



WRECKED IS THE AIRSHIP

May Have Been Stricken by Lightning

IT IS ALL DESTROYED

Count Zeppelin Had Just Completed Most Successful Test in All Aeronautics

HAPPENED IN A STORM

Cabled Account is Not Very Clear, But it Seems That the Airship Took Fire, Perhaps From Lightning Flash, and Was Destroyed.

ECHTERDINGEN, Aug. 5.—A dramatic end came today to Count Zeppelin's airship and tonight the monster balloon which yesterday was cutting through the air and out-distancing the pursuing automobiles lies in the open field near here a mass of wreckage.

This chapter of accidents is occasional by bad moods of nature and the failure of the mechanical appliances combined was responsible for the untimely end of the balloon. The count is almost broken-hearted and is unable to endure the sight of his shattered craft. He left by train for Friederichshafen. During the night the front motor went working badly and the count was compelled to rely on one motor throughout the night. Over Echterdingen, Zeppelin decided to land. This was done successfully and the engineers immediately set about making the repairs to the motor. While Zeppelin was away at luncheon the wind suddenly sprang up and some of the bystanders called the attention of the engineers to the fact that a storm was brewing and advised that the balloon be secured. The warnings were unheeded. A few minutes afterwards a gust of wind struck the craft broadside. The bows rose carrying with them a number of soldiers holding the ropes. After-posing a moment at a height of 50 feet it rushed forward against a clump of trees. The impact uprooted them. The airship then returned to earth, even more suddenly than it rose and crash crashing into the ground. With a thunderous report, the forward motor exploded. From the bow of the balloon there shot forth a livid flame, while from the rear escaped a thick cloud of black smoke which caused the entire structure to disappear from view. When the smoke cleared, the balloon was seen lying in the open field on a high plateau, with only tangled strips of aluminum and twisted metal visible. The officers rushed forward and found several soldiers had been hurt. The four engineers had escaped death but were suffering from injuries. They were taken to the hospital.

Count Zeppelin's secretary said tonight that the count is already preparing plans for another balloon. STUTTGART, Aug. 5.—During a storm today the Zeppelin airship broke away from its moorings, took fire and disappeared in the air. Several persons were injured. Count Zeppelin, however, is safe. Count Zeppelin's airship descended on a plateau near the village of Echterdingen, five miles south of this city, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, owing to a defect in one of the motors. After an examination of the machinery, Count Zeppelin decided to send to Friederichshafen for me-

chanics to make the necessary repairs. Two companies of grenadiers were sent to picket a space around the airship to keep off the crowding villagers and people anxious to obtain a view of the novel craft.

It now appears that the airship exploded during a thunderstorm at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Previous to exploding, it burst into flames. It is supposed to have been struck by lightning. The latest report from Echterdingen says it is completely ruined.

The balloon blew up unexpectedly. A fierce gust of wind tore the balloon from its anchorage and drove it in a southwesterly direction for some 50 yards. Here the rear end of the great fabric drooped and smoke and flames were seen to burst out from one end to the other. Then in a few seconds came the explosion and a

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HEAT IS TERRIBLE.

In Chicago There Has Been Nearly Five Weeks Of It.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Yesterday's heat record in Chicago was almost a duplicate of Monday's fatalities.

The most important feature of the weather situation, perhaps is the fact that the city's four weeks of almost unbroken heat gradually is growing into five without the prospect of any great change. Weather Forecaster Hersey last night announced that there was slight prospect of any change in the atmospheric conditions in Chicago today or tomorrow. Eight deaths and numerous prostrations as a result of the heat were reported by the police during the day.

FIRES AT AUTOISTS.

OAKLAND, Aug. 5.—Automobile enthusiasts of this section are preparing to declare war on Town Marshal Geisenhoffer of San Leandro, it being alleged by several motorists that the officer has fired at them when they passed him on the San Leandro road at night. Several complaints of this nature are reported.

WOULD KILL SULTAN

But Armor Coat Stops His Assassin's Knife Attempt

WAS BRIBED TO DO THE JOB

The Would-be Assassin Arrested and Has Pockets Filled With Gold and Everything in Readiness For His Immediate Flight.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—A special dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Geneva says:

The Sultan of Turkey was stabbed in the breast on Monday by a minor palace official. The coat of mail which the Sultan always wears deflected the blow. The would-be assassin was arrested. Apparently he had been bribed to commit the act, as he had a large sum of gold in his pockets, and his baggage was packed ready for flight.

The news was received in Geneva from Constantinople by a young Turk here.

MRS. SELMA EWING DEAD.

OAKLAND, Aug. 5.—Word of the death of Mrs. Selma C. Ewing, of this city, mother of J. Cal Ewing, the baseball magnate, at Denver on Monday has been received here. Mrs. Ewing was 72 years of age and came to California in the fifties. Cal Ewing was with her when the end came. The funeral will be held at Denver today.

