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## SAN FRANCISCO AIRSHIP FLIES

Greth's Invention Beats the Record for Ease and Accuracy of Movement.

TURNED A NUMBER OF COMPLETE CIRCLES.

Operator Did Not Understand the Machinery and the Ship Drifted When He Lost Control of it. Start, Descent and Alighting Were Without Fault, and the Inventor Found That the Mechanism Was Unimpaired—Remarkable Invention.

San Francisco, April 25.—T. A. Baldwin, the famous aeronaut, made a successful ascension this morning in Greth's dirigible airship, rising to a height of 1,500 feet and making a number of complete circles with the ease and grace of a gull.

After being in the air about 10 minutes he stopped the engine and was apparently unable to start it again, as the balloon rapidly drifted to the south and at 10:15 was not visible from the city.

The test was made quietly and without previous public announcement. Soon after 9 the fans, rudder and engine were tested off. Baldwin and an aeronautic engineer named Belcher first making an anchored ascension. Immediately after the start Baldwin began the rise with considerable speed, all parts working perfectly.

Baldwin ordered the engine to jump out, and then instructed the men at the ropes to cast off. When released the machine shot upward with great speed and soon reached a height of 600 feet.

The engine obeyed perfectly, enabling Baldwin to make a number of large circles. He then stopped the engine, the balloon continuing to rise until it reached a height of 1,200 feet. At this juncture Baldwin seemed unable to restart the engine and the balloon drifted and disappeared in a haze off the southward. He landed near Blinn's six-mile house, in a swamp. Baldwin was slightly bruised.

The inventor claims the machinery is all right and not understood by Baldwin. Greth immediately started the machinery, and it showed no defects.

The ship sailed on an even keel throughout the flight, even after the motor stopped working.

Baldwin claims he attained a height of 3,000 feet. The descent was perfect, the landing being made without difficulty.

Baldwin was responsible for the choking of the carburetor in the motor, preventing the advance of the ship.

A small army of boys hauled the machine to ground and after Baldwin stepped out practically wrecked the framework in their desire to inspect the machine. Another ascension will be made in a week.

## OFFENDS CHAUVINISTS.

Roosevelt Flatters the German Minister to America Too Much.

Berlin, April 25.—President Roosevelt has flattered the German Minister to America, Herr von Bernstorff, by an interview with him by Eugene Zabel, of the National Zeitung, who cables that the president devoted a quarter of an hour to extolling Ambassador Steinburg, the German ambassador, and creates the impression that Steinburg is striving to gain the American government's approbation instead of resolutely protecting the interests of the fatherland.

## MORMON SCHOOLS.

They Rank High in Effective, Visiting Results.

Washington, April 25.—The cross examination of Judge Powers was resumed this morning. Questioned as to Mormon interests in educational affairs, the witness said the Mormon schools ranked well among the highest establishments of the kind in the country, and gave a list of many prominent persons in science, drama and music who are graduates of Utah schools.

## SECRET BALLOT TODAY.

Result Expected to Be a Strike Order in San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 25.—A secret ballot is being taken today by the Street Car Men's Union on the compromise offer of the United Railways in response to the men's demands for higher wages and shorter hours. The general belief is it will be rejected and a strike called, which would practically tie up all lines in the city.

F. V. Martin Succeeded.

San Juan, April 25.—Frank M. Martin, commissioner of immigration of Puerto Rico, succumbed today on account of ill health.

National Bank Failure.

Washington, April 25.—The famous Merchants' National Bank of Hobart, Okla., closed its doors this morning. A receiver will be appointed at once.

Frank Rose Executed.

Salt Lake, April 25.—Frank Rose, wife murderer, was executed, receiving four bullets through the heart.

## BRIGANDS ARE MASSACREING

Chinese Outlaws Are Operating Along the Manchurian Frontier.

TWENTY EUROPEANS LOST THEIR LIVES.

Russian Court-martial Proves the Utter Incompetence of Slav Naval Commanders, Who Sink Each Other's Ships and Desert the Drowning Crews—Port Arthur is Now Considered Impregnable—Cossacks in the Rear of Japanese Forces.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The Novoe Vremya today quotes the Shunt Yang Shibo of Peking as stating that anti-foreign agitation in Northern China is growing and being carried on actively by brigands.

Seven persons have been killed near Tien Tsin. Trouble has also occurred at Lonsan, in Shansi province, and at Sundeuf, in Pechili province, and several other places.

A French merchant and Signor Poma, an Italian engineer, have been killed.

A desperate fight is reported in the disturbed district, in which Europeans are said to have been massacred. The authorities have telegraphed to Peking for reinforcements to suppress the brigands.

