# BREAKS ALL RECORDS

## French Aviator Remains in Air Nearly Three Hours.

## BATTLES WITH WIND AND RAIN

### Descends Only When Fuel Tank is Exhausted—Hailed as Greatest of Aviators.

Betheney Aviation Field, Rheims, Aug. 26.—Another sensational exploit was added to the marvels of aviation week today when Paulham, the plucky French aviator, broke the world's record in a wonderful night of 2 hours 53 minutes 24 seconds for the Prix de la Champagne in a Voisin biplane. During 20 Minutes of the time Paulham had a heavy rain and wind storm to contend with.

The previous official record for time in the air was made by Wilbur Wright at Lemans, December 31, 2 hours 20 minutes 23 1-5 seconds. The unofficial record was 2 hours 27 minutes 25 seconds, made by Sommer at Marmellons. Paulham's new record for distance was about 134 kilometers, or 83 miles. He made 13 circuits of the course and the wind squall passed as he was coming down the home stretch for the last time.

Simutanously, the dirigible Colonel Renard appeared to the westward, plowing its way majestically through the smoke of the city of Rheims. When Paulham finally came down, it was because the 56 litres of essence which he carried in his tank was exhausted. He said the machine and self-cooling motor had stood up perfectly and that it could have continued indefinitely if the tank had been replenished.

No one who witnessed the flight now entertains the slightest doubt that aerial navigation with heavier-than-air machines has a glorious future.

Starting in a 12-knot breeze shortly before 4 o'clock with the avowed intention of completing the 50 kilometers before 5 o'clock to bar his less venturesome rivals, who desired to await calmer air, Paulham not only accomplished his original purpose, but continued to circle the vast plain until his tank was empty.

### STRIKERS AS SHARPSHOOTERS

#### Civil War Continues at McKees Rocks Urged on by Debs.

Pittsburg, Aug. 26.—The town of Schoenville, where the Pressed Steel Car company strike is in progress, has assufed a civil war appearance instead of a town riot-gripped. Sharpshooters are in the woods on the heights above the works. Troopers, heavily armed, parade all the streets.

A great searchlight, mounted on top of the plant, with the operator protected by a sheet of steel, is constantly revolving tonight to discover any effort to break inside the stockade and to spot sharpshooters. The state troopers have laid aside their maces and ride out of the stockade with rifles across the pommels of their saddles.

The entire community bears a grim aspect. Both sides are waiting for some move that will bring on conflict. Eugene Debs, the socialist leader, today urged the men to fight to a finish, and they are determined that they will not leave the community or give in. Arms are being purchased at gun stores and there is fear the near future will bring about a conflict that will startle the coutry.

During the early hours this morning several shots hit the metal shield erected by the deputies for protection against fusillades out of the dark. The marksmen were on a high hill about a quarter of a mile distant from the works. Only the poor ability of the marksmen prevented the loss of several lives today.

The state troopers will not permit any one to stop and talk. The foreigners must remain at a distance or indoors, but they are stubborn and revengeful.

Further adding to the warlike appearance of the stockade, Lieutenant Charles P. Smith and 25 troopers today went to a large tenement-house in Preston. The place was surrounded and squads were detailed to search the apartments of 20 families. Three rifles, ten revolvers, ten knives and a machete were confiscated.

#### Morgan's Yacht Disabled.

New York, Aug. 26.—The fact that J. P. Morgan, the financier, was nearly shipwrecked in Long Island Sound while returning from New Haven to this city Tuesday on his yatch Corsair became known today, when the yatch was put in a drydock for repairs. The accident happened near City Island in the westerly end of Long Island Sound. The Corsair was making fast time when she struck a submerged ledge. Reversing her propellers, the yatch backed off, but began to leak. The Corsair proceeded to New York under reduced speed with her pumps going.

