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DO BATTLE FROM CLOUDS WITH AIR SHIPS

STRANGE CONTESTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TOMORROW WITH AEROPLANES.

FORECASTS NAVY'S DOOM

Airships in Great Numbers Will Contest for Prizes and Attempt to Establish Facts that Bombs Can Be Handled from Midair With Excellent Results—Navies of World May Be Incapacitated by Airships.

Boston, Sept. 2.—What military experts agree will be the most important tests ever made with aeroplanes as instruments of scientific warfare will be witnessed during the Harvard-Boston aviation meet, beginning tomorrow and continuing for ten days. All the preparations for the great meet of the bird men were completed today, and, with favorable winds and weather, the first flights will be made tomorrow.

As a result of the bomb-dropping contests to be held during the meet, some military authorities believe that the billions of dollars worth of battleships now constituting the navies of the world will be consigned to the junk heap, and rendered valueless save as scrap iron. It is possible, allege these experts, that entirely new types of battleships will become immediately necessary. These new vessels will be of the modern whaleback type, with rounded decks heavily armored for protection against missiles from above, with smokestacks completely protected against chance bombs that might be dropped into them and tear out the engines and furnaces, and with sky-pointing guns manned by runners trained to "wing" the flying hostile bird-men.

No less than a dozen heavier-than-air craft of all descriptions will take part in the aerial maneuvers in a contest to decide the accuracy with which their pilots can drop bombs on the decks of warships.

Each contestant entered in the meet will be provided with ten "bombs" each day, and, soaring over the outline of a battleship laid out on the grounds of the aviation meet, bombard the dummy with missiles. The man with the greatest score of hits at the end of the meet will receive a prize of \$5,000, and also the valuable Harvard cup.

In this contest, military men will be able to see, for the first time, what a dozen bird-men can do—a problem yet unsolved, although individual aviators have already accomplished feats that caused naval experts to shudder at the possibilities of the future. Members of the general staff of the United States army, officers detailed by the Navy Department, experts from the national guard organizations of several states and military attaches of all the great nations of the world will witness the experiments.

It is pointed out that in real warfare, an aerial attack on an enemy's fleet would be detailed on the chance that at least one of the flying squadron would accomplish the work of destruction. This condition will be duplicated at the Harvard meet, when every morning every pilot will be given ten bombs filled with a non-explosive powder that will create a cloud of smoke when the bomb strikes the ground. To those gifted with imagination, the sight of a dozen man-birds circling above under a suppositious man of war, and sending down projectiles that give forth a great volume of smoke when they strike, will be a thrilling one. It will be mimic warfare that will forecast the not far distant future.

In previous trials of this character, carried out by Clifford B. Harmon, the aviator succeeded in dropping six successive missiles on the deck of a

counterfeit warship. Harmon used a "gun" of his own invention from which to drop the bombs. This "gun" is a metal tube just large enough to hold six bombs, with an arrangement whereby one bomb at a time is permitted to drop upon the pressing of a lever by the aviator. The aviators entered in tomorrow's meet will be permitted to drop their bombs in any manner they may desire, either by hand or with any variety of mechanical arrangement.

Hoke Smith Is 55.
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 2.—Sometimes they do come back, all sporting experts to the contrary notwithstanding. For instance, there is "Fighting Hoke" Smith, who, after having been knocked down and counted out by "Little Joe" Brown, recently came back and administered a thorough licking to his formerly victorious adversary. "Fighting Hoke," the pride of the whole Smith family, will be rewarded with the governorship of Georgia, a title he once held and lost, only to win again.

Former Governor and Governor-elect Hoke Smith—Hoke is his really, truly name, and all he has to distinguish him from the common of garden Smiths—is today receiving the congratulations of his multitude of friends upon his fifty-fifth anniversary. He is thus a score of years older than the late Hope of the white race, who pleaded senility and the disabilities of extreme age as his reason for memorable defeat at Reno.

The next governor of Georgia is a "tar-heel" by birth, having arrived in this world by way of Newton, N. C., Sept. 2, 1855. His father was an educator and the president of a preparatory school, in which institution Hoke was educated. He came to Georgia in 1872, and was admitted to the bar a year later. In 1887 he assumed proprietorship of the Atlanta Journal, conducting the paper with considerable success until 1898.

From 1893 to 1896 Hoke Smith was a national figure by reason of being a member of President Cleveland's cabinet, holding the job of secretary of the interior. In 1907 he began his first term as governor of Georgia, and was a candidate for re-election two years ago, but was defeated by Joseph M. Brown. The latter had been dismissed by Smith from the state railroad commission because of alleged servility to the railways. Smith represents the progressive, radical wing of the Democratic party, while Smith is conservative, and the issues were clearly drawn in the campaign preceding last month's primaries. That Smith "came back" is an indication that the people of Georgia desire to return to the radical regime which made Smith's first term as governor a period of terror for the soulless corporations.

Change on Canadian Pacific.