## Russian Ships Fight Duel.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The naval court-martial of the captain of the cruiser Boyarin which was partially destroyed by a mine near Port Arthur February 13, has brought sensational facts to light.

The testimony showed the fact before it struck the mine, the Boyarin engaged in a duel in a fog with another ship of the same name and both were damaged. The fight stopped when the discovery was made that the Boyarin's opponent was the mine transport Yenisei, which later was sunk by a mine. On discovering the error the Boyarin withdrew without attempting to save the crew of the Yenisei.

When the Boyarin struck the mine her crew landed and the ship drifted to sea and was lost.

## In Rear of Japanese.

London, April 25.—A Reuter dispatch from Lian reports that several regiments of Cossacks have occupied the town of Shenkhen (probably Sunchon) in the rear of the Japanese troops concentrated on the Yalu. The object is to cut off detachments going from Gensan to operate for a junction with the Japanese at Ping Yang.

## Denies the Report.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—General Pfing, chief of staff at Port Arthur, denies the report that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu.

## Port Arthur Impregnable.

Port Arthur, April 25.—The defenses have been so strengthened it is now considered the city is impregnable. The hands play daily on the streets. The confidence of the people is restored. The entrance to the harbor remains open.

## SEVERAL KILLED IN THE SOUTHERN STORM.

A Long List of Wounded and Great Destruction to Property—The Texas Cyclone Lapped Over Into The Indian Territory—Six Residences Destroyed in McPherson, Kan., and General and Extensive Destruction in the Country for Miles.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 25.—Seven killed and 40 to 50 wounded, is the latest record of the cyclone in Northeastern Texas and Southern Indian Territory Sunday evening. Many were injured at Mount Vernon and Winsboro. At Sapulpa six were killed.

## Cyclone in Kansas.

McPherson, Kan., April 25.—A severe cyclone struck McPherson yesterday afternoon, demolishing six residences and causing more or less damage to property. Three persons were injured, one seriously. Much damage was done in the country north of here.

Beyond McPherson the cyclone followed the ground, taking the path of an old water course. The cyclone passed four miles east of Salina, wrecking telephone and telegraph poles and farm property. Efforts were made to follow the course of the storm by telephone were made but all the wires are down.

## HUNGARIAN RIOTS.

Serious Trouble Results From Strike of Railway Employes.

Vienna, April 25.—The Hungarian parliament was prorogued by royal decree this morning, in order to obtain a free hand for Count Tisza, premier, in dealing with the striking railway men.

During the rioting at Eled Sunday, a peasant knocked the sword from the hand of a captain. The hussars and corporal promptly clove the peasant's head.

Chinese Commissioner.

Washington, April 25.—Prince Tase, a nephew of the Chinese emperor, and commissioner to the St. Louis exposition, was received by the president this afternoon.

## SUBURBAN TOWNS ARE IN GREAT JEOPARDY.

Kaw River Has Raised Eighteen Feet in Twenty-Four Hours—Steel and Pile Bridges Going Out, and Damage Amounting a Hundred Thousand Dollars Already Done—Much Apprehension.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—Heavy rains during the past 24 hours have caused a rapid rise of the Kaw river, which at 10 this morning stood 18 feet and is rising rapidly. The following the collapse of the Argentine-Armadale foot bridge on Twelfth street, the steel bridge and belt line pile bridge went out.

The apprehension is that the lowlands will again be flooded like a year ago. About \$100,000 damage is already done. There is especial danger to life and property from the threatened collapse of buildings weakened by the flood of last year, which swept for a week through the basements and first stories. These buildings, some of them four to eight stories in height, are considered safe under ordinary conditions, but the pluming law of 1893, State Circuit court, is now being considered as a strain of another flood, and are being already abandoned.

## DENIES THE INTERVIEW.

Davenport Says He Didn't Say What Spokesman-Review Says He Did.

Pulman, Wash., April 25.—Homer Davenport, the artist, emphatically denies an alleged interview set out from Spokane by the Spokesman-Review in which he was quoted as comparing Hearst's boom to a blister on a man's hand.

## UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Judge George Decides About the Plumbers' Law.

Portland, April 25.—In the case of Plumber Clausenius, who was arrested for violation of the state printing law of 1893, State Circuit Judge George this morning declared the law unconstitutional. Under its provisions no man could engage in plumbing in Oregon.

## Holy Candles Burning.

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Neidermeier's body was cut down at 10:55. Two hundred officials and spectators witnessed the execution. After Neidermeier's body was removed, the jailer closed the trap and tried the rope for the second victim, then returned to the chapel to escort Marx.

