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BIRDMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

SILAS CHRISTOFFERSON, WHO BRAVES THE ATMOSPHERE. NEARLY BORNE OUT TO SEA IN A SKIFF.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15 .- The Chronicle says: "Silas Christofferson, the aviator, and Ernest Hammer, his chief mechanic, faced death in a form peculiar to them last evening, when, clinging to a cap-sized skiff in which they had been rowing a mile off Harbor View found themselves being carried by a strong ebb tide out to sea.

Christofferson and Hammer had gone rowing, following an afternoon spent in the aviator's hangar near the point off which the accident Shortly before 7:30 occurred. o'clock they struck rough water and a strong current, which seized the frail craft, turned it end for end, then capsized it completely.

Christofferson and Hammer, who are both fairly good swimmers dove from under the boat, then swam back and clambered aboard its upturned bottom. It was rapidly growing dark and the same curwhich had overturned their rent craft was carrying them toward the Heads when the crew of the schooner Roy Somers, anchored off Harbor View, noticed the men's plight They put off in a boat to pick up the stranded men, and the latter were then taken to Meigg's wharf the Quarantine tug Argonau on which had passed the Roy Somersoon afterward.

The aviator and his mechanic were soon over their scare and the effects of restoratives applied by Dr Drew of the Argonaut sent the two men on their way home rejoicing over their narrow escape.

CHRISTOFFERSON'S TRIPS.

Aviator Continues to be One of Big Attractions at San Francisco,

Lindsay Campbell in one of the San Francisco papers writes as follows concerning Silas Christoffer son, the aviator, who made such a success on Coos Bay last fall:

Aviator Christofferson has been on hand in his hydroplane for the last few months to meet and escor to an anchorage off the barge office nearly every trans-Pacific line: that has come to port. He usually meets the steamer as it passes Fort Point, flies around it a few times ascends to a great height, and then if the sea is not too choppy, vol planes to the water, over which he skims at a high rate of speed After he has thoroughly impress-ed the new arrivals that the air

ship is part of San Francisco's reg ular transportation system, he eith er goes back to his hanger in the exposition grounds or takes a whir around the crest of Tamalpais.

He was bound for Tamalpais the other day, when he met the ferry steamer Sausalito. He was flyin: straight for the steamer, but abou 300 feet about it. . he whirr o the engine fell on the ears of thi terry boat pilot who looked up



F . dong a narrow, most vessel, the Trinidad, strode one of them ever completed. a thin, haggard man, peering ahead brough the mist with anxious eyes. \$250,000, Beside him walked another man. After r bearded, talking in short sharp senences. Louder and louder grew tothing, only shaking his head stub-

bornly at the leather of the rigging. next day, the 28th of Novem-1520, his little fleet rounded Cabo Deseado, the "desired" Fro he ber, he Western end of the Strait of Ma-

Ferdinand Magellan had an exiting life. He was born in Portigal about 1480. He was only 24 when he made his first voyage to india, where he was wounded in A few years later he fought pattle. pravely against the Malays at Maacca, and received as a reward for is many services the rank of cap-He continued to distinguish Times. ain.

The current statements as to bet-

mediately after the disaster there

was a flood of proposed legislation,

most of it foolish, but when the de-

sirable and necessary measures had been sifted out and there was a

chance for real work the frothy ele-

ment in popular interest had lessen-ed and Congress promptly fell back

into its usual slough of inattention.

Practically the only real bettering in conditions thus far has come from

private action in response to public opinion.---N. Y. Journal of Com-

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storm driven, their rigging at court he managed to persuade coated with ice-struggled the Spanish king that his plan was dong a narrow, tortuous strait possible. On August 10, 1519, the fringed by snow-clad mountains. Up little fleet of five ships started on ind down on the deck of the fore- their hazardous voyage, which only To equip this expedition cost over

After many months of struggles and disappointments a western passage was at last discovered-now cailed the Strait of Magellan. But his words, fiercer and fiercer his cailed the Strait of Magellan. But gestures; but the haggard man said even when the little fleet had managed to get through this into the This was Magellan, the first man calm waters of the Pacific, their troubles were only beginning. For with the courage to attempt to sail 98 days they crossed the sea, only intirely round the world, pushing twice sighting land-two bare lit-in, as he said, "even if we had to the islands, sterile and uninhabited. Sawdust and rats became coveted That was the brave commander's food. But at last, in March, 1521, ast day of doubt, however, for on the Ladrones were discovered, and a little while afterward the Philip-

From these islands Magellan never came away. Fighting on the relian and sailed into the peaceful side of one of the native chiefs cean named "Pacific' by Magellan against a bostile tribe, he was killside of one of the native chiefs ed on April 27, 1521.

