

WRIGHT SETS NEW WORLD'S RECORD

Aeronaut Remains in Air Nearly Two Hours at Le Mans, France.

CAPTURES HEIGHT RECORD

Wins Cup by Soaring 300 Feet Above Ground, Despite Violent Breeze—Guest of Honor at Aero Club Banquet.

LE MANS, France, Dec. 18.—Wright, the American aeronaut, of Dayton, Ohio, established a new world's record for heavier-than-air machines today, while trying for the Michelin cup, remaining in the air one hour, 51 minutes and 23 seconds. The best previous record is one hour, 31 minutes and 31 seconds, which Mr. Wright made September 21.

The aeronaut attained an average height of 31 feet today and the distance was officially measured in 3 1/2 miles, which does not include the wide sweeps and turns made during the flight. He descended only because the oil feeder got out of order. The flight was made in a light breeze, occasionally broken by puffs of 20 miles an hour. Weather permitting, Mr. Wright will try this afternoon to break the record for height by flying a height of 500 feet in a strong wind and winding the Sarthe Aero Club's prize for height. At first it was thought that the success of the breeze would compel Mr. Wright to postpone his effort, but he launched his machine and circled around and around the field.

When soaring to 50 feet, a sudden gust of wind caught the aeroplane, causing it to plunge violently backward. The spectators were terrified, but Mr. Wright soon regained his craft. After ten minutes the wind had moderated and the aeroplane soared upward and passed high over the field, making a distance of 500 feet. Then it descended, and after again circling the field was brought to earth, landing in front of the door of the shed in which it is housed.

The Aero Club tonight gave a banquet in Mr. Wright's honor.

KILL HUSBAND AND WIFE

Lifeless Bodies Found by Man's Brother, Who Is Arrested.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 18.—Wicent Florczak, a Polish macaroni worker, and his wife were butchered by an unknown assassin at their home here early today. Their lifeless bodies were found in a macaroni factory, according to Florczak, aged 18, a brother of the murdered man and a lodger at the house, who is detained pending an investigation.

The brother told the police that when he went home late last night he was unable to gain admittance. He went to the house this morning and was shocked at finding the bodies. He said the two young children had not been molested. An infant was in a crib between the beds occupied by the parents.

Both of the victims had been hacked about the face with a hatchet. The murder is thought to have been committed for revenge.

WOMAN DIES OF INJURIES

Victim of Auto Accident Falls to Recover From Wounds.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—As the result of being run down by the motor car of William B. Ridgely, ex-controller of the Currency and until recently president of the National Bank of Commerce here, Mrs. Byrd Green, of this city, died today. Mrs. Green was struck by Mr. Ridgely's machine November 18. Mr. Ridgely was not in the car at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Green's estate has filed suit against the ex-controller for \$25,000 damages on account of her injuries. Mr. Ridgely set up the claim that, although the machine belonged to him, it was at the time of the accident being run by a chauffeur and was without passengers.

REPORTERS TO BE GAGGED

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and testified before the coroner that he failed to recognize the riders, but did so because he feared for his life.

Forbidden to Publish Evidence.

In cautioning the jury to confine its reading to novels and good books, Judge Jones said:

Before we commence the taking of testimony, I want to make a request of the newspaper who report the news here. As you know, there are over 100 independent papers in this city, and I have heard from either a witness or from one who has heard from a witness what purports to be an accurate report of the testimony given in the courtroom. Hence, if the newspapers report this testimony at this trial, it will make it impossible to secure a jury in the case to come, and thus justice will be defeated.

This is a very serious phase of the trial. The court will first make this request in a very polite and informal way, trusting that the good sense and patriotism of those who own the papers will lead them to comply with it. Of course, if it is disregarded, the court will be compelled very reluctantly to take such steps as may be necessary and legal to protect the interest of the community.

It has been suggested that the ruling apply only to papers which circulate in this county and that papers at a distance be excepted. It is not believed that this would be fair and no exception will be made.

A number of the Tennessee daily papers have a staff of men here. Most of them are sending out the testimony in detail. The witnesses were called and 71 responded for the state and 36 for the defense.

Origin of Trouble.

J. C. Carpenter, owner of a sawmill near Reelfoot Lake, was the first witness examined. He is a lawyer and wrote the letter which led Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor to go to the Walnut Log Hotel. Carpenter was arrested, but proved his innocence. He wished to buy from Taylor and Rankin some lumber on the Reelfoot Lake property owned by the West Tennessee Land Company, which he said, owned more of the Reelfoot Lake district. The residents resented this claim to ownership and the trouble began.

His testimony to this effect was to show that several of the defendants knew that Taylor and Rankin were coming to the

Reelfoot district. He also told of learning the morning after the tragedy of the killing and of going to the scene. Captain Rankin's body was lying on its back within a few feet of the lake, a rope, one end around the Captain's neck, tied with a hanger's knot, the other thrown over the fork of a tree telling the ghastly story.

Bloody Noose in Evidence.

While Carpenter was testifying, the state produced a rope, a hanger's noose at one end, stained with ugly red blotches here and there. The witness identified it as the one tied around the dead man's neck.

Carpenter's testimony was a disappointment to the state. The next witness, Sidney Waddell, of the West Tennessee Land Company, an attorney, had received several Night Rider letters threatening his life. He had arranged to go to Reelfoot Lake with Rankin and Taylor, but his wife prevailed upon him to abandon the trip. The state expects Waddell's testimony to show that the defendants knew of the projected trip to Reelfoot Lake.

Mysterious Figure "A."