BIG STRIKE IN CANADA

1200 Mechanics Walk Out of the C. P. R. R.

AT HARVESTING TIME

Canada's Greatest Crop May Have to Rot as a Result of the Strike

WILL CRIPPLE THE COUNTRY

Mechanics at Vancouver and Winnipeg Are Out and Montreal and Toronto Are Expected to go Next—Strike Will be Orderly.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 5.—Promptly at 10 o'clock, on scheduled time, all the men in the mechanical departments of the Canadian Pacific Railroad laid down their tools and walked out, precipitating what will probably prove the bitterest industrial war in the history of Canada. Montreal and Toronto are expected to go out this afternoon. Three hundred men quit here and are now in session. Nine hundred are out at Winnipeg.

The strike is likely to be quiet and orderly, as the men figure that all they have to do is to sit tight. One leader at Winnipeg declares that within ten days not a wheel will be moving on the Western lines. The general public hardly realizes that the strike is really on or that it can continue, as the biggest crop in the history of Canada is just ready to be cut under the best of conditions, and the strike, if continued, will paralyze the whole movement and leave the grain rotting in the field. Under ordinary conditions it would tax the railway company to transport the men needed in the harvest fields.

IS A G. A. R. MAN.

Count Zeppelin, German Aeronaut, Served In Civil War.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—It is not generally known that Count Zeppelin, whose mammoth airship is breaking all flying records in Germany, is a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served through the American civil war as a cavalry officer in the army of the Mississippi in the brigade commanded by General Charles Schultz. At the battle of Fredericksburg, the young German cavalryman owed his escape from capture to a brilliant feat of horsemanship which carried him through the line of bayonets with which he had been encircled. It was a captive balloon sent up to observe the confederate lines that first aroused the count's interest in ballooning. After that he made several ascensions before resigning from the "Boys in Blue."

SHE MADE OVER 30 KNOTS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—In a trial over the New York Yacht Club course in Hempstead Bay, Long Island, yesterday the motor boat Dixie II, made the highest known speed record for a boat of her size and type. Traveling four times over the Hempstead course of one and one-tenth miles, twice with the tide and twice against it she recorded an average speed of 31.93 knots or 35.74 statute miles an hour.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Pacific Coast League. San Francisco 6, Portland 15. Los Angeles 6, Oakland 4. Northwest League. Tacoma 11, Aberdeen 5. Vancouver 1, Butte 3.

GRAVES IN HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—John Eemple Graves, the candidate for vice-president on the independence party ticket is at a private hospital where he will undergo a slight surgical operation. It is understood he will be there about ten days.

TAFT SPEAKS TODAY.

HOT SPRINGS, Aug. 5.—Judge Taft evinced his interest in the legal affairs today by attending the morning session of the Virginia Bar Association and devoting the afternoon to the preparation on "Law's Delay" which he will deliver to that body tomorrow.

HOLD PRIMARIES.

TOPEKA, Aug. 5.—The nomination of W. R. Stubbs for governor and J. L. Bristow for United States Senator on the Republican primary ticket at the primaries held yesterday and tonight is certain.

HITCHCOCK AND CORTELYOU.

Have Long Conference Over Political Situation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—An important conference between Chairman Hitchcock and Secretary Cortelyou was held late today at the Manhattan Hotel. Besides talking with Hitchcock about the political situation throughout the country, Cortelyou is thought to have taken up the gubernatorial question in New York. Hitchcock declined to say what was talked about beyond admitting that he had heard a great deal more about the state question. Representatives Bennett and Parsons were with Hitchcock some time, their mission being the discussion of gubernatorial nomination.

TRAMPS CLOSE CALL

Found Locked in a Burning Freight Car

START FIRE BY SMOKING

Hoboes Are Released From Their Death Trap in the Neck of Time and Escape With Their Hair and Clothing Badly Burned.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—Two tramps were released from a burning O. R. & N. freight car this afternoon just after the train had drawn into the east side depot. The trainmen noticed the car was on fire shortly before East Portland had been reached and on arriving there hurriedly put it out.

Flames were already bursting out on the roof when yardmen pried the doors loose. When the fastenings gave way two sorry looking objects with faces blackened, and head as bare of hair as if shaven and with clothes pock marked with high smoking holes, jumped out and scurried back down the track as if their lives depended on it. When the blaze was extinguished it was found that the hoboes had been occupying a space between the hay, and the roof of the car barely high enough to squeeze their bodies in. They evidently had been smoking and set the hay on fire. There could have been but little ventilation in the space and it is a mystery how they escaped suffocation. The police searched for the tramps but were unable to locate them.

