

BIRD BOY BREAKS ALTITUDE RECORD

18-Year-Old Aviator Goes Up 5300 Feet in Machine of Low Power.

FORTRESSES ARE CIRCLED

Beside Making New World's Figure in Air, Jimmy Ward Wins \$5000 by Proving Efficacy of Aeroplane as Scout in War.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 6.—Jimmy Ward, the 18-year-old aviator, in a Curtiss 24-horsepower aeroplane today made a daring flight across the river...

He won \$5000 by circling over two of the strongest fortifications on the Atlantic Coast, demonstrating the efficiency of the aeroplane as a scout in time of war.

Landing gracefully on the beach in front of Fort Moultrie, on Sullivan's Island, he handed a note to Colonel Marsh, which the latter signed. Ward then re-entered his machine, rose from the beach and flew back across the harbor in a direct line to the aviation field north of the city.

Navy-Yard Topped. Leaving the aviation grounds, Ward flew first to the navy-yard on Cooper River, then down to the aviation field.

Heading eastward again, he passed directly over Fort Sumpter and swept for about a mile and a half over the city of Charleston, turning, turning, he flew about the Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island, and landed on the beach in front of Fort Moultrie.

As the aviator came into view, Ward, at that time over Cooper River, shut off his power and glided for a mile and a half, landing safely. He was shaking as though palsied as he posed for his picture, so terrible had been the strain.

AIRSHIP TO DELIVER NEWS

Aviator Is to Carry Los Angeles Times to Some of Agents.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—The first delivery of newspapers by aeroplane is scheduled to be made tomorrow when Didier Mason, in a Curtiss-Farman biplane, will fly from this city to San Bernardino, a distance of 60 miles, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Times.

The start is to be made shortly after 7 o'clock and after a flight over the city, the route will continue to Pomona, where a descent is to be made and papers delivered to the agent there. The remainder of his load will be carried to San Bernardino.

It is expected that Pomona will be reached in 45 minutes and San Bernardino about 10 o'clock. Mason will give an exhibition in San Bernardino early in the afternoon and later in the day return to Pomona for exhibition flights at the Pomona day celebration.

CURTIS TRIES HIS MACHINE

Radley, Another Aviator to Fly in San Francisco, Goes Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Glenn H. Curtiss, in his racing airplane, was the first of the group of aviators who will fly during the meet which will begin tomorrow, to try the air this afternoon. He circled the city three times and landed at the north end on account of a broken gasoline pipe. It was fixed in a few minutes and he was back in the air again.

Curtiss was followed by Radley, in his biplane. Radley made about a ten-mile flight, reaching an altitude of 1500 feet in going out over the bay. In landing in front of the hangars, he had difficulty in stopping, and to prevent the machine from crashing into the hangars his mechanics, William Moorehouse, threw himself against it and was considerably bruised.

The day was ideal and not a breath of wind stirred. Both Curtiss and Radley were enthusiastic over the atmospheric conditions.

Tom Corbett's Poolroom Raided.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The poolroom conducted by Tom Corbett, brother of the ex-champion heavyweight pugilist, was well known in the sports world as a betting commissionaire, was raided late today by the police, who arrested 13 patrons of the place. Corbett himself was not present and has not yet been placed under arrest.

LIABILITIES ARE GIVEN

Condition of Bankrupt Seaside Lumber Company Is Shown.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The schedule of the liabilities and assets of the bankrupt Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Company were filed today with F. J. Taylor, referee in bankruptcy. They give the liabilities as \$264,628.07 and assets as \$28,000.00.

The principal items included in the latter are as follows: Timber lands, plant buildings and logging rights, \$192,264.83; saw and stock in hand, \$200,000; railroad logging equipment and machinery in mill and factory, \$123,000.00.

It is expected the first meeting of the creditors will be held in about two weeks when a trustee will be appointed.

Salem Store, Robbed Again.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Burglars entered the Pratum Mercantile Company's store last night and secured a large amount of shoes, knives, jewelry and wearing apparel. This is the third time in a year the store has been burglarized. Once the safe was blown to pieces and another time a similar burglary occurred in the one last night. Pratum is eight miles East of Salem.

NEW SIAMESE KING IS PROGRESSIVE.



CHOWFA MAHA VAJIRAVUDH. The new King of Siam succeeded to the throne of his father early in November. His name is Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh, and he was born on January 1, 1859. He was educated in England and is progressive. Some time ago he refused to marry his sister, and incurred the anger of his father, the late King.

