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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—History was made in the science of war today when Eugene Ely, the brilliant Oregon aviator, dropped from the skies upon the after-deck of the battleship USS Oregon at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Ely was the first to greet her husband as he alighted. She climbed through the intricate rigging of the battleship where her husband stoically sat and impressed two kisses on his face. Then she took from her corsage a glowing bouquet of California violets and quickly fastened them to the aeroplane.

It was the first time in history that an airship alighted on an ocean craft. Ely, a year ago, at Hampton Roads, flew from five miles of water to land. Ely accomplished the thrilling and memorable feat with the latest type of "pusher" Curtiss biplane, especially fitted with extra wide wings, pontoons and grappling hooks.

Aviator is Modest.

"It was far easier than I thought it would be brought about the first declaration of the daring but modest aviator, who was surrounded by a cheering crowd on board the cruiser.

Ely landed on the improvised wooden runway on the after-deck of the cruiser with all the grace of a gull, and apparently with as much precision as if he were on a runway on land. He landed on the second from time of alighting—"the bird" was again on the wing and off for the aviation field, 23 miles away.

Ely left the staging on the battleship with the same grace and ease as he had alighted an hour before. There was no testing of the motor. He simply listened for a few seconds to convince his trained ear that the engine was "hitting" properly, then, spreading his arms as a signal, he sailed away. In less than a minute the biplane, equipped with the downward incline of the approach, had arose under his guiding hand to a height of several hundred feet, the engine at the rear and wings southward over Hunter's Point at a speed of 60 miles an hour. In 15 minutes he alighted on Seward Field, thereby completing the notable feat.

Soldiers Seize Him.

Ely was seized by the cheering soldiers of the Thirtieth Infantry and escorted to the ship. "I think the trick could be successfully turned nine times out of ten," said the aviator.

Platform is Constructed.

In the meantime, the wireless had notified the cruiser's anchor and the attempt, and final preparations were made for his reception. A wooden platform 130 feet long and 30 feet wide had been constructed over the after deck of the ship. It sloped gently aft, and across the floor were stretched ropes with 100-pound sandbags made fast at either end. These were designed to be caught by hooks on the lower framework of the biplane.

Siren Toots Welcome.

At 10:58 the lookout on the Pennsylvania sighted the flyer through the haze and the ship's siren roared a note of welcome. He came aloft with terrific speed and a moment later circled around the fleet, dipping in salute to each ship and came up in the wind for the stern of the Pennsylvania. He was flying low as he neared the ship and dropped down lightly, striking the platform about 40 feet from the end. The hooks which had been made fast at the center of the aeroplane did their work perfectly. The machine skipped about half of the ropes, but caught ten within 25 feet.

Weather Conditions Perfect.

The flight to the ship was made under almost perfect weather conditions, said Ely, "though I encountered difficulties in approaching the Pennsylvania. The wind was on the cruiser's starboard side and to effect a safe landing I saw that it would be unwise to alight squarely on the platform. So, after circling the ship, I came down, quartering the platform and with my planes pressed as fully into the wind as possible I missed the first of the ropes stretched to check my momentum, but by grappling hooks caught the other strands and I was brought up gently.

Aldrich Plan Approved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—General endorsement of the principal features of the Aldrich plan of financial revision and high praise for submitting it to the public were conspicuous in the address today before the Business Men's Monetary Conference, held under

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Secretary MacVeagh, speaking at the banquet of the conference tonight, declared: "There is not a man, woman or child in the whole Nation, rich or poor, who is not involved in the question of whether we shall have a proper, adequate and safe monetary system."

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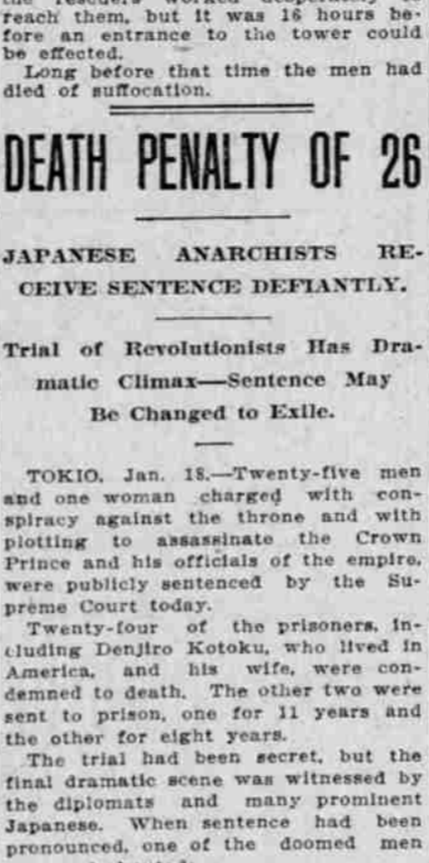
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