#### Whale Tosses Boat.

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—The steam whaler Gayhead, Captain Wing, arrived today from Kodiak with 1050 barrels of oil, the product of 25 whales. The first mate, venturing too close to one of the monsters, was flung into the air with his crew of six men by the blow of a whale's tail, and an hour later, with the same crew, suffered the same experience. The third mate's boat was also wrecked, but the struggling crews were all rescued.

#### Cage Falls 1,500 Feet.

Mexico City, Aug. 26.—A special dispatch from Mateahaula says that 15 miners were killed and 30 entombed by the dropping of a cage into the La Pez mine there last night.

The cable parted and the men dropped 1500 feet. Rescue parties at once set to work to reach the lower levels.

### MAKES NEW RECORD

#### Hubert Latham, French Aviator, Outdoes Paulham.

Bethany Aviation Field, Rheims, Aug. 27.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, today took glorious revenge for the hard luck he experienced in his recent attempts to cross the English Channel by establishing a new world's record for distance, 154 kilometers, 650 meters, or 95.88 miles. Latham covered 15 laps, or 150 kilometers, in 2 hours, 13 minutes, 9 seconds, and the full distance in 2 hours, 58 minutes, 9 3-5 seconds, which are also world's records. The flight was at the rate of about 68½ kilometers an hour, as compared with 53½ made by Wright at Lemans and a fraction under 50 made by Paulham yesterday.

Nothing could have exceeded the beauty and impressiveness of the prolonged flight. In grace of lines no other aeroplane here compares with Latham's monoplane. The slightly tilted planes from the long skiff-like body give it the resemblance, when close, to a winged canoe; while sailing high up in the air, it looks from the distance like a mammoth dragon. For an hour, with fluttering wings, like a living thing, it fought its way against the storm of wind and rain at an average height of 150 feet, mounting higher as the wind rose, until at the worst of the storm, it rose fully 1000 feet.

Latham early in the day, with No. 13, an aeroplane of the same type, made a flight of more than 70 kilometers, and after he had finished, Count de Lambert covered 116 kilometers, 72.73 miles, in commanding fashion. The flights therefore in a single day totaled more than 210 miles.

### HAVOC WITH MOORS.

#### Spanish Artillery Kills Hundreds, and Moors Mutilate Prisoners.

Lisbon, Aug. 27.—Special dispatches received here from Melilla say the fighting is general on the Moroccan coast. The new Spanish artillery has wrought terrible havoc among the Moors, who have lost 1000 men in the last three days. The Spanish casualties amount to 350. A Spanish column has destroyed three villages near Restinga.

A Moorish deserter who has come into the Spanish lines declares the Spanish prisoners, after being horribly turtured and mutilated, are decapitated and their bodies flung into a hole on Mount Guruga. Estimates place the number of Spanish prisoners at 1000.

The water being doled out to the Spanish troops is insufficient, and driven by their overwhelming thirst they have drunk from stagnant pools. Many cases of poisoning have resulted. Already 53 men have died from this cause.

### ZEPPELIN EN VOYAGE.

#### Starts on 450-Mile Trip With Berlin as Objective Point.

Friederichshafen, Aug. 27.—The dirigible balloon Zeppelin III started tonight for Berlin. The course will be via Nuremburg, Leipsic and Bitterfield, about 450 miles. The run to Bitterfield will be made without stop and the airship probably will arrive there after nightfall. It will remain at Bitterfield until Sunday to replenish the gas and benzine supply and then will take on Count Zeppelin, who will pilot the ship to Berlin. The crew consists of only enough men to manage the airship, the government rejecting applications of others who wished to make the trip.

#### Oregon Man Champion.

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 27.—The national rifle matches were concluded today. In the individual match another world's record was made.

A young rifleman from the United States Naval Academy, Midshipman H. O. Roesche, of Oregon, who won the governor's match last week, made the remarkable score of 195 out of a possible 200 at slow fire in the 200, 600, 800 and 1000-yard targets, thereby winning the $20 prize for the nighest slow-fire score.

Roesche also won the match, defeating 623 competitors, with the record score of 330, which is 30 above the score by which Lieutenant A. D. Rothrock, of Ohio, took the honors last year.

