

PROBLEM OF AERIAL NAVIGATION IS NOT SOLVED, SAYS EDISON

FAMOUS INVENTOR IS NOT CONVINCED

HAS ABANDONED CHASE FOR GOLD

Commercialism Abandoned in Development of Things for Man's Betterment.

The problem of aerial navigation has not been solved by the aeroplane, notwithstanding the seeming success of the Wright brothers as shown by the flights of Orville Wright at Fort Meyer, Virginia, during the past week.

These were the words of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, who, with Mrs. Edison and his daughter Madeline, arrived in Portland last night from Seattle.

"The problem will never be solved along that line," said Mr. Edison. The aeroplane is successful in its peculiar way but it will never be of practical or commercial value because it takes an expert to operate it. The least wrong touch of the levers will send the aeronaut hurtling to the ground.

Men Will Fly.
"Will the problem of aerial navigation be solved? Certainly. It is only a question of time. But it will be along an entirely different line. What line? Heliospheric—rotation. I mean. The machine must rise from the ground spirally, then go straight ahead."

"No, I have no intention of trying to invent an airship. I have left all that kind of work behind me and intend to devote the remainder of my life to purely scientific work, work which will not bring me in any money but which will be of great value to the world. I did some work years ago for James Gordon Bennett along the line of airships, but I am going to leave the problem for others to solve now."

"I am working on only one thing now, my concrete house—pour it into moulds, you know; build a house in one day. I think I shall have it finished in about three months and ready for practical use. It's going to be a great thing. I've got it virtually completed now. I have my battery finished up and in practical use. The only trouble now is to turn out enough of them. It is a hard thing to make, you know. The expensive companies that the factory can turn out. There are over 150 of them in use in New York City. I think the battery is perfect in every respect, in size or weight beyond what it is at present."

Still Vigorous.
Mr. Edison arrived, with his wife and daughter, at the Portland hotel about 9 o'clock last night, registered privately, and at once set to work for practical use. He was not disturbed as he was very tired. But he granted an interview and came down stairs again for the purpose. Edison is a rather short, stocky, built man of 63 who doesn't look it. "I'm getting pretty old," he said, "but I'm still going to be a good deal of life and vigor left in me and I can do as much work as I ever could. And I can get along on as little sleep as ever I could. I have all the time to sleep now that I need, but I can't sleep. Five hours is as much as I can put in. It's all a matter of habit, you see. Sleeping is a matter of habit, anyway."

Mr. Edison is only moderately gray, in spite of his 63 years. But he is very deaf and uses no trumpet or other mechanical arrangement. He evidently

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BATTLING DID NOT OFFER FIGHT

Hardy Little Fighter Refuses to Row With Bump-tious Streetcar Man.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Batling Nelson, "the hardest nut in the business," declined a battle last night with a conductor on a Haight streetcar.

Batling took passage on the car headed for the Western addition. As he reached the street where he desired to get off, he tried to catch the eye of the conductor but he had been kept by the bell-cord and gave it a yank. Fatal mistake, the greatest fighter in the business, for once, was not on to the ropes. He had pulled the wrong one and registered a fare. In a second the conductor was out on the back platform with blood in his eye and demanded an extra fare.

Batling refused to come through as promptly as the conductor thought was the proper caper, and he threatened to knock out the champion's block. He might have tried it had not another passenger, who knew the block by sight, pulled the conductor's sleeve and whispered into his ear the words that revealed the identity of his intended victim. He looked a little bit sheepish at making, and before he recovered his composure, the man from Haight beat it through the gloom.

TIBURON ISLAND STORIES FALSE

Pipe Dreams of Fancy Writers Proved to Be Absolutely Unfounded.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Sept. 12.—Captain F. E. Thompson, of the schooner Estrella, who has just returned from an exploring voyage to Tiburon island, in the Gulf of California, completely explodes the sensational stories of cannibalism and decision while unspiring an amulet circulated for years. Captain Thompson found the island natives friendly in the extreme. He was cordially greeted by Chief Francisco and found the so-called "savages" a most peaceful and harmless people. He dined at the chief's camp and exchanged presents with the natives. He covered much of the island, landing at half a dozen points. Although primitive in the extreme he found the people far from being cannibals.

CROWD AT ALTON DUCKS THE IMP IN FATHER OF WATERS

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SCHOOLS READY FOR FALL TERM

Institutions Throughout the City Open Tomorrow to Register Between 20,000 and 30,000 Pupils, Who Will Begin Year's Work.

Trades School at Atkinson—Three New Buildings on East Side to Be Occupied for First Time—No Work Tomorrow.

