

WORLD'S FOREMOST AVIATORS ENTER CHICAGO AIR MEET

International Carnival Promises to Eclipse Anything of Kind Ever Held in the United States.

(By the International News Service.) Chicago, Aug. 11.—With more than a score of the world's foremost aviators entered, the international aviation meet, which promises to eclipse anything of its kind ever held in this country, will begin tomorrow with total prizes aggregating more than \$100,000. Grant park, where the contests will be held, has been transformed into an ideal aeronautic course, and seats have been erected for more than 50,000 persons. All Chicago seemed to be congregated about the field today, watching the tuning up flights of the birdmen, who vied with each other in their practice evolutions.

The meet is a civic proposition. Popular subscription was resorted to for the funds to carry on the meet, and the International Aviation Meet association was organized to conduct it, with Harold F. McCormick at its head. While the prizes are approximately \$100,000, it is estimated that the total cost of the meet will exceed \$325,000. Any profits that may be earned will be turned over to charity.

Continues Nine Days.
For nine days, ending August 20, event will follow event. Altitude flights, speed contests for monoplanes and biplanes, open events embracing both passenger carrying events for each and both, quick starting, quick climbing, alighting in a given space, bomb throwing and cross water races will alternate in quick succession. All the flying will be done in the afternoon, as the weather bureau has declared flying conditions will be better at that time of day.

Foremost among the list of flyers entered is the great Charles T. Weymann, who won the Coupe Internationale in England. Others of more or less celebrity are Maurice Tabuteau of France; Lincoln Beachey of California; James Ward, Hugh A. Robinson, Rene Simon and Rene Barrier, the French aviator; St. Croix Johnstone, the Chicago aviator, who flew over Havana, Cuba; John J. Frisbie, Abram Ravgorodsky, foremost of the Russian flyers; J. A. D. McCurdy and Charles P. Willard, the Curtiss flyers; Earl L. Gvington and Tom Sopwith of England, who flew to an ocean liner and dropped a package of mail on its deck; Arthur Stone and James V. Martin; Captain Thomas S. Baldwin, the veteran; J. C. (Bud) Mars, who recently had a narrow escape from death in the fall of his biplane; Lee Hammond, protégé of A. Wood; William R. Badger, Andre Ruel and F. E. Post. These aviators are all here and ready for the fray. Others who are expected to arrive

within the next few days are Romeino Gressier of France; Charles E. Walsh, the Irish flyer; Lada Lewkewicz, the Scandinavian; Eugene E. Ely; Andy Drew and Miss Harriet Quimby.

With aviators of this caliber as the competitors, it is a certainty that several present world's records will be shattered, particularly the aerodrome records. Stretching from Randolph to Twelfth street, more than a mile in length, the grounds in Grant park form the finest course for flying ever selected, especially in view of the fact that beyond the grounds stretches the whole of Lake Michigan.

The Chicago Athletic association has offered a \$2500 cup to the aviator breaking the world's altitude record, to become his personal property. If the record is not broken, the cup shall go to the aviator scoring the highest mark during the meet, and eventually go to the birdman who succeeds in breaking the record. Under the same conditions Manager W. S. Shafer of the Auditorium hotel has offered a cup to the aviator breaking the world's record for 20 miles, and additional cups and trophies will be presented by almost every one of the numerous country clubs in the vicinity of Chicago.

Festival Period Set Aside.
Appreciating the importance of the affair as a civic event as well as educational, scientific, national and international, the city of Chicago has officially set aside the period of the meet as a festival occasion known as "Aviation week." All of the public buildings and the large business blocks are decorated, by order of the city council, and the city has taken on gala attire in honor of the aviators.

It is proposed that at the conclusion of the meet itself a long distance cross country race be arranged between the aviators to St. Louis or some other city equivalently situated. However, this will not be decided until near the end of next week.

LADY COX IN OREGON TO SEE CRATER LAKE

(Special to The Journal.) Medford, Or., Aug. 11.—After traveling half way around the globe for the express purpose of gazing on the wondrous beauty of Crater lake, Lady Cox, the wife of Lord Cox, stationed by the British government at Singapore, India, is about to have her hopes realized. She arrived Wednesday, and will leave in a day or two by automobile for the lake. Lady Cox states that she first heard of Crater lake several years ago while touring America, but was unable at that time to visit it. As she was on her way home to England for a visit, she took occasion to stop over at this time. She has visited many natural wonders the world over.

"A visit to the lake meant the curtailing my visit to Chicago and New York," states Lady Cox, "but I really don't care. I am very glad that I am about to see a natural wonder, of which I have heard so much."

Lady Cox displays an intimate knowledge of the lake, which she states that she gained by writing many letters in regard to it. She is accompanied by a maid and a man servant.