Mrs. Edward Powell, wife of the man who was taken from his home by the "Black Mask" the night of the Rankin murder, advised to act as a decoy in inducing R. C. Ward, of the Walnut Log Hotel, to open the hotel and give them access to Rankin and Taylor's rooms, testified that the Black Mask, who had been Powell home at 11:40. They wore black masks and one, who seemed to be leader, wore a figure "A" outlined in white tape on his left breast. The state secured a "Black Mask" a good deal of importance to this figure "A." The men were armed. They dragged her husband away and told him they wanted him to go to Ward's with them.

FRIENDS STILL IN DOUBT

GUSHAW'S REMAINS MAY BE TAKEN FROM GRAVE.

Unable to Decide Whether Corpse Was Fortuna Merchant—Portland Undertaker Talks.

BUREKA, Cal., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—It has not been decided to exhume the body buried as that of Harry Gushaw to determine for a certainty if it was that of another. Investigations are to be made as to the possibility of mistake in shipping the body and to ascertain if any stricken Portland family member over remains dubious as to identity.

Some few, wishing to believe the remains those of Gushaw, say the Portland undertaker made a bad job of embalming, and the features to change and the body to shrink. Gushaw's relatives are in a quandary.

That the body of the man shipped by a local undertaker to Bureka, Cal., was that of Henry Gushaw, the California fish merchant, there is not even the remotest possibility of a doubt, said the coroner last night. Gushaw had been identified by at least half a dozen Portland people, including men with whom he was transacting business. During a few lucid moments at the hospital he gave his name as Harry Gushaw, and his name, letters and other things bearing his name were found on his person, and that there should have been a mistake is regarded by the local authorities as absolutely impossible.

Deputy Coroner Dunning had personal charge of the remains, and saw the body sealed in its casket and shipped to Bureka, Cal., by the post-mortem examination. It is thought that certain discolored spots might have resulted in the face. Dr. Frederick Ziegler, the City Physician, who attended the man, was in communication with his relatives in Bureka several days before he died. Identifications of the most positive character were made by his co-workers at 12 East Grant street, a Buchman, a plumber, of 39 Burnside street; Gustave Logsdon, of 466 East Tenth street; and W. P. Van Bliber, of 482 1/2 Washington street, and Henry Emert, of Second and Washington streets.

Gushaw had been unconscious for eight days in St. Vincent's Hospital before death, and had lost heavily in weight during this period, so that his personal appearance might have been changed sufficiently to cause wonder by his relatives, who had last seen him in perfect health.

Gushaw was found one afternoon several weeks ago at Second and Flinders streets, lying on the sidewalk in an unconscious condition. It was thought that he had been stricken with apoplexy, induced by heavy drinking. He lingered in hospital for eight days, remaining unconscious all this time with the exception of one short period in which he talked for a few moments, giving his name as Harry Gushaw. The subject matter of the interview is not known.

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CASTRO SEEKS RECONCILIATION

Willing to Arbitrate With France. Return to Venezuela Unlikely.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—There is an evident desire on the part of President Castro to effect an arrangement of the outstanding difficulties between Venezuela and France. He authorized a diplomat today to make the following statement:

"I believe it would be very easy to bring about a renewal of relations between Venezuela and France by submitting the question to arbitration."

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Not Expected to Return.

"The feeling is also growing here that Senator Castro is not expected to return because of illness, but to escape political turmoil, and that he has no intention of ever returning. The German Government has information stating that it is uncertain whether Vice-President Gomez will become President of the republic or whether a provisional government will be organized under a new head. Gomez is believed to be still true to Castro.

President Castro still persists in giving out denials that there was any trouble in Caracas December 14, when an infuriated mob made a demonstration against the absent President and his followers.

Will Go to Sanitarium.

A further consultation between Senator Castro and Dr. Israel took place this afternoon. The surgeon advised Senator Castro to remain quiet. Senator Castro is to be transferred to Professor Israel's private sanitarium Sunday for a week of observation, to determine whether an operation is necessary. Senator Castro and part of her husband's suite will also enter the hospital.

HAINS EVIDENCE STRONG

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Hains then fired about four more shots at Annis, paused and fired again. Mr. Funke said he could not be certain, but thought Captain Hains fired six times. Thornton Hains did not address him when aiming the pistol at him.

Thornton Aimed at Bystanders.

Mr. Funke, resuming the stand in the afternoon, was asked about the scene on the boat after the shooting.

"The shooting had not ceased when I noticed Mr. Roberts, who came forward. A pistol was pointed in Roberts' direction by the defendant. They were about three feet apart."

"Was there any conversation later?"

"Yes, between Mr. Downs and the de-

DOUGH ANGER UP AGAINST GERMANY

Offended at Welcome Extended to Castro by German Officials.

MAY JOIN KAISER'S FOES

Expects Favorable Turn in Situation at Caracas and Believes Castro's Rule Near End—May Help Revolution.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 18.—The foreign office believes the rumor that Venezuela has declared war against the Netherlands arose through the confusion of the term "state of defense" recently declared by Acting President Gomez, of Venezuela, with "state of war."

According to an Amsterdam news agency, Minister of Foreign Affairs Van Swinderen has personal reasons for believing that news of an entirely different

GRAFFERS GET TWO YEARS

MAXIMUM PENALTY GIVEN TO MEN IN CAPITOL FRAUDS.

Court Adds \$500 Fine to Prison Sentence—Appeal Delays Down-

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Capitol building in this city. Immediately after sentence was pronounced the defendants were remanded to the custody of the Sheriff and taken to a side room pending application for a supersedeas, which was made in the Superior Court at Philadelphia after the reading of the sentence here was given.

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