Somehow between 20,000 and 30,000 school children will resume their studies in Portland's public schools tomorrow, and the youngsters have been coming in from the beaches, the mountains, the ranches, the hills and all the other places they go to spend their summer vacations, to be on hand when the gong announces the opening session. When the army of children assemble at their respective schools they will find their teachers and schools ready for the year's work.

But here is some interesting news for those who may still be haunted with the memories of the trout uncaught or the days spent in tramping the hills and mountains—all that will be done in the way of work tomorrow will be to secure a list of the text books to be used throughout the year. The students will then be dismissed in order to have an opportunity to purchase the books.

There will be new faces in both the teaching corps and student body and the rearrangement of the seats after several months' vacation will mean the meeting of old friends and new, who will start the year's work which for them by the school authorities. The pleasant features and the disagreeable tasks will both be present, but to the lusty-voiced youngsters, fresh from their vacation and strong in body, will find the routine of school work before, for the school officials have planned and worked to make this year's study the most pleasing and instructive that has ever been offered the young people of Portland.

Trade School at Atkinson.
There will be one notable departure from last year. A trade school has been established in the Atkinson school building where a young man may learn some trade, which will assure him a livelihood from the day he leaves school. This department will be under the direction of Principal G. W. Hamilton who has had many years of experience along this particular branch of work. He will have for his assistants, Charles A. Marlett and F. F. Sullivan.

There will be several new schools in addition to the school of trades. They are the Albina Homestead, Beach and Garfield, and Richmond, East-Forty-first and Grant streets. They have been constructed within the past year and will add materially in taking care of the overflow.

Most interest is taken in the number of students who will attend the schools this year. The registration last year totaled 11,118. It is believed that many more students will be registered this year. The number will not be ascertained before the first work in October, when the school census is taken. Many of the children will spend the first week or two of the school year in the hospital, or at least that has been the experience of previous years, and until these students return there will be no lumber company's cookhouse burns.

LUMBER COMPANY'S COOKHOUSE BURNS

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Rainier, Or., Sept. 12.—A fire at the cookhouse of the Portland Lumber company destroyed the cookhouse and its contents. It is thought the fire started from an explosion. The loss is between \$500 and \$1,000.

TWO MEN WORLD'S RECORDS MADE BY WRIGHT'S FAMOUS AEROPLANE

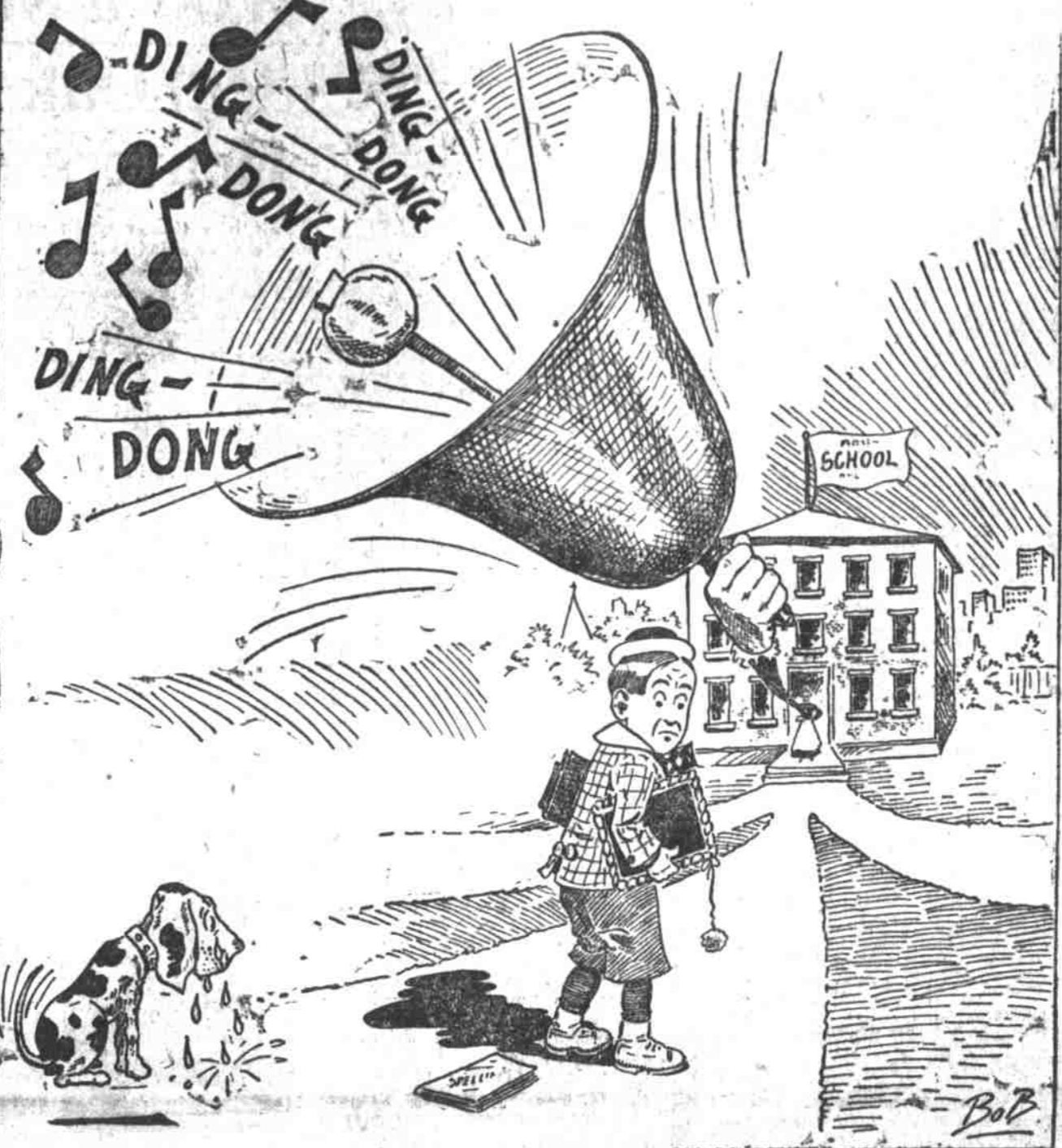
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Charles Passenger.
In a preliminary flight, Major George O. Squire, acting chief of the signal corps, was carried as a passenger by Wright for nine minutes and six seconds at an average height of about 100 feet, and at the rate of about 20 miles an hour.