#### Investigate Pan Tans.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 27.—Mayor Pratt today appointed a committee of five prominent citizens to investigate the Panta Pantois' secret political society, alleged to have been organized to serve personal and special interests by securing the appointment of its members to public offices. The mayor has had the proposed investigation under consideration for some time. He urges the committee, all of whom have agreed to serve, to make thorough and impartial inquiry. Testimony will have to be voluntary, as the committee has not power to subpena witnesses.

#### Brooklyn Babes Paralytics.

New York, Aug. 27.—More than 200 children in a limited district of Brooklyn have been stricken within the last few days with a form of infantile paralysis. Not even the healthiest children are immune from the epidemic and bottle-fed babies seem the most susceptible. Physicians believe many of the victims will be crippled for life. Great difficulty heretofore has been found in checking the disease because little has been known about its cause and nature.

#### Only Bathing Suits Left.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Aug. 27.—The Strathcona Hotel at Chautauqua Park, a landmark, was destroyed by fire today. The 150 guests lost all their belongings. There were several narrow escapes. Possibly 50 persons from the hotel were in bathing or on the golf links or tennis courts when the fire started. Several women lost all their clothing except the bathing suits they were wearing.

#### Trophies in Good Condition.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The skins sent by Colonel Roosevelt from his African hunting trip were today unpacked at the National Museum. The specimens were in salt and in good condition.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### MAKING ARTIFICIAL STONE.

#### Klamath Falls Industry Growing and Plant Will Be Enlarged.

Klamath Falls.—To extend the manufacture of artificial stone and brick by an hydraulic process the Hydraulic Stone & Brick company has erected a building and installed a plant of modern machinery here.

The materials for the cement block are prepared and placed in a mold, the back being a mixture of cement, crushed rock and sand at a percentage of five or six to one and the facing being a mixture of sand and cement at a mixture of three to one. By the use of levers a pressure of 100,000 pounds to the square inch is exerted, thus producing a block of even density in which all the component parts are brought together to form a solid mass.

Bricks are made of a mixture of three to one and are the equal of what is commonly known as pressed brick, with many points of superiority. They can be made in any desired color, though it is doubtful if any one will desire other than the natural gray, as its appearance is both lasting and pleasing to the eye. Several thousand of these bricks have been made and are superior to anything ever seen in the city.

In addition to the bricks and blocks the company is preparing to manufacture sewer pipe. Machines for this purpose have already been ordered and are expected here in a few days.

Paving blocks and tile will be added and within the next year this company will be furnishing employment to local labor and have a weekly payroll of several hundred dollars.

### GOOD INTENTIONS GO WRONG

#### Scarcity of Salmon in Rivers Attributed to Killing of Sealions.

Astoria.—Although the slaughter of sealions has been carried on systematically for some years and has received the sanction of the state authorities as being a means of getting rid of one of the greatest natural enemies to the salmon, there is a well-defined opposition to the practice being continued growing among some of those who have been directly interested in the fishing industry for several years.

They assert that while the sealions exist on salmon and destroy many of those fish, they also drive the fish into the river, and that otherwise the salmon will not enter fresh water until they are ripe and ready to spawn. To substantiate their contention these men say that a similar case occurred in Norway some years ago. There the government took up the work of destroying certain natural enemies of the salmon and the result was that the fish stopped entering the rivers in schools or "runs," but straggled in much as they have done in the Columbia this season.

This year there were hundreds of sealions killed off the mouth of the Columbia and many more were frightened away, and the runs of salmon have been small. At Tillamook and Nehalem there were large numbers of sealions and more Chinook salmon were caught there than ever before.

#### Big Timber Sale in Linn.

Brownsville.—The largest sale of timber land recorded in Linn county for a number of years has just taken place here, the lands involved in the transfer being known as the Martin tract, owned by local people, consisting of approximately 2500 acres, situated on the north slope of the divide between the Calapoola and Mohawk rivers. The price paid for this land was close to $45,000, the purchaser being the Crosset Timber company, of Portland. It is surmised that the land goes into the hands of speculators. Brownsville is only foar and a half miles distant from the land. The land is admirably situated for logging and milling.