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"We grow up in the slums, half starved and miserable, to work day after day like slaves, to die miserably. Chicago is full of boys like me, growing up without advice or real help. I have been pretty bad, I admit, but I'm going to pay all the penalty I shall ever pay, this morning. If the church and the coming thing would do more good than they are by converting men about to be hanged. But you do some good, Neidermeier."

Gov. Peabody Hung in Effigy

Union Men Disclaim All Responsibility.

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Cripple Creek, Col., April 22.—Governor Peabody was hung in effigy at Goldenfield, in this district, at midnight last night by a big crowd of miners.

On the dummy was pinned a paper with this inscription: "Warning! Peabody hang." Early this morning the effigy was removed from the telegraph pole by strike-breakers employed at Golden Circle mine.

The striking miners and their friends are emphatic in their denial that they had anything to do with the affair, and claim that when the facts are disclosed it will be found that misguided and vindictive partisans of the governor arranged the dummy and hung it to bring discredit upon the Federation of Miners.

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## EXECUTION OF THREE CHICAGO HOOGLUM BANDITS AND TOUGHS

Two Experienced an Eleventh Hour Conversion—The Third Was Obdurate and Defiant to the Last.

Neidermeier Declares That the Substratum of Chicago Is Full of Such Irresponsibly Born and Neglected Creatures as He—All the Executions Passed Off Without Hitch or Unusual Incident—Vandine's Sweetheart Furnished His Shroud—Marx and Vandine Died Expecting to Meet "On the Other Side."

Chicago, April 22.—Peter Neidermeier was hanged at 10:36. Marx was hanged at 11:17. Vandine was hanged at 11:55.

All Were Game.

Peter Neidermeier, pale and weak from his double attempt at suicide, stubbornly refusing to embrace religion within a few hours of certain death, joking and laughing with the guard and smoking cigarettes the greater part of the night, isolated from Marx and Vandine, his companions in crime, who were themselves converted to the Christian faith and spent the night in peaceful slumber, were incidents which marked the closing hours of the "Automatic trio."

None of the bandits showed signs of weakness. While Neidermeier did not get to sleep until 5, Marx retired at 1:30. Vandine two hours later.

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## YET MANY OF THE YOUNG CHAFE UNDER CONTROL.

Are Prone to Revolt at Polygamy, Which Is Unpopular With Them and a Source of Trouble—Worst Feature of the Mormon Church Is Its Unamerican Middlemoresomeness.

Washington, April 22.—Resuming his testimony in the Smoot case, Judge Powers was asked how the younger Mormons regard the practice of polygamy. He said they are opposed to it, and believe if the church attempted to re-establish it would meet with trouble from that element.

The younger people are also restive under church control. Some submit readily to political dictation by it, some under protest, and some not at all.

The worst feature of the Mormon church, continued the witness, was not polygamy, but the unamerican domination exercised by the hierarchy over its people and that forced obedience to the word of the church leaders as though it were God himself speaking, and also the power of the church to control commerce and business.

KILLED NEAR LEWISTON.

Charles Lewis, Who Is Said to Have Been From Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, April 22.—Chief of Police Brown this morning was notified by telephone from Lewiston, that a man named Charles Lewis, of this city, had been shot and killed near that place this morning.

## BORE FALSE WITNESS.

Detective Agency in Trouble at London, England.

London, April 22.—Henry Slater, head of the largest private detective agency in England, and four assistants were arrested charged with procuring false evidence to permit a woman claim to obtain a divorce.

## RESERVE WILL OPEN.

Nearly Half Million Acres in the Rosebud Agency.

Washington, D. C., April 22.—The president this morning signed the bill opening for sale 416,000 acres of land in the Rosebud Agency in South Dakota.

## MAILS DELAYED.

Labor Troubles Cause Widespread Inconvenience.

Constantinople, April 23.—No mails have arrived since Thursday, on account of the Hungarian railway strike.

## English Baseball Play.

London, April 23.—Forty thousand football enthusiasts today witnessed the final match of the Manchester City Club and Bolton Wanderers. Standing room in the Crystal Palace is at a premium.

## TWO MILLIONS FOR IDAHO DESERT

TRACT TO BE RECLAIMED IS EAST OF HUNTINGTON.

Secretary of Interior Sets Aside \$2,600,000 for Government Project—Will Be the First Pumping Plant Attempted Under the National Irrigation Act—Water Will Be 30 to 40 Feet Out of Snake River—Soll is Rich, Sandy and Productive—Mindoka is the Gateway to Southern Idaho.

The secretary of the interior yesterday set aside the sum of \$2,600,000 for the purpose of constructing an irrigation project at Mindoka, Idaho, for the reclamation of 200,000 acres of arid land in the heart of the Snake river desert.

