

PRINCE OF THE AIR ALL BUT LOSES HIS LIFE

Ascends With His Balloon While Suffering From a Badly Broken Leg Caused at the Start.

Seattle, April 27.—After he had broken his left leg in two places at the start of a balloon ascension at Madison park, John Leonard, the aeronaut, made the flight, cut loose from his balloon and descended to the ground a short distance from the starting point. He is now a patient in the Monod hospital, where he will probably be laid up for nearly two months. He suffered a compound fracture of his left leg.

He talked freely of his experience last night and censured the crowd collected about the balloon for being the cause of the accident.

Leonard, who is heralded as the "Prince of the air," has agreed to make a series of balloon ascensions at Madison park. The ascension yesterday was to have been the first. A large crowd had collected about the balloon before the attendants had started the inflation process. The weather was bad, and for a time Leonard believed that the flight would have to be postponed. At 3:30 o'clock he decided that he would make a short ascension, and the work of filling the balloon started.

A wind-break 30 feet high had been built at one side of the balloon, from which direction the wind usually blew. Yesterday the wind was off the lake, however, and the wind-break was of no use. Under ordinary conditions the aeronaut would have cleared the break but the crowd surged so close about the big gas bag that it could not be inflated properly and did not soar straight up, as it should.

At 4:30 o'clock the guy ropes were cut loose and the big bag started upwards, but swerved over in the direction of the wind-break. Prof. Leonard hangs 40 feet below the balloon on a trapeze, and he was hurled with terrific force against the top of the wall.

"I'm hurt," he called, to his assistants below, but clung to his trapeze and kept going upward.

The moments seemed hours to those in the crowd below. They realized that the aeronaut had been injured, and seriously, but wondered how he managed to cling to the trapeze bar.

Suddenly something dropped. The crowd watching the ascension believed it to be the balloonist. Women shut their eyes and men looked with horror at the thing dropping through the air.

The object had dropped but a few feet, however, when the parachute and Leonard sailed slowly to earth

within 300 feet of the starting point. The attendants were there to assist him when he alighted. Leonard was pale, but did not lose consciousness. He told his friends what had happened and a telephone call was sent at once for a conveyance. The ambulance was sent and on the way to the hospital Leonard smoked a cigarette and talked of his past life with the ambulance attendant.

"I have been in the business for about 22 years," said Leonard at the hospital last night, "and this is the second time I have ever been hurt and the first time that anything serious ever happened to me. The only other time I was hurt was in Dawson in 1889. I merely sprained my ankle at that time and soon recovered."

"When I struck that wind-break I knew that my leg was broken, but realized that I had to hold on or drop to my death. It was hard, but I went through it all right. The ascension was not as high as I make, but it seemed the longest one I had ever taken."

Leonard is the aeronaut who made ascensions during the carnivals here last summer. Since that time he has been living about the sound.

Drs. Bates and Mott, who are attending the injured man, say the fracture is serious and will keep him in bed for several weeks.

The Reward of Learning.

A certain judge who possesses a degree from a leading university dropped in one day at a new thirist resort, partly for the purpose of getting a drink and incidentally to see the decorations of the place. When the judge entered one of the barkeepers was discoursing to a customer upon the beauty of a stained glass window.

"Dat window," he said, "is de handsomest one in any joint in town. I don't know what dat Eye-talian on it means. Wish't I did."

"That motto," said the judge obligingly, "is 'Dum vivimus vivamus,' and means, 'While we live, let us live.'"

"Say," replied the barkeeper, "ain't dat great! I'm mighty glad to know what dat spiel stands for."

The next day, the judge being in the same neighborhood, again entered the resort to get some refreshment, when the barkeeper cheerily greeted him:

"Good mornin' professor. Glad to see you. Say, I'll give youse some good whisky dis time."

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Chicago, April 27.—Although disposing of an estate valued at only 75,000, the will of Dr. Chester Lyman, who died March 29, is the longest document filed in the history of the Cook county court. The instrument goes into minute details, describing each article owned by the testator, its origin, its history and its present whereabouts. The will contains so many thousands of words that it was reproduced in printed form and in this shape it was filed in the probate court, together with the original document.

Dr. Lyman was a collector of souvenirs and some of them are considered valuable. A Washington saucer valued at 1,000 bequeathed to the Field Columbian museum, is a Peruvian image made in bronze. It is said to be 4000 years old and was recovered from an ancient mound in the Andes. Another relic is a "Constitution cane." It was made from a piece of wood cut from the United States frigate Constitution on an evening in 1833, when "Old Ironsides" sailed into Boston harbor for the first overhauling after the war of 1812. Another cane was made from a piece of wood taken from the man of war Kearsarge in 1872. Both canes are bequeathed to the army and navy museum at Washington.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident is related by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 60 cents, guaranteed, at Charles Rogers', druggist.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. C. Mayo is in the metropolis.
Mrs. Robert Hill, of Portland, is visiting in the city.
State Superintendent of Instruction Ackerman is in the city.
Collector of Customs Robb is at Tillamook on official business.
J. E. Ferguson went to Portland yesterday on a short business trip.
J. N. Wisner, a member of the United States fish commission, is in the city.
Mrs. J. Simpson, wife of a Portland clergyman, is visiting with friends in Astoria.
Charles Jones, representing the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, is in the city attending the institute.
Frank W. Pettygrove, the well known Seattle traveling man, is in the city in the interests of J. A. Folger & Co.
Professor L. R. Travers, superintendent of the Salem public schools, and Professor H. D. Sheldon, professor of economics at the state university, are attending the teachers' institute.

Conferees Reach Agreement.

Washington, April 27.—The conferees on the river and harbor bill reached an agreement this afternoon. By the agreement the amendment carried by the bill, as it passed the house, is not included. All surveys provided for in the senate amendments are eliminated.

"Belshazzar"—"Belshazzar."

May 5 and 6 are the dates fixed for the production of the sacred opera, "Belshazzar," by well known local talent, under the able direction of Professor M. E. Robinson of Chicago, who, it will be remembered, so very successfully presented the beautiful cantata of "Queen Esther" in this city a few months ago. The practices are most gratifying to the management, and a guaranty that "Belshazzar" will be the greatest musical event of the season. The proceeds will go to the public library.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Lighthouse Engineer, Portland, Ore., until 12 o'clock m., May 25, 1904, and then opened, for supplying and placing 2000 tons of stone riprap around piling at Desdemona Sands Light Station, Oregon, in accordance with specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may be had upon application to Major W. C. Langfitt, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., Engineer.

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