#### Trout for Oregon Streams

Washington.—The bureau of fisheries has deposited young fish in Oregon streams as follows: 3000 brook trout for Spring creek, Hilgard, Or.; 2000 rainbow trout for Meadow brook, Hilgard, Or.; 3000 for Beaver creek, Hilgard, Or.; 3000 for Jordan creek, Hilgard, Or.; 6000 for Five Points creek, Hilgard, Or.; 6000 for North Fork of Burnt river, Baker City, Or.; 3000 for Deer creek and tributaries, Baker City, Or.; 3000 for Downey lake, Baker City, Or.; 5500 for Eagle creek, Baker City, Or.; 3000 for Fish lake, Baker City, Or.; and 5000 for Dayly creek, Baker City, Or.

#### Buys North Bend Sawmill.

Marshfield.—The mill of the North Bend Lumber company, at North Bend, has been sold to W. E. Best, of Seattle, and Frank Standish, of Portland. The purchasers have bought the stock of several of those interested and part of the stock of L. J. Simpson. Mr. Best has taken charge as manager. The mill has a cutting capacity of about 70,000 feet a day. It is understood that the intention is to double the capacity of the mill as soon as the lumber market improves.

#### New Road for Newpoat.

Newport.—Morris Wygant is locating the railroad survey along the coast north of here, made several years ago. It is thought that building operations are soon to commence in consequence. The road is to run from Falls City and follow the Siletz river to the coast and thence to Yaquina Bay, along the shore. Among the financial backers is Banker Herschberg, of Independence. It is also rumored that J. J. Hill has a word to say in the matter.

#### Planting New Orchards.

Central Point.—The dividing of large farms into small home tracts, the planting of orchards, the rapid development of mining and timoer properties, the building of substantial factories, business blocks and residences, the installation of a modern waterworks system and other public improvements, and the phenomenal increase in population are factors in continued prosperity of Central Point.

### IMPROVING FAIR GROUNDS.

#### New Sewer System, New Entrance and Many New Buildings.

Salem.—Work has been started on the system of sewerage authorized by the last legislature for the state fair, and the fair grounds wil present a busy scene to visitors until the fair opens on Monday, September 13. Besides 35 convicts employed on the grounds, Secretary Frank Welch had advertised that as many men will be employed in digging ditches as can be hired for 25 cts. an hour. A 22-inch sewer will be laid from the fair grounds through north Salem to the site of the new Deaf Mute school, where the state board of agriculture will co-operate with the state board of education in the completion of the project. The sewer will run from the Deaf Mute school, thence to the river about one mile and a half from the fair grounds.

The sewer for the fair grounds was almost demanded by the state board of health. Besides benefiting the state institutions, for which it was primarily constructed to serve, it will give the city of Salem additional needed sewerage, and those property owners who have donated right of way will be privileged to use the sewer.

A mammoth entrance is being built which gives the grounds this year a more imposing appearance from the outside. Several new buildings are under course of construction that will give more room for the display of exhibits.

All the work is under contract to be finished by September 13, at which time the fair is billed to open for one week. The entries are beginning to come in, and the office force at the fair grounds is swamped with work attending to the classification of the stock entries. It is believed the fair this year will easily surpass all previous exhibitions.

#### Right of Way Causes Suit.

Madras, Or.—W. E. Ellis and wife, who have a place two miles southwest of Madras, were served with summons in a condemnation suit by Deputy Sheriff J. C. Robinson, for right of way of the Deschutes Railroad company over their land.

There was a wide difference between the price offered by the right of way agent and that asked by the owner of the land. The case will come up for consideration at the October term of the circuit court in Crook county.

Railroad engineers have commenced to set grade stakes for the Harriman road, and it is presumed construction work will begin in a few days on both sides of Willow Creek canyon, north and south of this place.

