploded along the line of march in a great preparedness parade here in July, 1916, killing 18 people and injuring 35 more.

Mooney was sentenced to death. In 1918 his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Judge, Jurors Join Plea
Since that time the judge who tried and sentenced him has become convinced that Mooney is innocent. Nine of the ten surviving members of the jury that found him guilty have reached the same view. The San Francisco police captain who handled the investigation of the bombing also believes him innocent. Most of the evidence against Mooney has been proved false.

So, now, after 12 years of imprisonment, Mooney's case comes up for a rehearing. The most famous convict in the country—the man whose case has stirred comment and agitation from one end of the country to the other—is at last about to find out whether the world at large is ready, now, to believe his constant protests that he is innocent.

Mooney was a labor leader—a radical one. As such, he had plenty of enemies. In the early summer of 1915 he was in San Francisco, trying to pull off a big street car strike. The strike, for one reason or another, hung fire.

A few weeks after that came the preparedness parade and the bomb explosion. San Francisco was awaked to a high pitch. A man named Warren K. Billings, who had once served a term for illegal transportation of explosives, was arrested; and a day or so later the police swooped down on Mooney.

History of Case
It is necessary, now, for the reader to keep carefully in mind the next steps in the conviction of the two men.

Billings was tried first. District Attorney Charles M. Fickert and his chief assistant, James F. Brennan, produced as a witness one Estelle Smith, who swore Billings had called at her place of employment, carrying a suitcase, just before the explosion. Her identification of him was positive. Fickert and Brennan contended that Billings' suitcase held a bomb, and he was speedily convicted.

Then Mooney went to trial. Liberals in various parts of the country, convinced that he had been arrested more because of his labor agitation than because of evidence against him, raised a defense fund and sent the late Bourke Cochran, famous New York attorney, to defend him.

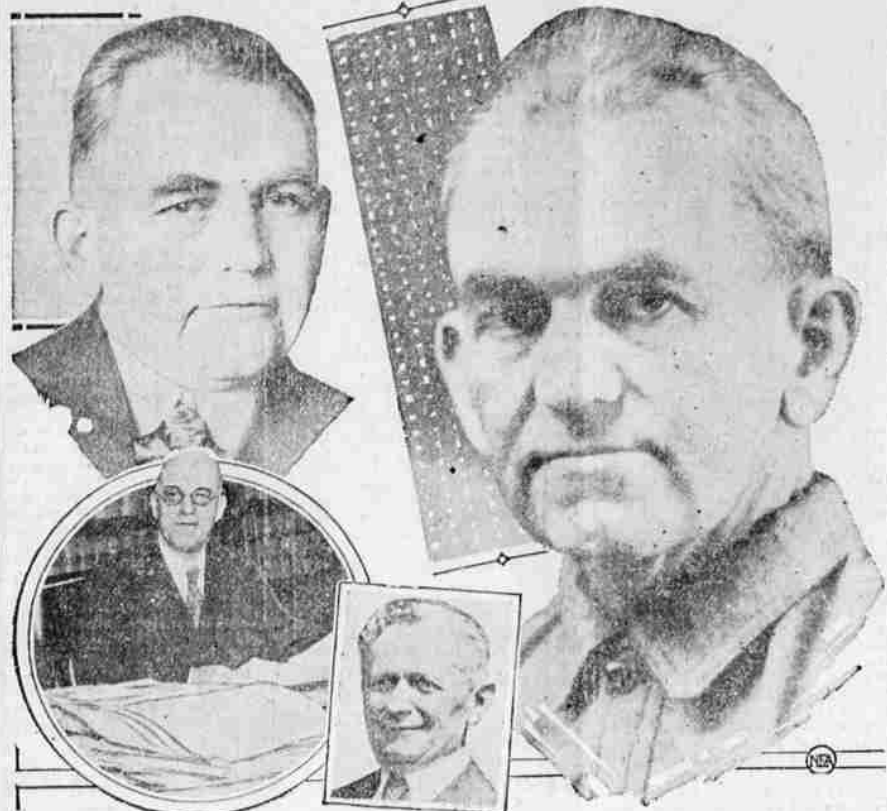
First the state produced two witnesses—Mrs. Mollie Edson and her daughter, Sadi, both of Oakland—who said they had seen Mooney at Stewart and Market streets, where the explosion took place, shortly before the tragedy. Then came the prosecution's trump card—Frank C. Oxman, "catleman." He swore that he had seen Mooney, Mrs. Mooney and Billings with a suitcase, at Stewart and Market streets a few minutes before the disaster. They

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The above pictures show what 13 years of prison life have done for Tom Mooney, who, it is expected, may soon be freed as an innocent man. At the left is the alleged San Francisco dynamiter at the time of his arrest in 1916, and at the right is Mooney as he appears today. Below (left), Charles A. Whitmore, private secretary to Governor Young of California, is shown with part of the mass of evidence which the executive is studying before taking action on the petitions for pardon. In the center is Governor Young.

were driven away in a taxicab, he said.