WOMEN IN BATTLE

Portland Club Deadlocks on Building Question.

TWO FACTIONS STAND PAT

Mrs. Nina Larowe Leads, Winning Fight Against Doubling of Initiation Fees and Increased Dues. Campaign for Members.

After three hours spent in discussion yesterday afternoon 150 or more members of the Portland Women's Club failed to reach a decision as to definite ways and means of providing funds for the purchase of ground and the building of a permanent clubhouse.

When this meeting finally adjourned the only progress there had been made was a decision to interview members of the organization privately as to subscriptions for the proposed club property and a determination to institute a vigorous campaign for new members.

To insure the success of this campaign the committee of 50 women, under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. A. Newell, president of the club, recommended an increase in the membership dues of from \$4 to \$12 a year and the doubling of the initiation fee from \$10 to \$20.

Mrs. Newell, spokesman for the committee, also urged that the club members raise \$1000 among themselves, the amount necessary to secure a 30-day option on the northwest corner at Sixteenth and Morrison streets. Within 30 days, Mrs. Newell suggested, efforts should be made to determine just how much each individual member could contribute to the cause.

The president further recommended that after the option had been secured bonds be sold on the strength of it, the amount derived in contribution from the club membership to make up the balance necessary to purchase the ground outright and erect the building.

Opposition developed immediately, principally by Mrs. Nina Larowe, who strongly opposed the suggestion that membership dues and initiation fees be increased, taking the ground that this action might bar many women whose membership is desired. She held that the club would be sacrificing talent in the interests of wealth. The motion to raise the dues was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Mrs. Larowe had the support of more than 100 of the women, but despite this fact Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Frederick Eggett fought aggressively to carry through the recommendations of the committee. They were, however, defeated practically at every turn. A party of women thought that the clubhouse should have stores underneath. Others opposed the idea of stores and expressed themselves as strongly in favor of making it strictly a club building.

NAVARRO BRUSHES REBELS

Mexican General Has Insignificant Engagement With Insurgents.

CHIHAHUA, Mexico, Jan. 6.—General Navarro on Wednesday met a party of revolutionists in the vicinity of Rosario, but the engagement is referred to as a mere brush. There is no report as to killed or wounded, if any.

FIRE MENACES NEW YORK

Insurance Man Says San Francisco's Disaster May Be Repeated.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Merritt joint legislative committee of inquiry adjourned sine die today, still with no word from the missing city chamberlain, C. H. Hyde. John Smith, his secretary, testified that he did not know where Mr. Hyde was.

The closing hours of the session were given today to fire insurance. Harold Herrick, president of the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, told the committee that New York might yet see such a fire as devastated San Francisco.

"A holocaust in New York," he said, "is quite within the bounds of possibility. We have an excellent fire department and an efficient chief, and thus far they have jumped on every fire and put it out, but no fire department ever extinguished such a conflagration once it got under way. It ceased only when it reached a natural obstacle.

"If New York ever has a fire like San Francisco, God help us. There would not be a solvent insurance company left in the world. No one could compete the billions of loss."

Hurried cheap construction by speculators and poorly-insulated heating plants, said Mr. Herrick, were responsible for one-third of all fires and a greater share of their spread.

Algernon Dainingerfeld, secretary of the Jockey Club, testified that the legal expenses in 1908 of the various racing associations, in addition to the \$40,000 spent by the Jockey Club on their behalf, aggregated nearly \$12,000.

EVANS ADMITS CRIMES

BANK DEFAULTER'S STEALINGS REVEALED BY HIS BROTHER.

Not Knowing Effect of Work, Clerk in Railroad Office Checked Up and Exposed Shortage.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Wilson B. Evans, defaulting receiving teller of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, who was caught in Mexico by the dragnet set for the destroyers of the Times building, has made a complete confession. He admitted that in the form of a letter to Vice President T. E. Newell, of the bank, and was turned over to the Federal authorities today. Bank here, and the government will immediately take steps to bring him back from Acapulco and prosecute him, the state courts not having jurisdiction. Evans' stealings covered a period of four years, but he took no large amounts until last September.

Evans was ironical in disclosing his wrongdoing, for Evans' own brother, chief clerk in the office of Assistant Treasurer Redington, of the Southern Pacific in San Francisco, unwittingly checked up the accounts that revealed the shortage and reported it to his superior. Evans handled the railroad deposits in the bank here, and his brother kept track of the remittances sent to San Francisco.