BOY CLAIMS SELF DEFENSE

Jackson Reid, Who Murdered Geo. De Mars

NOW REALIZES CRIME

Long Hours in Jail Causes Terror That Brings on Frenzied Condition

CASE FOR JUVENILE COURT

The Lad Still Insists That Shooting Was in Self Defense and His Story is Partly Corroborated by Other Children.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—Jackson Reid, the 11-year-old boy, who shot and killed George F. De Mars on Government Island in Guild's Lake yesterday afternoon, has now a faint appreciation of the magnitude of his crime. And with this understanding has come terror so great that the boy is in an almost frenzied condition.

Early this morning he was taken in charge by officers of the Juvenile Court and removed from the city jail to the court house. There he is confined in a cell, and so deep is his distress that the presence of his friends and relatives can only allay his suffering.

It was only this morning, after a long night of solitude and meditation in the jail, that the boy began to realize the enormity of his offense. Until then the affair had appeared to him one of uncommon interest and one in which a lot of people had concerned themselves, but he was rather inclined to believe that he had done a worthy deed and one much to his credit. But the long hours of the night disillusionized him.

However, he still insists that the shooting was in self-defense and his assertions are partly corroborated by other children who witnessed the tragedy. He says that De Mars and his brothers were not only attacking his dog, but threatened him. It was only after the threat and hostile movements of De Mars toward him, he says, that he fired.

A formal complaint will be made against the boy this afternoon after the verdict of the coroner's jury which will hold an inquest at 3 o'clock today.

He is the stepson of Charles H. Schemp, who, with his family lives in the old life-saving station on the island. With the children was "Bob," a faithful shepherd dog, who guards the place with jealous care. Yesterday, morning a strang man appeared at the door, and evidently thinking the life-saving station was still open to visitors, entered the house. "Bob" attacked him viciously, tearing his trousers and putting him to flight.

On the island at the same time were aged Derrick De Mar, his two sons, George and John, and Mrs. May Hammer. The party was fishing. Derrick De Mar's hook broke. He and his son started across the island. They were warned off by Frances Reid, the 13-year-old sister of Jackson Reid, but paid no attention to her.

The preliminary hearing of Jackson Reid must be had in the Juvenile court, under the terms of the Juvenile court act of 1907, which gives that court original jurisdiction of all cases involving children under the age of 18 years. This act provides

specifically that when a child is arrested and taken before a justice of the peace or police magistrate, such justice or magistrate shall transfer the case to the juvenile court.

It is within the discretion of the judge of the juvenile court, however, to remand the boy to the circuit court for a regular trial on such charge as the grand jury may see fit to bring, and in event of a conviction he will be subject to the same punishment as though he had been over the age of 18 years when the crime was committed.

The juvenile court act also provides that no child under the age of 14 years shall be committed to jail or the police station, and if unable to give bail, he must be kept in the custody of the sheriff or other officer outside of the enclosure of the jail or police station. Another section of the act says: "When any such child shall be sentenced to confinement in any institution to which adult convicts are sentenced, it shall be unlawful to confine such child in the same building with such adult convicts, or to confine such child in the same yard or enclosure with such adult convicts."

CONSULS MUST PAY.

Can't Have Champagne Shipped in Free Of Duty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—Whether champagne is a necessary part of the living of a British consul is the question Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou was forced to pass upon recently, the matter having been referred to him by Collector of Port Stratton of this city. W. B. Hearn, representative in Great Britain in this city received three cases of the beverage in question, a short time ago, the collector allowing it to enter duty free as part of the consul's necessary living. Later Stratton became doubtful as to the wisdom of this course and referred the matter to Washington where Secretary Cortelyou according to advice just received at the custom house, ruled that duty on the wine was collectable and Consul Hearn will have to pay \$24.

TO STEADY MARKET

Hop Growers and Dealers Will Hold Meeting

TO STOP OVER-PRODUCTION

Will Try to Induce Growers to Let From Twenty to Twenty-five Per Cent of This Year's Crop go Unpicked.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 5.—There is rumor to the effect that the hop growers and dealers in this and Yolo county will hold meeting in this city in a few days to take drastic action to steady the hop market from the existing over-production. This moment it is said to contemplate bringing the growers and dealers of the entire coast into a line with the view of letting a portion of this year's crop, possibly 20 to 25 per cent go unpicked. It is understood that after the Mendocino county growers been approached then those in Oregon and Washington will be visited.

FOUND BIG CHECK; GETS \$2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—William Becker, a postoffice wagon driver, found a \$50,000 check in a drive way beneath the Federal building and reported it to Superintendent Fred Day. The check was payable through the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company. The Trust Company was notified, and a bank messenger was sent for the check. Becker is said to have been the recipient of many thanks and a \$2 bill.