Sentenced to Hang
Mooney was convicted Judge Franklin Griffin denied his motion for a new trial and sentenced him to hang. An appeal was promptly taken to the state supreme court.

Months passed. Then Judge Griffin started California by writing the attorney general, U. S. Webb, to petition the state supreme court for a new trial.

Oxman, the judge declared, had written friends in Illinois, a few months before Mooney's trial, asking one to come to San Francisco to act as an expert witness, and had forwarded transportation money. Had he known this before, Judge Griffin said, he himself would have granted a new trial. Now, however, the case was out of his jurisdiction.

Webb asked for a new trial. The supreme court denied it.

President Wilson intervenes.
Meanwhile, the United States had entered the World war. Organized labor, which was being appealed to on every hand to stay put and help the great industrial machine win the war, had taken the conviction of Mooney and Billings much to heart. Indeed, labor got so disgusted about it that President Wilson, in May of 1917, wrote Governor Stephens of California asking him to postpone execution. At the same time he sent to California a commission, headed by Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, to investigate.

After months of study, this commission reported that Mooney should have a new trial.
John B. Denmore, then a solicitor for the labor department, did some extensive research work. In the fall of 1918 he reported that Billings' conviction was due to witnesses who had since been discredited, that Oxman was chiefly responsible for Mooney's conviction and that Oxman's credibility had been destroyed by his attempt to get other witnesses to perjure themselves.

A few days later Governor Stephens commuted Mooney's sentence to life imprisonment. Shortly thereafter, however, the U. S. supreme court refused to review the case. Mooney and Billings, apparently, were doomed to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Years passed by. Governor Stephens was succeeded by Governor F. W. Richardson. He refused to act on Mooney's case. Richardson was succeeded by Governor Young—who has finally agreed to review the entire mass of evidence.

"Perjury," Says Trial Judge
Judge Griffin, who originally sentenced Mooney to hang, is the most active worker of all for the man's pardon.

"There were only four witnesses against him, and every one has been proved a perjurer," he says.
Oxman was tried, on perjury charges growing out of his letter to his Illinois friend, but was acquitted. McDonald, a witness who testified against both Mooney and Billings, made an affidavit in New York that while he had seen men with a suitcase near the scene of the crime, the police had forced him to swear that the men were Mooney and Billings.

Former Policeman Drayner had testified that much of the police case against Mooney had been "framed."

Then, most sensational of all, Estelle Smith, the woman whose testimony convicted Billings, recently declared that she had never been positive that the man she saw was Billings. District Attorney Fickert and a detective employed by the street railway company, she

said, had forced, by threats of prison, to make her swear to his identity. A drug addict, she had taken morphine tablets throughout the trial, she added.

Prosecutor Is Defeated
Fickert, incidentally, was defeated for reelection in 1919, in a campaign in which the Mooney case was the issue. The man who defeated him, Matthew Brady, is still district attorney—and is one of those looking a pardon for the two men.

A pardon for Mooney, it is believed, would necessarily carry with it a pardon for Billings. Both men have insisted that they will never accept a parole. To do so, they say, would be a tacit admission of guilt.

So Mooney and Billings are waiting for a rehearing—after 13 years. Mooney is in bad shape physically. His hair is white; a scion of stomach ulcers have sapped his strength and emaciated his once powerful frame.
But he is still fighting—fighting for the justice that he says was denied him 13 years ago.

HESS MURDER CASE YIELDS NO NEW CLEW

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while still in the bedroom, or while fleeing from the house.

Mrs. Hess said that as she ran into the kitchen she could see a masked face at the window, but there was nothing by which she could identify the slayer, and there was nothing about his voice, when he commanded them to turn on the light and remain in the house, that would enable her to give any clue as to his identity.

