

Simple Dip, Fatal to Skyman

Aviator Rodgers Had Just Finished Sensational Evolutions When an Easy Movement Caused Death Plunge



Calbraith P. Rodgers, who was the first airman to make a trip by aeroplane from the Atlantic to the Pacific, reaching Los Angeles, Cal., November 4, leaving New York City September 17. All in all Rodgers flew a distance of 3220 miles, beating the world's cross country record by 1956 miles.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Long Beach, Cal., April 4.—Inability to elevate his planes following a simple dip toward the water is believed today to have caused the death of Calbraith P. Rodgers, the first transcontinental aviator.

Rodgers was about to conclude a sensational flight in which he had grazed the roofs of several buildings and cut startling figures eight in the air, when the fatal drop occurred. Gliding toward the beach from a height of 275 feet, he attempted at a 100 foot elevation to raise his forward plane to ease the jar of landing. The mechanism apparently failed to respond and the acro-

plane continued its earthward rush at an angle of 45 degrees. Just before he struck, Rodgers was seen to cover his face with his arms. The machine fell 60 feet from shore in shallow water. When the aviator's body was disentangled from the wreckage and carried to a beach hospital it was found that his neck and back were broken, and death probably had been instantaneous.

Witnesses to the accident say that at the beginning of the last glide Rodgers dipped his aeroplane to avoid several seagulls flying across his path. Many believe that to this humanitarian impulse the loss of the aviator's life may be attributed.

AGGIES' BASEBALL TEAM IS PROMISING

(Special to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 4.—The baseball team of the Oregon Agricultural college will play the team from Pacific university on the local field next Saturday afternoon. Since the favorable result of the game with Columbia, the O. A. C. fans are confident of victory.

The nine is rapidly rounding into shape, since the time of Coach Stewart has been devoted solely to the team. As there will be no game with the University of Washington April 15 and 16, the team will have more time to put on form. Games have been arranged with Mt. Angel for Saturday, April 13, and with the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club on Friday, April 12. Both of these games will be on the local field.

There will be only six conference games played by O. A. C. this year. Graduate Manager of Athletics Burt Wilkinson received official notification this week that the University of Washington would not take the trip planned, into the Willamette valley, but will go by boat directly to San Francisco to play the southern universities. The games scheduled at Seattle will, however, be played. There will be two games with W. B. C. at Pullman and two with them at O. A. C.

French Boxer Wins. Paris, April 4.—Georges Carpentier, the French middleweight boxer, has another victory to his credit today as a result of his defeat of the Australian negro, George Ginter, on points, after a 20-round contest here.

BEN WILLIAMS MAKES NEW VAULTING RECORD

(Special to The Journal.) University of Oregon, Eugene, April 4.—The annual indoor meet at the University of Oregon was pulled off last night, in the varsity "gym." Bredwell, '12, was high point winner with 14 to his credit. Boylan, a freshman from Pendleton, followed with 10 points. No time for the events was given out by Trainer Hayward. With a vault of 11 feet 2 1/2 inches, Ben Williams established a new Oregon indoor record.

Following is the summary of events: 100 yard dash—Bredwell, '12; Morton, '15. 50 yard dash—Bredwell, '12; Hawley, '15. 300 yard dash—Obersteuffer, '14; Peley, '15. 600 yard dash—Boylan, '15; Zimmerman, '13. 1000 yard run—Boylan, '15; Martsjoff, '12. Shot put—Kellogg, '12; D. Hawkins, '15. 41 feet 6 inches. Broad jump—Bredwell, '12, and Stuller, '14, tie for first; M. Hawkins, '12, 20 feet 5 inches. High jump—M. Hawkins, '12, and Stuller, '14, tie for first; Benson, '14, 5 feet 4 inches. Pole vault—Williams, '13; Watson, '12, 21 feet 2 inches.

The junior class led in the scoring with 23 points. The freshmen followed with 22, the sophomores with 14 and the seniors with 12.

COLUMBIAN LEAGUE NOT TO BE LAUNCHED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 4.—That the proposed Columbian baseball league will not be launched this year was announced here today by William C. Nelson, one of the promoters of the league. Nelson stated that the United States league would open May 1 and conclude its season October 1. A meeting will be held in Pittsburg April 15 to complete the season's schedule.

It is believed that the United States league will have teams in Chicago, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Washington, New York, Reading, Pa., and Richmond, Va.

Christian Too Much for Seals. San Francisco, Cal., April 4.—Silent Tyler Christian plucked the Oakland team to victory yesterday afternoon in the second game of the season with the San Francisco team. The game was close from the start to the finish. The final score was 3 to 2.

Zacher and Sharpe were chased to the club house in the ninth inning by Umpire Wheeler. The score: R H E Oakland..... 3 9 1 San Francisco..... 2 8 1 Batteries—Christian and Mize; Baker and Schmidt.

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