#### Harbor Work Will Begin.

Marshfield.—Word having been received here that the Supreme Court had sustained the decision of Judge Coke, holding that the port commission law is valid, work will at once be started by the Coos Bay commissioners. The commission has power to tax property in the district, but also they are empowered to raise $500,000 on a bond issue, and this will give them an opportunity to get funds immediately. Extensive work in the way of harbor improvements will be carried out.

#### 400 Acres in Spuds

Union.—Over 400 acres of potatoes in the vicinity of Union this season promise a bumper crop and the quality will be first-class.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: New crop, bluestem, 94c; club, 88c; red Russian, 86½c; Valley, 90c; Turkey red, 88c; 40-fold, 89½c.

Barley—Feed, $25.50@26; brewing, $26.50@27 per ton.

Oats—September, $27.50@28.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, $35; cracked, $36 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $33; sorts, $29@32; chop, $22 @29; rolled barley, $29@30.

Hay—New crop: Timothy, Willamette Valley, $12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $17@18; mixed, $15.50@16.50; alfalfa, $13.50; clover, $11@13; cheat, $13@14.50.

Grain Bags—6½c each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 33c; fancy outside creamery, 27½@31½c per pound; store, 21@22c. (Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.)

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 28@ 29c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16½c; Springs, 16 @16½c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, $1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11½c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 9½@10c per pound.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, new, $1@2 per box; pears, $1.75@2 per box; peaches, 50c@$1.10 per crate; cantaloups, $1.50 @2.50 per crate; plums, 35@75c per box; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; grapes, 60c@$1.75; casabas, $1.50 per dozen.

Potatoes—Oregon, $1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound.

Onions—New, $1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c; cabbage, 1 @1½c per pound; cauliflower, 40c@$1 per dozen; celery, 50c@$1 per dozen; corn, 15@20c per dozen; cucumbers, 10 @25c per dozen; lettuce, hothouse, $1 per box; onions, 12½@15c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 5@10c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; spinach, 5c per pound; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 75c@ $1.25.

Cattle—Steers, top, $4.50@4.60; fair to good, $4@4.25; common, $3.75@4; cows, top, $3.40@3.65; fair to good, $3 @3.25; common to medium, $2.50@2.75; calves, top, $5@5.50; heavy, $3.50@4; bulls and stags, $2.75@3.25; common, $2@2.50.

Sheep—Top wethers, $4; fair to good, $3.50@3.75; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, best, $4; fair to good, $3.50@ 3.75; Spring lambs, $5.25@5.60.

Hogs—Best, $8.75; fair to good, $8@ 8.50; stockers, $6@7; China fats, $7.50 @ 8.

Word was received from Independence that Miles Porterfield had contracted to deliver 20,000 pounds of new hops to Klaber-Wolf & Netter at 20 cents a pound.

### SPANIARDS PLAN ATTACK.

#### Will Take No Chances, for Fate of Kingdom Hangs on Result.

Melilla, Aug. 25.—General Marina, commander of the Spanish forces, said today that he planned to assume the offensive within ten days. It is evident that he feels keenly his responsibility, knowing that far more depends upon the next movement that the actual success or failure of the military operations against the Moors.

The events of the next few weeks here may fix the fate of the Spanish dynasty. A reverse might prove fatal; hence General Marina is leaving nothing to chance. When he moves he will be at the head of a force so strong that the Riffs cannot by any possible means win a victory in the open.

Melilla and the railway have been converted into a veritable fortress and it would require an army with a siege train and modern ordnance to capture the points.

Everything now turns on the construction of the canal to Marchica. If this fails, the task of the Spaniards will be greater, as all the supplies must be brought by land and exposed to Moorish attacks.

Since the earthquake of 1894 closed the exit to the sea, the water at Marchica has evaporated and receded. By reopening the channel, the Spaniards hope to raise it to the former level, making it navigable for transports. The success of this will enable General Marina to feed the army by way of the sea.