FREE CITY LIGHTS ASKED

Grant Gives Views on Proposed Electric Franchise.

Arguments for and against the application of the Mount Hood Railway Company for a franchise for an electric road in Portland and for the right to sell electric lights will be heard by the street committee on the afternoon of January 10. This date was set by the committee at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

In a letter submitted to the street committee at its meeting yesterday afternoon, City Attorney Grant suggested that the company be required to furnish the city with a limited number of free lights, and to agree to a maximum rate for city lighting.

He also recommended that the company be prevented from injuring trees; that the city reserve the right to modify the franchise when it deems it necessary to do so; that the company be prohibited from merging, consolidating, or entering into any agreement with any other company supplying electricity.

Union Court Respects Dead.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—The County Court adjourned tonight out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Selder, wife of County Commissioner J. M. Selder, who died in Portland today. She came here with her husband by stage about 49 years ago.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to protect it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to protect a child from a group. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all danger is avoided. For sale by all dealers.

REYNOLDS IS OUT OF SPEAKER RACE

Marion Candidate Throws His Strength to Allen Eaton, of Lane County.

VICTORY IS NOT CONCEDED

Rusk and Thompson Contend That Reynolds Has Few Votes to Give, and That Some of Them Refuse to Be Delivered.

Lloyd T. Reynolds, of Marion, has withdrawn as a candidate for Speaker and thrown his strength to Allen Eaton, of Lane. Eaton and his supporters declare they are confident they will elect. They refused to give out the names of Eaton's supporters last night.

The action of Reynolds in retiring from the contest came last night following a conference of the friends of Eaton and the Marion County man. It was apparent after reviewing the situation that if both Eaton and Reynolds remained in the contest, Thompson, of Grant-Harris-Klamath-Lake, probably would win. Reynolds, being the weaker of the two candidates, announced his withdrawal.

Opponents Still in Race.

Elimination of Reynolds from the contest over the friends of Rusk and Thompson, will not throw to Eaton the required number of votes to elect. They represent that Reynolds will not be able to throw to the Lane County man the votes he had assembled. It is further asserted by Rusk and Thompson that Reynolds at no time in the contest had a greater following than the votes of the Marion County delegation, five in number, including himself.

While the Marion County delegation was solid for Reynolds, one and possibly two of the number, it is reported, will refuse to be delivered by Reynolds to any other candidate. These two members of the delegation assert that they were bound only to Reynolds' candidate and that Eaton had no right to receive the right to select the next candidate they should support.

Rusk Claims Accessions.

Rusk asserts that he is holding his supporters and has won from the Multnomah County delegation eight of the 12 members. Those claimed by Rusk are: Amuse, Bowers, Egan, Clyde, Collins, Cole, Cotel and Foush. Of these, friends of Eaton assert positively that Bigelow and Collins are unpledged, while Cole under no circumstances is for the Lane County man. At the same time Eaton claims possibly four of the Multnomah delegation, viz: Clemens, Cole, Ruslight and probably Chatten.

Since Ruslight has announced that he will not qualify, this would give Eaton an actual following of only three from this county. To date, Abbott, of Multnomah, has not tied up to any of the rival candidates.

It is a practical certainty that the Speakership fight will be settled before tonight. The question of holding a caucus has not been determined by the House members. It is not probable that one will be held. In that event the House will organize and select its officers on the floor of that body.

Fight Is Three-Cornered.

With the retirement of Reynolds from the field, the contest has narrowed down virtually to a three-cornered fight—Rusk, Eaton and Thompson, with Eaton the strongest, even if he has not sufficient votes to elect. In addition to acquiring at least a portion of the Rusk vote, Eaton is being supported by Beals and Bonebrake, the last-named having until yesterday been a receptive candidate.

Since Ruslight is expected to muster enough votes to elect, it is to be expected today that some combination will be effected between the supporters of Rusk and Thompson. Thompson is believed to have more votes than Rusk, and should it appear that Eaton can win in a three-cornered fight, the Rusk people probably will go to Thompson. Thompson has been doing some active organization work since arriving in Portland a week ago, and has signed up some supporters in unexpected sections of the state, particularly in Westmoreland and Wabunette, Wasco and counties. Thompson's friends also are claiming for him the votes of at least nine of the 12 Eastern Oregon Republican Representatives.

Selling's Claim of 16 Disputed.