REWARDS OFFERED FOR CAPTURE OF FOREST FIRE BUG

United States Government Hot on Trail of Persons Guilty of Setting Fires in Forest; Highest \$250.

The United States government is looking for forest fire incendiaries. Rewards varying from \$50 to \$250 are to be paid for their arrest and conviction. Many of the fires started this summer are said to have been "set out" by "fire bugs." This was true of some of the fires near Estacada, where the violence of the flames was uncontrollable until the recent rain. Timber owners and federal authorities are still looking, it is said, for the Estacada incendiaries.

District Forester Cecil gave the information that awards for capture and conviction of persons maliciously and wilfully setting out fires, will be continued this year as offered last year by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. The terms are as follows:

Terms of Rewards.
Methods have been used to secure the arrest and conviction thereunder, and to allow only one reward where several persons have been convicted of the same offense, or where one person has been convicted of several offenses, unless the circumstances entitle the claimant to a reward on each such conviction.

These rewards will be paid to the person or persons giving the information leading to such arrests and convictions upon presentation to the department of agriculture of satisfactory documentary evidence thereof, subject to the necessary appropriation, as aforesaid, or otherwise, as may be provided by law.

Applications for reward, made in pursuance of this notice, should be forwarded to the forester, Washington, D. C.; but a claim will not be entertained unless presented within three months from the date of conviction of an offender.

In order that all claimants for rewards may have an opportunity to present their claims within the prescribed limit, the department will not take action for three months from date of conviction of an offender.

Largest \$250.
First—Not exceeding \$250, and not less than \$50, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person, in any United States court, on the charge of wilfully and maliciously setting fire, or causing to be set on fire, any timber, underbrush, or grass upon the lands of the United States within a national forest.

Second—Not exceeding \$100, and not less than \$25, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person, in any United States court, on the charge of building a fire on lands of the United States within a national forest, in or near any forest timber or other inflammable material, and leaving

said fire before the same has been totally extinguished.

Third—All officers and employees of the department of agriculture are barred from receiving reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons committing either of the above offenses.

Fourth—The department of agriculture reserves the right to refuse payment of any claim for reward when, in its opinion, there has been collusion.

GIRL CHEATS DEATH IN PARACHUTE DROP

Fifteen thousand people thought they were about to see a tragedy at The Oaks yesterday afternoon. In place of opening smoothly, Miss Tina Broadwick's second parachute drop from her balloon, considerably over a mile in mid-air, became almost a dead drop as the ropes of her first parachute became entwined in those of her second. The big umbrella was prevented from opening.

The girl seemed to flash through the air like a dead weight and although she was seen to struggle desperately, there was not a single spectator who expected the girl to live. Believing the girl to be already dead, thousands turned their heads. Many women fainted.

But few understood the saving act. Miss Broadwick says that she was able to drag down the upper parachute until it was half across her body. By holding on with one hand and leaning backwards, she says, she was able to balance the big umbrella, while at the same time she kicked desperately at the heavy canvas. At any rate, when about 2000 feet from the ground, the parachute opened and the flight was stayed.

The final drop was made in the midst of several hundred people in the heart of Sellwood.

Practically every carman on the street car system attended the carmen's picnic at The Oaks yesterday. The following is the list of events, with the results:

Watermelon eating contest, boys under 13—Won by Benny Pensky; John Patton, second.

Pie eating contest, boys under 11—Won by Dan Huff, Alex Teambeater, second.

Women's nail driving contest—Won by Mrs. C. W. Lawrence, Mrs. I. W. Dimmick, second.

Women's 50-yard dash—Won by Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, second.

50-yard dash for girls under 13—Won by Stella Patton, Olive Mortensen, second.

Potato race for boys under 13—Won by Viles Vogel, Guy Gordon, second.

Egg race for women—Won by Miss May Daniels, Mrs. Bryan, second.

100-yard dash for men—Won by Joe Hiron, Orville Vosper, second.

Wheelbarrow race—Won by Joe Hiron and W. E. Jackson, Orville Vosper and A. Hemlin, second.

100-yard dash for boys under 12—Won by Harry U. Montgomery, Guy Lander, second.

Fat men's race—Won by F. E. Durdick.

A cheap substitute for radium, said to possess all its therapeutic powers, is made from thorite, a mineral found principally in Norway.