The project will consist of monster pumps to lift the water out of Snake river at a point about 20 miles east of Mindoka, with canals and ditches covering the entire body of land to be reclaimed.

The land to be reclaimed lies in a vast semi-circular tract, north and south of Mindoka, and is comparatively level, with jutting lava cliffs and rocky ridges running through it from east to west, parallel with the river course. The soil is sandy, rich and deep, and produces abundantly under irrigation.

At places in this desert some small spots have been reclaimed by springs found among the lava cliffs, and where water can be secured the soil produces anything planted.

By raising the water from Snake river a distance of 30 to 40 feet, by means of pumps, and delivering it into iron pipes 10 feet in diameter which will be extended for several hundred feet from the pumps to the level of the plain, to a main canal, it is thought that at least 350,000 acres of desert land can be covered by this project. The land lies favorable to inexpensive irrigation as there are no deep channels to build and but few ravines to cross in reaching the farthest limit of the tract. The tract lies north of the Short Line railroad, and would be a tributary to Mindoka.

Mindoka is the gateway to a large district in Southern Idaho. It is 168 miles east of Huntington, and is the point from which the principal stage lines start southward into Albion, Goose Creek, Salmon river and other thickly settled portions of the state south of Snake river. It enjoys a large travel, as much of the business of Southern Idaho must pass through this place to Boise City and other principal Idaho towns.

This will be the first pumping plant installed by the government, all the other government irrigation projects being either reservoir or dam projects.

Newark, N. J., April 23.—Two firemen and two citizens were killed and 20 injured by an explosion in the factory of the Weiner Company & Cassidy, hardware manufacturers, this morning. The dead are: Jacob Blythe, Patrick Donahue, William Crane and Leo Ross.

Origin was a tank of naphtha taking fire.

Fourteen engines and four truck companies were massed in front of the building when the explosion occurred. Falling walls, burning men and crushed machines filled the street, and a general panic ensued among the bystanders and throughout the business part of town.

The loss to the building is \$50,000, while the city sustains a loss of at least \$9,000 to ruined machinery.

## JAPANESE LOSE A GREAT BATTLE

Reported Through Russian Sources That They Lost 7,000 Men on the Yalu.

SOMEBODY BLUNDERED IN PORT ARTHUR FIGHT.

Russian Account Confirms the Claim That the Petropavlovsk Was Blown Up by a Japanese Submarine—Went Down in the Midst of a General Engagement—Other Russian Boats Were Injured, and the Balance Fled to Inner Harbor.

Paris, April 23.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states the Japanese losses in the reported engagement at Yalu river numbered 7,000. The information is contained in a private message from Port Arthur, which is said to further confirm the rumor of a battle in that region.

"Somebody Blundered."

St. Petersburg, April 23.—Victory Alexieff's full report on the loss of the Petropavlovsk, and destroyer Strashni on April 11, was published today.

He says the mistake of both officers of the Strashni, who mistook the Japanese destroyer for Russian ships, led to the greater disaster of the loss of the battleship. The cruiser Diana, when it was seen that the Strashni was at the mercy of the enemy, went to her relief, but too late. The vessel sank. The Diana picked up five survivors.

The Japanese destroyers withdrew, but a half dozen cruisers appeared and attacked the Diana. It was then that Makarov started to rescue the Diana after a short fusillade at 10,000 yards, a squadron of Japanese battleships appeared and the Russians retired.

Two Explosions Under Petropavlovsk.

"At 9:43," the report continues, "an explosion under the right side of the Petropavlovsk, and a second under her bridge. A column of smoke was seen to arise from the latter vessel. He must, funnel, bridge and turret were thrown up, and the battleship keeled over on her starboard side. The ship was surrounded by flames and in two minutes sank, bow first."

Alexieff tells of the rescue of seven officers, including Cyril and 73 seamen.

Probed a narrow Escape.

It was while nearing the harbor that the battleship Probedia nearly met a like fate. A mine exploded under her starboard side. The ship listed, but entered the harbor. No mention is made of damage.

Intimations that the Japanese laid the fatal mines is given. Alexieff says the night patroling of the sortie lights and ships were seen in the distance.

The victory says the morale of the crews remains despite the ill success attending the Pacific fleet.

## Row in Camp.

Berlin, April 22.—The Morgen Post today reports that Admiral Alexieff has tendered his resignation, as he resented the government's merciless criticism. The car did not accept, but had Viceoy Kuropatkin to co-operate in the work of the preparation for land hostilities.

## DEMOCRATIC HOPES.

Captain Sam White Thinks Prospects Are Bright This Year.

Sam White, of Baker City, chairman of the democratic state central committee, who managed the campaign two years ago which elected George E. Chamberlain governor, was in the city a few moments last evening on his way home