Senator Selling yesterday announced that he had 16 votes pledged, which is sufficient to elect him President of the Senate. Selling's claim of 16 votes has been claiming 14 votes, but during the day his supporters gave out the information that Von der Heiden, of Lincoln, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill, had come into the Selling camp, making a total of 16.

This claim of strength by Selling is vigorously disputed by Bowerman's friends, who insist that the best the Multnomah County man can do is 15 votes. Bowerman returned two days ago from Eastern Oregon, where he had been attending to his law business for the last two weeks. He declined last night to discuss the situation as to his candidacy. His friends, however, stoutly aver that Barrett, of Washington, has not deserted Bowerman.

Steps were taken yesterday by supporters of Bowerman to call a caucus. A call was prepared for circulation—information as to the extent it had been signed was withheld until the arrival of several Senators who have not reached Portland. Selling and several of his supporters have been opposed to a caucus from the start, and probably will decline to sign the call that is being circulated. By keeping out of a caucus, Selling will get two Democratic votes—McCulloch and Oliver. Besides, if Selling has 16 votes pledged he has enough to win on the floor, say his friends.

SALARY BILL AGAIN OFFERED

Caucus on Speakership Also Advocated by Mr. Buchanan.

Among the bills to be introduced at the Legislature is one by J. A. Buchanan, Joint Representative from Douglas and Jackson, regulating the salaries of all county officials. The measure proposes fixing the salaries of these officials on a basis of the assessed valuation and the population of the county to be served. A similar bill was introduced by Mr. Buchanan in the House two years ago, but it failed of passage.

"While I have not been particularly active, I always have been a candidate for Speaker from the time of my election," said Mr. Buchanan yesterday.

New Dormitory Only Request.

"The people of Lane County are not interested in any particular legislation aside from an appropriation we shall ask for a new building at the State University," said Mr. Calkins, State Senator-elect, who arrived from Eugene yesterday.

See Full Page of Clearance Sale Bargains on Page 18 Our Store Will Remain Open Until 9:30 This Evening

The Meier & Frank Store Great Saturday Challenge Sale of Good Groceries

YESTERDAY was one of the biggest days in the history of our Pure Food Grocery. But we'll make today even bigger if "cut prices" can do it. Glance at the matchless reductions below on Hams, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Eggs and other necessities. We Will Never Be Undersold on Good Groceries. Read:

Sale 800 Fine Eastern Sugar-Cured Hams, Challenge Special Today at Low Price of 14c

Royal Banquet or Butternut Fine Creamery Butter, Today, 2-Pound Square Only 68c

600 Five-Pound Pails of Pure Leaf Lard, Challenge Today at the Low Price, Each 73c

Regular 28c Eastern Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon, at the Very Low Price, Pound 19c

Good Eastern Eggs, Guaranteed, for Today's Challenge Sale, Priced the Dozen at 29c

Eastern Breakfast Bacon, English Style, Pound, 18c W. B. Crab Meat, Today \$2.69 Dozen, Per Can 23c Fancy California Grape Fruit, 42c Dozen, Each 4c Large Fancy Florida Grape Fruit, 3 for 25c, Each 9c

30c San Amedo Washington Navel Oranges dz. 27c 40c San Amedo Washington Navel Oranges dz. 37c 60c San Amedo Washington Navel Oranges dz. 43c

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Specials in Candy Hand Bags at 89c 20c Plain Mixed Candy at, pound 12c 25c Broken Mixed Candy, pound 12c 25c French Mixed Candy, pound 20c 20c A. B. C. Gum Drops, pound 10c 25c Jumbo Gum Drops, the pound 15c

Toilet Goods Spec'ls \$5 Hand Bags \$2.89 Leader Toilet Paper, special, 3c, dozen 33c Krect Toilet Paper, special, 4c, dozen 43c 25c Graves' Tooth Powder for low price 12c 25c Sanitol Tooth Paste now going for 16c 50c Dr. Charles' Flesh Food now for only 33c 25c Pond's Extract Cream special for only 19c White Ribbon Soap, floating, the dozen, 43c

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STEAMER ANVIL SAILS ON SPECIAL TRIP FROM ALBERS DOCK NO. 3. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12. For Bandon, calling at Tillamook, Bay City, Newport, Florence and Coos Bay. Freight received up to 3 P. M. date of sailing. Passengers for special trip called for at 5 P. M. Oak-street dock.

Death in Roaring Fire may not result from the work of firebugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It soothes inflammation. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at all druggists.

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