Mr. Hess, she said, obeyed the command to turn on the light in the bedroom, and then sat down on the edge of the bed, appearing as if he intended to put on some of his clothing. Then he followed her into the kitchen and opened the back door, disregarding commands from the masked man to remain in the bedroom window to remain in the house. As they ran out the door, the woman stated, she heard another shot, and her husband groaned and fell.

There were powder burns both on the window and on Mr. Hess's night clothes.
Being unable to establish any motive for the killing, the officers are having a hard time to find any place from which to start their work. They have investigated every possibility so far brought to light, but have so far discovered nothing of a definite or tangible nature that might be of use to them. Ample footprints were furnished when the slayer tramped across the orchard and stood beneath the window, but these bear no distinguishing marks.

No arrangements have been made so far for an inquest, but it is expected that the official inquiry will take place Tuesday. The

funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Autopsy Performed
At the request of District Attorney Cordan a post mortem examination was performed on the body of Mr. Hess this morning by Dr. E. H. Stewart. The examination revealed that the bullet struck the breast bone and was deflected slightly downward and went through both cavities of the heart.

Whether or not it would be possible for a man shot in such a manner to run from the bedroom and out to the rear of the house is doubtful, yet the lack of a bullet mark in the house, officers state, would make it appear that Hess was shot as he turned over in his bed and partially raised himself to look out the window after the glass had been shattered. But again they are faced with the fact that there were powder burns both on the glass and on the man's night clothes.

Mrs. Hess said that her husband sat down on the bed and that he seemed to her behind her as she ran, so that it may be possible that he was hit before he left the building, and that the second shot, fired while they were fleeing went wild, or may even have been fired at the woman.

Further Investigation
Sheriff Jackson is this afternoon endeavoring to place the broken glass together, in an attempt to learn more regarding this phase of the case, which, although a small matter, may lead to further results in the attempt to reconstruct the killing. The officers are leaving undone in their effort to solve the mysterious murder. Sheriff Jackson is also making a further search in the house for signs of the bullet fired through the window.

There has been nothing produced so far, the officers state, to even warrant suspicion of any person and absolutely nothing in the way of a motive can be learned. An effort is being made to trace the ownership of the weapon through the serial number, but this may not be successful. At present the investigation is being largely confined to an effort to completely reconstruct the events connected with the murder, in the possibility that something may be learned from the actions of the slayer that will aid in locating him. A guard is being kept over the place night and day to prevent anything in the house from being touched, or changed until the investigation has been completed.

The son, Norman Hess, a student at the Adventist college, arrived yesterday from Walla Walla.

Funeral services are to be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of the Roseburg Undertaking company. Elder Westbrook of Eugene will officiate. Interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

From Coquille—
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Nash, Who Meets Padelford
on Season's Last Program,
Preparing to Leave
This Month.

Jack Nash, who is to meet Pat Padelford of Medford in the main event of a boxing card at the armory Wednesday night, is preparing to leave within a short time for Australia where he will spend the summer boxing season in company with a group of Portland athletes who are making the trip. Nash is a fast boxer and hard hitter who has been making a fine record. He was seen here recently in an exhibition match with the late Eddy Cartwright.

Nash and Padelford have had one previous meeting which was one of the hardest fights ever seen at Marshfield, where the two boys held their gory battle. Throwing science to the wind they pummeled each other through six hectic rounds to a draw decision. The boys became so angered that they refused to stop when the gong sounded to mark the end of the rounds, and had to be pulled apart. They later tried to fight again in the dressing rooms. Wednesday's fight will be a grudge match that should see both boxers slugging with every ounce of power and ability.

In fact, the entire card is made up of fights that show every indication of being slugfests. Austin Padelford, of Roseburg, meets Charley Wilson of Bandon in the semi-final, both boys being sluggers and clever boxers. Tiger Dunn of Roseburg is to meet Joe Corbett of Sutherland in the special event. Corbett having once fought Henry Brown here and having later having won several knockout fights around Klamath Falls.

The preliminaries are re-matches between Battling Jud and Young Franco and Kid Franco against Young Sayers, all of Roseburg. These boys furnished plenty of action on the last card and have been anxious to get back into the ring again to settle their differences, which were not decided to their individual satisfaction before.

Promoter Ward states that this will be the last card of the season, as other attractions during the late spring and summer makes it impossible to successfully produce boxing cards during that period of the year.

IN THE WRONG PLACE

The wife of a certain bishop was very ill, and required a serious operation. As she recovered from the anesthetic she was heard to murmur:

"Am I in heaven? Am I in Heaven? No, there's John."—Tit-Bits.

MODERN ART

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