Many feel that a litte more dash to the enterprise would have been advisible, but the memory of Pinto's reverse appears to have sunk deep into the general's mind.

The fact that no attempt is permitted to dislodge the enemy has resulted in more daring tactics on the part of the Moors each day, which might be checked if the Spaniards sent out a few sharpshooters. There is a strange fear of some lurking trap like that into which General Pinto fell.

### FIND ANCIENT RELICS.

#### Russian Scientist Says Far North Was Highly Civilized.

Port Townsend, Aug. 24.—News is brought by the United States revenue cutter Tahoma, which reached Puget Sound today after steaming around the world from Baltimore, that a party of ethnologists, headed by Dr. Waldemar Yochelson, a noted Russian explorer, and encountered at the Island of Attu, in the Aleutian archipelago, has discovered relics and skeletons that would establish the record of population of Northwestern North America during prehistoric ages.

In a statement to Captain Quinan, of the Tahoma, Dr. Yochelson said that the relics uncovered would establish completely a belief that thousands of years ago the highest type of humanity existing in the new world existed in the North. The search of the Yochelson party is directed by the Royal Russian Geographical Society and will be continued several years before a formal report is made in St. Petersburg.

A report is also brought that the Bogoslov Islands, in Bering Sea, the field of numerous changes through volcanic eruptions, is now undergoing further marked configurations.

#### Trouble Over Taft's Visit

Chicago, Aug. 24.—President Taft on his forthcoming visit to Chicago desires to see all the people he can. Certain people with social ambitions desire to monopolize him and the result is puzzling the managers of his visit here.

The President has been "sounded" on what he most desires while here in the way of amusement and he promptly came back with a broad hint that a bang-up ball game would about fill the bill. Consequently the National League people arranged a game between the Cubs, world's champions, and the Giants, formidable pretenders to the throne, if Pittsburg can be disposed of.

It so happens that the American Bankers' Association will be holding its national convention here on the day of Taft's visit, and the Hamilton Club, which has charge of his movements while here, has been asked to have him drop in at the grand banquet. So the club agreed to "lend" him to the banquet for a few moments.

#### Mysterious Airship Seen.

New York, Aug. 25.—The nightly appearance of a strange air-sailing craft has mystified and agitated the residents of suburban towns in northern New Jersey. What is described as an airship, sometimes containing one person and at other times two, has been observed at night making rapid flights high in the air. Attention has been attracted to it by the loud exhaust from its motor. This airship is believed to belong to an experimenter who has his headquarters in some isolated section and who is preserving secrecy.

#### Harriman Reaches Home.

Arden, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The Harriman special, with E. H Harriman and party on board, passed here at 6:36 o'clock this evening. Mr. Harriman and several of the women on the train waved handkerchiefs to the crowd of villagers.

Leaving the train beyond here, Mr. Harriman was taken by automobile to the foot of the incline which leads up to his mountain home. Then he boarded a specially constructed car and was drawn up to his residence.

#### Many Plants Start Up.

New York, Aug. 25.—Since January 1, it is learned orders have been given by various railroad, express and dispatch companies for from $150,000,000 to $175,000,000 worth of rolling stock.

Many plants that several months ago were running on half time, are today operating to their full capacity, and thousands of men who were out of work six months ago have steady employment.

#### Fight Moors or Disease

Melilla, Aug. 25.—The present situation of the army of 35,000 men sent over to Africa by Spain to advance against the Moors is causing widespread discontent. Spain's soldiers are now cooped up in unhealthy camps, and, if they don't move soon, they probably will be decimated by disease.

# OPERATION FOR HIM

## Oxygen Tanks, Cot and Doctor Arrive at Arden.

## SECRET THOROUGHLY GUARDED

### Though Family Seems Optimistic and Denies It, Indications Point to Approaching Operation.

Arden, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Whatever be F. H. Harriman's ailment, whatever his true condition, the public is not to know until he and his family decide that such an announcement is opportune. All avenues of information were carefully guarded today, but rumors were spread broadcast that Mr. Harriman was abou to be operated upon. This supposition was strengthened by the arrival here of two oxygen tanks and a collapsible cot such as is used in hospitals.