It had been announced that Wright intended making a speed test this afternoon, and a large crowd was present to see what the airplane could do when sent ahead at full speed. The dull wind was not right, and Wright, who had contented himself with an endurance flight to further try out the machinery, decided to try it in perfect order, and the money was in perfect order, proving that the airplane can fly longer than it did today, and Wright will have it do so in other tests.

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GET YOUR BOOKS TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Dear Old School Days Again

NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT AIR-GUNS

Army Men Discredit Dire Prophecies of Sky Bombardments.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Sept. 12.—With the demonstration already given of the practicality of the Wright aeroplane as a means of war observation and for messenger service, army officials here are turning their attention to a means of defense against flying machine activities. To render present guns capable of bearing on an aeroplane, radical changes will have to be made in their carriage to permit their firing almost perpendicularly. Mr. Wright has not yet attained a height beyond the range of small arms. If he can reach the altitude of a mile, and he is certain of that, then only big guns could bring him to earth.

Brigadier-General Crozier, who invented the gun which bears his name, and who introduced the clause in the first Hague convention prohibiting the use of flying machines as instruments of attack in war, doubts if an aeroplane will ever be commonly used as a carrier of freight or passengers.

"I am firmly convinced," he said tonight, "that for purposes of observation, the carrying of messages and the taking of photographs, the aeroplane is eminently practical in warfare. Even if aeroplanes were used as instruments of attack, I don't believe they would be practical, as only the lightest guns could be carried aloft."

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NEW LANDS TO OPEN IN SOUTH DAKOTA

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Sept. 12.—A record-breaking stage for the Tripp county, South Dakota, land is promised by the United States land office when the Roosevelt reservation is thrown open for settlement, October 1. Advice received here from the department of the interior at Washington indicates that nearly 2,000 applications are being received daily from persons all over the United States for information regarding the registration and drawing. The drawing begins October 3 and will continue until October 19. Every application must be in by 10 o'clock in the afternoon of October 3. The government has mailed thousands of circulars explaining the scheme of registering, all over the country, and the drawing.

HOTEL MAN TAKES LIFE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Sept. 12.—Frank V. Bennett, 56 years old, one of the best known hotel managers of Washington, committed suicide in the Hotel Gotham today.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Frank V. Bennett, who committed suicide in New York today, was for 25 years manager of the Arlington hotel in this city. Mr. Bennett left for New York in the spring of 1907 to take charge of the Hotel Gotham. He left that hotel some time ago. Probably no hotel man in the United States had a wider acquaintance among statesmen and newspaper men than Bennett. He was a member of the Gridiron club and took a conspicuous part in many of the entertainment events of that organization, and in the district of Columbia affairs.