MILE AERIAL RAILWAY IS NOVEL MOSIER PLAN

(Special to The Journal.) Mosier, Or., Aug. 11.—A unique plan for an aerial railway has been conceived by George Chamberlain of this place. The plan is to stretch a two-inch cable from the high cliff on the west side of the city to the one to the east a distance of one mile, upon which would be operated passenger cars

or cages. The distance from the ground would be about 200 feet and the cars would be operated by an engine. It is proposed to have glass sides and roofs for the cages, the glass to be of different colors so as to allow the sun's rays to be governed. Part of the plan is to have a sanatorium at the top of the cliff with an expert in charge, who would administer the sun cure to patients afflicted with various ailments. It is claimed that the pure air obtained at an elevation of 200 feet, together with the sun treat-

ment is very beneficial for lung and other ailments, and with the glass cages fitted with glass of various colors, the patient could control the sun's rays to suit his pleasure. The aerial ride would prove a novel sensation, and as Mosier is the only town on the river with a high bluff at either side, the project may be carried out.

Tests made by the United States navy indicate that an aviator would be an easy mark for any fair rifle shot within a range of 1000 yards.

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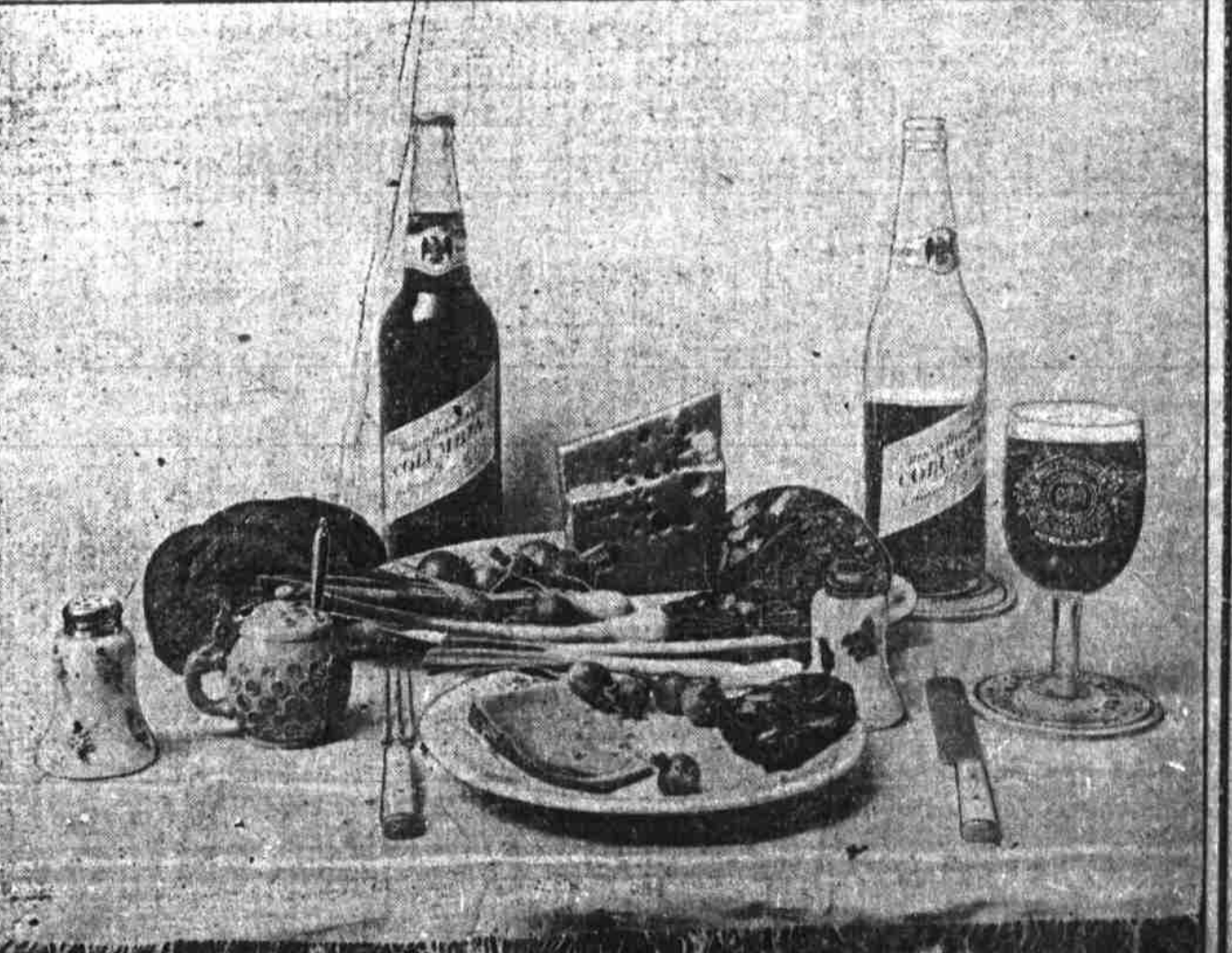


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