Coincident with the arrival of these requisites to an operation came two men from New York, one of them carrying what appeared to be a black bag of a surgeon. One of the men, it was said, was Dr. George W. Crille, of Cleveland, an eminent specialist in abdominal surgery. According to report, he was summoned to assist Dr. W. G. Lyle of New York, who has been Mr. Harriman's physician throughout his illness.

Mr. Gerry denied the operation report and said Dr. Lyle was the only physician in attendance.

A. C. For, superintendent of the estate, confirmed Mr. Gerry's statement.

"The stories that Mr. Harriman is in a critical condition are not founded on fact," said Mr. Ford. "He has a firm grip when he shakes hands and he appears brighter."

The impression grows that an operation of some character is to be performed on Mr. Harriman, but details are well-nigh impossible to obtain.

### FARMAN BEATS THEM ALL.

#### Unpretentious Englishman Wins Aeroplane Grand Prize.

Bethany Aviation Field, Rheims, Aug. 28.—Henry Farman, the English aviator, a hitherto unknown quantity in the aviation contest, in a biplane of his own design, broke the world's records for duration of flight and distance in a heavier-than-air machine today and won the grand prix de la Champagne—the endurance test—by a remarkable flight officially recorded as 180 kilometers (111.78 miles) in 3 hours 4 minutes 56 2-5 seconds. He actually covered an extra ten kilometers and remained in the air 10 minutes after 7:30 this evening, the hour that the timekeepers, under the rules, ceased to keep a record of the flight.

Farman's victory was a complete surprise. He had been preparing his machine secretly and had not appeared upon the field until today, except for a few practice flights, and had been almost forgotten. Indeed, after he started, keeping close to the ground while Latham and the others were soaring high in the air, Farman attracted no attention until he had flown 80 kilometers. Then, suddenly, the watchers woke up only to discover that he had gone out carrying petrol enough for five hours' flight and equipped with a cooling revolving motor.

### BIG TREES IN DANGER.

#### Forest Fire in Yosemite Rapidly Approaching Merced Grove.

Yosemite, Cal., Aug. 28.—The forest fire which started yesterday in the Yosemite National park is completely beyond control tonight and is sweeping up the canyon toward the famous Merced grove of big trees. The flames are within two or three miles of the grove and are being carried in that direction. The hotel at El Porta, which was threatened during the day, is out of danger.

The fire has taken a direction at northerly right angles to the Yosemite valley, toward the Merced and Tuolumne big trees and the Hetch Hetchy valley, whence San Francisco's new water supply is to come. The fire started a few feet from El Portal station within a stone's throw of the hotel. The long grass was ignited from sparks from a locomotive fire-box and had gained uncontrollable headway before the danger was realized.

#### Lash for Young Thug.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28.—For beating a stranger into insensibility, then robbing him and leaving him without aid, Clay Beers, 21 years old, was today sentenced by Judge McInnes to seven years penal servitude and 10 lashes within the first 21 days of his confinement. The crime was committed recently in Stanley Park and the sentence is the first of its kind imposed in this city for robbery with violence. This is Beers' first offense, but the judge stated that such a crime had not a single redeeming feature.

#### Almost Swims Channel.

Dover, Aug. 28.—Edward Heaton, of Liverpool, came within a mile and a half of swimming the English channel today. He gave up the attempt when within that distance of the French coast this evening. He was favored with ideal conditions.

Jabez Wolffe, who started from Dover at 4 P. M. yesterday to swim the channel to France, was compelled to give up after having covered 13 miles in eight hours.

#### Bumper Crop in Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28.—Sydney Fisher, dominion minister of agriculture, estimates Canada's yield of wheat for this year conservatively at 120,000,000 bushels, and stated today upon his arrival here that he believes there is every indication for a highly successful season for farmers throughout the west.