COLORADO G. O. P. NAMES A TICKET

McDonald for Governor and Goddard for One Supreme Judge.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Denver, Colo., Sept. 12.—The Colorado Republican convention this evening nominated the following ticket:
Justices of the supreme court—A. R. King, Joseph C. Helm, J. M. Maxwell and Luther M. Goddard.
Governor—Jesse F. McDonald of Lake county.
Presidential Electors—Thomas F. Walsh, W. L. Storey, J. Carsham, C. A. Ballreth and John W. Springer.
Congressman—Large—James C. Burser of Denver.
Lieutenant-Governor—C. V. Benson of Larimer county.
Secretary of State—Timothy J. O'Connor.
Treasurer—George Stittler.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Katherns Craig.
Auditor—S. H. Stevens, Las Animas.
Attorney-General—George L. Hodges.
State Railroad Commissioner—G. J. Wither, Michael Gourin and W. L. Dayton.
Regents of State University—O. J. Pfeiffer and W. J. King.
State Chairman—John F. Vivian.

CITIZENS FIGHT TO SAVE TOWN

Assisted by Naval Reserve, Men of Grand Marais Battle Against Fire.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Duluth, Minn., Sept. 12.—Through dense clouds of smoke which hang like pall over Lake Superior, the lighthouse keeper here tonight peered out over the lake awaiting the return of the steamer America, and with it news of the fate of Grand Marais. Miraculously the Minnesota naval reserves aboard the gunboat Gopher have held out all day with the forest trees high at last reports, were devastating the north shore of the lake. Whether they have checked the fire, spread or the town has been destroyed will not be known until the steamer returns. The vessel is expected here shortly after midnight, bringing with it refugees from Grand Marais and the stricken shore lands north of here.

Telegraph communication with the north shore has been broken and there is only the smoke that rolls like a fog down on Duluth to tell of the fire's progress.

The fire about Hibbing, Washburn and the vicinity were rapidly dying out, according to reports last night, and the danger in that locality seems to have passed. The only Minnesota town near here now that is supposed to be destroyed is Grand Marais. Early in the afternoon the fire swept high at the town and almost surrounded it. The population of Grand Marais is about 1,000. The population of Hibbing is about 2,000. The population of Washburn is about 1,000. The population of Duluth is about 10,000.

GOVERNOR AND WARDEN STAND PAT

Governor Mead of Washington Hastens to Portland for Conference This Morning With Oregon's Executive Over Fish Law.

Disconcerted at the firm stand of the Oregon fish commission in the matter of enforcing the close season for salmon fishing on the Washington shore of the Columbia river, as well as on the Oregon side of the stream, and fearing that the vigorous and unhesitating policy of Master Fish Warden McAllister of Oregon in arresting all violators of the law, regardless of which state they are residents, will result in bloodshed, perhaps, Governor Mead, Attorney-General Atkinson and the Commissioner of Fisheries are hastening to Portland on the North Coast Limited for a conference with Governor Chamberlain, which will take place at 10 o'clock this morning.

Chamberlain Refuses to Accede to Request That Warden McAllister Make Only One Arrest for Violation of Fishing Statute.

Overlooked a Bet.
Washington fishermen by the advice of Attorney-General Atkinson were notified that the state of Washington would protect them in their rights to fish in Washington waters in violation of the Oregon laws. It is the supposition that the officials from the state across the line did not think Warden McAllister would care to molest the fishermen on either side of the river in violation of the promise of Washington to be responsible for offenses committed by residents of that state. The fishermen of the Oregon initiative fishing law passed at the last election.

That they made a mistake in taking the attitude they did is evidently realized now by the Washington state department heads for the flying trip like Governor Mead, who is now in view of the fact that grave consequences are feared by them as the result of their assurance that the fishermen of their state would have the support of the state in breaking the Oregon laws.

Another mistake is not denied by either Oregon or Washington officials is that the initiative law passed by this state was very wisely when the other does make it constitutional which Attorney-General Atkinson of Washington declares it does not.

Governor Stand Pat.
According to the construction of this state the provision for concurrent jurisdiction as soon as possible, as it is authority for all legislation applicable to the entire river which may be put into effect by either state.

If this is so, then according to the best legal information the charter should be amended by act of the legislature as soon as possible. It does not seem to be in line with the principles of common sense that either state should insist that the other state should enforce its laws on the Oregon shore. Chamberlain said last night that unless some other basis for a compromise should be reached, then the state would insist that the fishermen of the Oregon initiative law make only one arrest.

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POLICE DOUBT SUICIDE THEORY

Peculiar Circumstances Surround Death of Prominent Chicagoan.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 12.—Andrew Kloman III, 22 years old, grandson of Andrew Carnegie's first partner, who was found unconscious on Grand boulevard at Centre avenue, with a bullet wound in his head early today, died at Mercy hospital this afternoon. Friends of Kloman say he was attacked by thugs who robbed him, but the police do not accept this theory. The revolver with which the deed was done belonged to his brother, who missed the weapon for the first time yesterday.