

AVIATION MEET IS ENDED IN GLOOM

Flying at Los Angeles Is Spirited and Air Currents Are Treacherous.

NARROW ESCAPES ARE HAD

Radley, Curtiss, Willard, Latham Threatened in Midair — Englishman Sells Machine and May Quit Dangerous Sport.

AVIATION FIELD, Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—The second international aviation meet held here ended today without the feat that marked the close last January of the inaugural meeting at Dominguez field.

The sorrow and gloom created by the tragic death of Arch Hoxsey last Saturday still held its weight upon both spectators and aviators and crushed all desire to carry out the festivities which had been arranged for the finale.

The work of the aviators was as spiritless as it was yesterday. They were more cautious today than they have been since the popular aviator was slain in the midst of his reckless display of daring, and the crowd, which was much smaller than it has been at any time during the week, sat in silence.

Hubert Latham, the French aviator, was the only pilot to do anything out of the ordinary. He occupied the entire afternoon in giving rides to the daughters and feminine relatives of the officials of the meet.

Narrow Escapes Had.

Other than this, the only interest centered in several narrow escapes of aviators in the fickle winds which have interfered with the flying almost daily since the meet began, December 24.

James Radley, the Englishman; Glenn Curtiss, C. F. Willard and Hubert Latham figured in these. None, however, sustained any injury nor were their machines damaged.

Monoplane Wobbles in Air.

James Radley, the English aviator, began the last day of the Los Angeles meet with a narrow escape from death. Although the day was calm and there was absolutely no wind about the starting point in front of the grandstand, drifting gusts caught the Englishman's Bleriot monoplane and for a second or two it danced and wobbled in the air in a manner that startled the spectators.

Radley's encounter with the vagrant air currents was unexpected. He was totally unprepared for it, but regained control of the machine and immediately landed. A few minutes later, he accepted an offer from a purchaser to buy his machine.

Radley May Quit.

However, he said, he intended to fly it at the San Francisco meet, although he added that after that he might abandon the sport that has claimed so many victims during the past year.

Glenn Curtiss succeeded in one of his races shortly after Radley went up, encountered the same dangerous air currents and was forced to come down. He said that the best spot in the atmosphere was located just above the place that Arch Hoxsey was struck and killed last Saturday.

"It is a dangerous place and will always be a menace to aviators," he added, "unless the course is rearranged so we will not have to fly near that particular place."

AMATEURS WILL TRY FLIGHTS

Prizes Offered for San Francisco Meet Are Tempting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Novices are expected to come in for considerable attention at the aviation meet which will begin here Saturday. Prizes offered have attracted a large number of amateurs. One of these, Orver Myerhofer, has a V-shaped biplane fitted with a 90-horsepower motor, and another home-made aeroplane of original design and construction is that of C. A. Lambeth, of Oakland. It is a multiplane type with a wing surface of 564 square feet. Other amateurs entered for the meet are: Louis Fortney, with a Demoiselle monoplane; John H. Hudson, with a monoplane of original construction; Thaddeus S. Kerns, with a Curtiss biplane; Howard Werner, with a Bleriot monoplane; Ralph J. Sheaf, with a Farman biplane; Karl Wolf, with a Farman biplane; W. C. Wheeler, with a Bleriot monoplane; Errewer brothers, with an original biplane, and M. W. Giselman, with a Farman biplane.

Three flights to and from the deck of a war vessel by Eugene E. Byrnes were planned by the aviation committee and the navy officers who are co-operating in making the necessary arrangements. The cruiser Pennsylvania will probably be used for each of the following events: Flight from the deck of a warship to aviation field in South San Francisco and return; flight from vessel to land with a naval officer as a passenger, and flight from aviation field to deck of ship.

The platform to be built on the cruiser for the tests will be 26 feet wide and 130 feet long, with a tilt of five feet at the lower end. Railings will be placed at the sides to prevent possible accidents in landings.

MOISSANT MONUMENT IS PLAN

Citizens to Erect Tribute in Marsh Where He Fell to Death.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—The memory of John B. Moissant will be perpetuated in a monument in marble and bronze to be erected in the marshes near Harabara, at the spot where the aviator fell to his death last Saturday.

Tentative plans for the movement are in the hands of Crawford H. Ellis, chairman of the citizens' committee, which had charge of the recent aviation meet. Ellis said he felt sure contributions would come from every section of the United States and from Europe and Central America.

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NEIGHBORS HARBOR KANSAS ROBBERS

Sunflower State Says Men Who Loot Banks Come Across Boundary.

SHERIFFS AFRAID TO ACT

Nebraska and Oklahoma Accused of Giving Refuge to Gangs Which Raid From North and South, Then Flee to Safety.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 2.—Joseph N. Dolley, State Bank Commissioner, has sent a letter to the Governors of Nebraska and Oklahoma calling their attention to the bank robbers and thieves who rendezvous in those states and work in Kansas.

Mr. Dolley's letter to the Governor of Nebraska also called attention to the apparent indifference of the local officers, who make the two Governors to act in conjunction with the Governor of Kansas to round up the robbers and put them away.

Two Gangs at Work.

"There are two gangs of bank robbers and thieves, a north and a south gang," said Mr. Dolley today. "One makes its headquarters in Wymore, Neb., and the other just over the line in Oklahoma. The latter outfit, I believe, is a part of the old Callahan gang, which formerly lived in Wichita.

"Every time a bank robbery has been committed in the northern part of the state, the robbers were traced to Wymore. The detectives who have worked on the case were not able to get the officers of the Nebraska county to show any activity in helping to get the men under arrest.

Sheriff Afraid to Act.

"A business man told one of the detectives that there was no use in trying to apprehend the robbers, at the same time admitting that they made their headquarters there. He said they brought lots of money to the town and that they never disturbed any one there. The Sheriff indicated that he feared them, saying he would not go after nor would he send any of his men.

"I have an idea that, although these two gangs are separated by the width of the state, they have a perfect understanding between themselves. In other words, they have a division of territory like large trusts which divide the territory in trade. I have asked the Governors of Nebraska and Oklahoma if some arrangement can't be made whereby these gangs may be broken up."

NEBRASKAN ADMITS CHARGE

Chief of Lincoln Police Says States Must Co-operate.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 2.—

The statement of Joseph N. Dolley, Kansas State Bank Commissioner, criticizing the alleged indifference of the Nebraska officers to the activities of the bank robbers whose rendezvous is said to be in Nebraska, was supported by Chief James Malone, of Lincoln, today.

He said his efforts as head of the Nebraska Bankers' Association Detective Bureau to locate the gang's hiding place had not been freely aided.

"The only apparent way of breaking up the gang, which undoubtedly has headquarters in this state near the Kansas line, is through the co-operation of the two states," he said.

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