The Observer is in receipt of advice from George A. Walton, general agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Spokane, that effective August 21, the time of departure eastbound of their Soo-Spokane-Portland train de luxe, was made 2:00 p. m. This will be a very popular hour of departure, as it gives the passengers from the inland empire a chance to reach Spokane on the morning or noon train, attend to any business they may have there and continue east without any delay. It is in fact a "business day saved" and should result in increased patronage for the popular train.

The excellent equipment of the train remains the same, comprising electric lighted compartment observation cars, electric lighted standard sleepers, modern new tourist sleepers, through dining car service and commodious day coaches.

JUDGE DIMICK IN THE CITY.

Candidate for Governor is Out Seeing The Voters.

Judge Grant B. Dimick of Oregon City, is here today talking to voters of the Grande Ronde valley and will be in the Eastern Oregon country for several days. He is quite prominent among the county courts of the state and has been a good roads advocate of long standing.

CLOAK WORKERS MISTREATED BY POLICE

EAST SIDE IS BEE HIVE OF EXCITEMENT FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S INCIDENTS

INDUSTRY AT STANDSTILL

Prisoners Arrested for Marching in Front of Exclusive Club House, are Thrown into Small Cells Where Many Faint for Lack of Air—Starving Families Evicted Already and More Promised.

New York, Sept. 1.—The great East side is like an abused beehive today, with excited demands for a general strike of the clothing trades following the brutal treatment of cloakmakers yesterday who were arrested for parading in front of the exclusive knickerbocker club yesterday. Three hundred thousand suit and cloak makers, including 1,000 waist workers, would be involved in the strike, which would paralyze the clothing industry of the entire country.

"Unions are terribly aroused and infuriated at the brutal treatment given men and women yesterday," said Secretary Lavender of the New York council of United Garment Workers today. Lavender said that besides the police treatment yesterday, when the strikers were confined in a small cell, where many fainted, that the bosses were causing wholesale evictions.

"Several starving families were evicted today, and 1200 were already evicted. They must turn to crime or to the grave to end their troubles. Nevertheless our people will fight and starve before they will resume work under such beastial conditions."

Five hundred shops are already closed and 1500 are crippled.

63 INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED TODAY

Sixty-three true bills were returned by the grand jury at 7 o'clock last night, and while it is still too early to announce the men who are indicted, it is freely rumored that the greater bulk of the indictments are bootlegging cases. Tom Morgan, the detective who was instrumental in securing forty odd indictments at the last setting of the grand jury, is said to be behind the present batch. He was the principal witness before the grand jury, it is said on the streets today, and though there is nothing to substantiate the truth of this statement, is a safe prediction to say that the great bulk of the sixty-three indict-

ROOSEVELT HAS ROUGH NIGHT RIDE

Omaha, Sept. 2.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here early this morning, having experienced a rough ride through the night. Last midnight, a crowd at St. Joseph, corralled the train and cried lustily for him to come out, chanting, "Teddy, won't you come out?" He pretended not to hear them, and when the train pulled out without his appearing, they cheered him in derision, exclaiming, "What about Bryan?"

At Omaha today, despite a heavy rainstorm, he motored about the city and this afternoon spoke in the auditorium, saying in part: While traveling extensively in

STEAMER HITS A REEF BUT ALL ARE SAVED

NINETY-TWO PASSENGERS LANDED IN JAUN DE FUCA STRAIGHTS TODAY

SISTER SHIP TO RESCUE

Wireless Reports Indicate that The Steamer Was Seriously Damaged—Passengers Are Landed Without Congestion and all are Safe on Little Island—Hope to Save Steamer With Tugs at High Tide Later.

SEATTLE, Sept. 2.—The Steamer Watson struck a reef at midnight in a fog on Waddah Island in the straits of Juan De Fuca near Cape Flattery. Ninety-two passengers were taken off in lifeboats without undue excitement and landed on the island where they will be picked up this afternoon by a sister ship Buckman due from San Francisco. None were injured and wireless reports lead to the belief that the steamer is seriously damaged. The revenue cutter Snobomish and several tugs went to the relief of the steamer this morning and it is hoped that they may be able to pull it into deep water at high tide.

A wireless this afternoon said that the steamer would go to pieces if the lighter did not soon arrive to take off the cargo.

The Watson was enroute to San Francisco. The passengers will be taken to California on the Buckman.

Old Mason to Marry.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—William Moses, aged 83, the oldest Mason in California, will be married tonight to Margaret Robertson, in the presence of most of the Masons in the city, and many friends of the couple.

Newport Horse Show.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 2.—Nearly all of the entries of the annual Newport Horse Show, including the pick of the equine aristocracy of America, are quartered here today in the charge of a small army of grooms, trainers, rubbers, veterinary surgeons and other care takers. The show will be formally opened to the fashionable public of Newport tomorrow, and will continue on Monday and Tuesday.

For thirteen years Labor Day has been the date of the opening of the show, but this year, it was decided to take full advantage of the week-end holiday by inaugurating the exhibition on Saturday. Among the judges for the show are William E. Carter of Philadelphia, for the harness classes; F. S. P. Randolph for the middle class and Frederick Bull of New York, for the hunter and jumper classes.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS ORDERED.