The Victoria managed to round the Cape of Good Hope and reach Spain once more. Spain once more. But only 31 men returned to Seville in the first vessel that ever made the tour of the earth.

Every day a different human in-terest story will appear in The You can get a beautiful intimself on many subsequent voy- taglio reproduction of this picture, ures and campaigns. But he was not content with the bonors he had won. Like Columbus week's "Mentor." In "The Mentor" and most of the adventures of that a well known authority covers the ume, Magellan dreamed always of subject of the pictures and stories uilling westward. His idea was of the week. Readers of The Times hat at the extreme south of South America there was a strait. About this time he got into trou-Travel, and own exquisite pictures.



and for the first time saw the air ship. To that pilot all ships lool alike. Christofferson was common at terrific speed. The pilo reached for the lever above his hear and blew-first two whistles and then the danger signal. Christoffer son said later that he met the sound of the whistles as he wa coming back from Tamalpais.

GOOD ROADS CONFERENCE

Suggested That Coos and Dougla-Get Together for Road Improvements.

The Coquille Sentinel says Mayor Morrison will go to Klamath Falls the latter part of May, there to attend a convention of cae w. O. W of the state. While absent he wil stop at Roseburg and take up the matter of improving the highway between this section and the county seat of Douglas county. Mr. Schill ing of Myrtle Point has suggested that a delegation from Coos county confer with the Douglas authorities at that time, and volunteered to represent his locality at such ineeting. Acting upon the suggest-ion Mr. Morrison has asked Mr. Green, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, to either send a representative or pass resolutions favoring such an improve ment. Other towns in the county will be requested to do likewise It is a good move, and one that

should bring some good results. "Mayor Morrison informs The Sentinel that Judge Hall. County Clerk James Watson and assessor Thrift, all being delegates to the Oddiellows' gathering at Medford on May 21, will join in presenting the roads situation before the Douglas county people, as will also Com-missioner Dement of Myrtle Point."

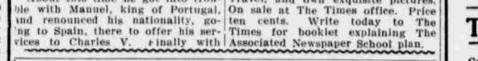
FIRES AT "MOVIES" VILLAIN, THROWING CROWD IN PANIC.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 15. Patrons of a moving picture show here last night were momentarily panic stricken when a spectator, believing the villain was going to murder the hero of the picture, drew a pistol from his pocket and fired at the struggling figures on the can-Vass

The shot rang out just is it ap-peared the hero would be thrown over a precipice.

The place was crowded and there was a wild rush for the doors, but order was soon restored. The man who fired the shot escaped in the excitement.

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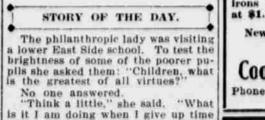
eautiful than a fine green lawn A day should be selected when and really not so difficult a thing the wind will not blow the seed. o obtain if gone about in the right in an ordinary open lawn a good The proper way to start is mixture is Pod pratensis mixed with after the lawn has been graded agnostis acamna. For under the to put in it a top soil of at least trees where it is difficult to sesix inches and have a gradual slop-ing grade for drainage, or if the should be covered with myrtle or should be covered with myrtle or ground is low and .amp it will hedera ivy. After the seed has he best to lay drainpipes from two been sown the ground should be raked and gone over with a heavy three feet beneath the surface. Soil that 's rich is very often acid, which can be corrected by ap-When the grass is three

When the grass is three to four plying air slaked lime in sufficient inches high it should be cut with a scythe until strong enough to bear the mower. Should any bare spots quantity to correct the acidity. Witl sandy soil the question of fertility is of prime importance after the grading. The entire erea should be covered with well rotted season for making a lawn is immenanure. Where this is not possible diately after the spring rains and t chemical fertilizer should be used. before the heat of the summer tends After this fertilizer has thoroughly to dry out the ground.



in Panama Asylum.

ter facilities for life-saving and safe The Eugene Guard says: "A copy ty of passengers at sea show how of the Frankfort (Germany) Ga-zette received yesterday by E. great an improvement has been produced in this type of equipment since the Titanic disaster and largely as Schwarzschild, of this city, contains a result of that event. With this an interview relative to Dr. F. increase in the number of life boats Cook, of North Pole notoriety, by carried, the use of better means of his sister, who lives in Stuttgart, protection of the vessel, and the adop-Germany, in which she says that tion of special devices for safeguard-Dr. Cook has become hopelessly ining life should be contrasted the su- sane and that he is now cor "ned pine indifference of Congress. 1min a private asylum in Panama."



and pleasure to come and talk with you for your good?" "Well, what am I doing. little

boy?" "Buttin' in!"

"Did you marry your ideal?" ask-Somebody wants to know if they call the sweet young things "chick-ens" because they always look so ed a new acquaintance of a bright "Mercy, no! I married my husens" chie.