Called Meeting Results in Many Important Matters Being Settled.

A called meeting of the Riverside Park Association was unusually well attended last evening and various plans for permanent improvement discussed and ordered carried out at once, as far as the funds permit. The water course and road way have been surveyed, and will be cleared and graded at once.

When the dam is built and the water turned into the water course, it will be necessary to put in bridges, but these will not be built at present. The water system will be extended either this fall or in the early spring, and many new trees planted. It is hoped by the members that they can purchase several swings for the children in the spring.

agreed upon and Morgan is now free of the charges in this connection. As no indictments of any sort were returned against Mr. Worstell and Mr. Gray, it follows that the charges were not deemed sufficient to warrant an indictment and they too, are free of all charges. They were exonerated in justice court, really, for the justice of the peace dismissed the case when the evidence was introduced by the state last week. Gray, Worstell, and Morgan were accused of jury packing because they went to the sheriff with a list of names which might be used to draw a venire from. This was in connection with the trial of Newlin.

Other Not True Bills.

Dan Phillips, accused a week ago by W. R. Hamilton, of having assaulted him with a dangerous weapon, was exonerated by a not true bill. He was bound over to the grand jury by the justice of the peace.

Mr. Parker, the Elgin man, who killed his father-in-law during a quarrel in the county roads, was also indicted and Sheriff Childers went to Elgin this morning to make service of papers. The Elgin man has a large circle of friends and the trial which will in all probability follow, will be one of extreme interest here.

By tomorrow it is believed many of the indictments in the bootlegging cases will have been served and publicity can then be given them.

Grand Jury Dismissed.
The final report of the grand jury was filed this morning and Judge Knowles discharged the jurors sine die.

Circuit court convenes shortly to hear cases already announced but it is likely that some of the more important cases from the present grand jury indictments will come to trial at this time.

It is understood that the indictment accuses Parker of murder in the first degree. Service of the indictment was made this afternoon.

Stiles in Jail.

Sterling Stiles, a young man of this city, was arrested in Elgin yesterday afternoon, charged with passing bad checks. Several were discovered here a few days ago but it was not made public, pending a settlement of the paper, which ranged from \$13 to \$19 each. There were several of them here. Then Stiles is said to have gone to Elgin and was caught there passing bad checks. He is now in jail here pending further action.

Thursday Ball Games.

Portland, Or., Sept. 2.—Portland, 4; Los Angeles, 1.
San Francisco, 3; Vernon, 2.
Oakland, 1; Sacramento, 3.

Early Football Practice.

New York, Sept. 2.—Some such sage saying as that regarding a certain early bird and a worm appears to have been adopted as a motto by all the football sharps of the big eastern universities. With September less than two days gone, the call for the assembling of the football candidates has gone forth, and on many gridirons and vacant lots the aspirants to fame are now limbering up their legs in preparation for the grilling work ahead of them.

The new rules are responsible for this early activity. The coaches realize that they must be up and doing if they whip their men into shape before the opening of the season late this month.

Ordinarily Yale, Harvard and other coaches call out their men early about the middle of September. This year the Ells will have an early start, assembling next week at Lakeville, Connecticut for rudimentary rule drill. Meantime, the candidates are wrestling hard with the rules. Coach Houghton, of Harvard, will take about thirty of his men to Oceanville, Me., there to spend three weeks in hammering the new rules into them.

Annapolis men will have little preliminary training, as they will not report until Sept. 22, and will play their first game on Oct. 1. Princeton will get into the training game earlier, as will Pennsylvania and Cornell.

Football experts predict that this year will be a poor one for the football fans. So many radical changes have been made in the rules that the players will be very much handicapped, and the play is likely to be listless and uninteresting.

ENGINEER KILLS TRAINROBBER ON MIDLAND

MANY SHOTS EXCHANGED BY BANDITS AND TRAIN CREW DURING THE MELEE

SKULL CRUSHED BY ROCK

Fireman and Engineer are Able to Scare Two Bandits Away, After Killing One of Them With a Rock—Engineer First Shot in the Leg But Able to Continue the Battle—Passengers Escape Injury.

Colorado Springs, Sept. 2.—Armed posers are seeking two companions of a Swede, who was killed while attempting to hold up the Colorado Midland passenger train four miles from the divide shortly after midnight. An unidentified bandit was killed by Engineer Frank Stewart, whom the robbers had shot in the leg.

The robbers stopped the train by placing a boulder on the track, and then flagging it. One stepped aboard the engine and covered Engineer Stewart and Fireman Bachman. They then marched them to the express car, containing a special consignment of several thousand dollars. They ordered the express messenger to open the door, meanwhile firing shots to keep passengers and crew in the cars. Rachman dodged under the car, and the bandit guarding them, shot at him, and Stewart picked up a rock and crushed the robber's skull. As the bandit fell, Stewart got the man's revolver and began shooting at the other bandits. A duel commenced and Stewart shot at the bandits as they fled. Other trainmen came to the rescue.

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