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AMERICA II WINS BALLOON RACE

Lost Aeronauts Landed in Forest Wilds of Canada.

Traveled 1,350 Miles, Making New World's Record for Sustained Flight and Distance.

New York, Oct. 27.—Alan R. Hawley and Augustus Post, the aeronauts of the balloon America II, for whom search had been prosecuted in the Canadian wilds, are safe and have established a new world's record for sustained flight. They traveled approximately 1,350 miles, and came to earth in Chicoutimi county, Quebec, on Wednesday, October 19, but were not heard from until today, when telegrams sent from St. Ambrose, Quebec, reached New York.

The balloonists started from St. Louis with nine other contestants in the international contests on Monday, October 17. All the other balloons have been reported.

Two messages from Hawley and Post were received in New York early today. One was to William Hawley, brother of the aeronaut; the other to Samuel F. Perkins, pilot of the balloon Dusseldorf II, which until tonight had been considered the winner. The message to Mr. Hawley read:

"Landed in wilderness week ago, 50 miles north of Chicoutimi. Both well. Alan."

The Perkins message read: "Landed Paribonka river, north Lake Chilogana, 19th. All well; returning. Hawley and Post."

With receipt of the news, there ended a search which had come to be regarded by many as almost hopeless and in which the government of this country and Canada were indirectly participating.

WORK TRAIN KILLS FIVE ON UNITED RAILWAYS

Portland, Oct. 27.—Plunging down the steep grade on the west slope of Tualatin hill, a construction car on the Burlington extension of the United Railway, at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, collided with a flat car, killing five Greek workmen, injuring 25 others and merely hurting slightly the only woman among the 35 persons on the car and her two children. Three of the injured will die. A. L. Ryan, the conductor on the work train, and C. C. Pruitt, the brakeman, are among the injured. Ryan may be hurt fatally.

\$2,000,000 FIRE AT VICTORIA.

Whole Block Destroyed, Waterfront Threatened, Phones All Out.

Victoria, B. C.—Oct 27.—Driven by a high wind, fire tonight threatens the entire business section of the city. Several prominent buildings in the heart of the city have already been destroyed and many others, it is feared, will go.

The Five Sisters block, one of the largest office buildings in the city, standing on the corner of Fort and Government streets, was completely wiped out. The telephone service has been given up, the poles which lead out of the central office, across the road from the burning section, having been burned down. Several yachts in the harbor are burning, the huge sparks which blew over into the harbor igniting them.

The entire force of the local militia and the garrison from Esquimalt has been brought to the city and the soldiers are assisting the firemen in fighting the flames and the police in keeping the crowds in order.

At 1:30 a. m. all hope of saving the Times building had been abandoned. The greater portion of the block bounded by Government, Fort and Broad streets and Troncoe alley has been wiped out. The loss, it is now estimated, will approach \$2,000,000.

Twain's Estate \$611,136.

Redding, Conn.—The inventory of the estate of the late Samuel L. Clemens, (Mark Twain), filed in the Probate court here, gives a valuation of \$611,136. Mr. Clemens' home, Stormfield, and the 230 acres surrounding it are valued at \$70,000. The approximate value of his stock holdings is \$450,000, of which \$200,000 is stock of the Mark Twain company. The furniture and furnishings at Stormfield are valued at \$10,145, and the estate of his daughter, who died December 24, 1909, is given as \$7,000.

Dynamite Wrecks Home.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—An attempt was made to blow up the house of Alderman Albert Thomas in the town of Hartville, near here. Dynamite placed at the rear door shattered the porch, windows and furniture, but Alderman Thomas, his wife and child were uninjured.

BACON REACHES RECORD PRICE

Corn is Cheaper, But Packers Say They Can't Get Hogs.

Chicago—In the face of a steady decline in the price of hogs and the corn on which they are fed, Chicagoans who desired to eat bacon discovered that they were compelled to pay the highest price ever obtained for the salt meats in times of peace—35 cents a pound sliced.

If the housewife was willing to cut it up herself she might have this figure reduced to three pounds for \$1, but that was the best she could do. It was up, and to all appearances would stay at this record-smashing figure for some months.

For a number of mysterious reasons that still are unexplained, the forces that usually result in hammering the price of bacon down seemed to have an opposite effect upon the food.

The packers insisted that they could not get enough hogs to supply the demand; that they were losing money because the porkers were not being received at the stockyards.

However, the market report showed that the demand for live hogs was weak and that they were left standing in the pens daily. It showed also that the prices are now much lower for the live hog than six months and a year ago, when no retailer would have considered asking 35 cents for a pound of bacon.

The average price paid for hogs at the stockyards was \$8.49 per hundred, as against an average of slightly more than \$10 six months ago. Market reports for a year ago show that from 10 to 25 cents per 100 pounds more was paid for porkers than is being paid by the packers now.

Corn, the pork producing cereal, also has been falling consistently but without any effect on the price of the finished product.

SWEETHEARTS OF '65 WED.

Woman's Psychic "Hunch" Results in Finding of Playmate.

Los Angeles, Cal.—There months ago Mrs. L. A. Robinson, a prominent local club woman and long a widow, began to think deeply of F. J. Fordham, sweetheart of her girlhood, and of whom she had not heard for 45 years. The thought brought an intense longing to see him, and of the wish was born a "hunch" that she could find him by going to Brooklyn. She went. The result was an almost unexampled romance.

The second day after she reached the eastern city Mrs. Robinson met her first love, now an old man, on the street, and they instinctively recognized each other.

Precisely as in her case, life had brought and death had taken the mate of Fordham leaving him free and his memory had been bringing up visions of the woman he had adored as a little girl. Now the announcement is received here that they will be married in Brooklyn in December at the home of Mrs. Robinson's daughter.

ALEUTS NEARING EXTINCTION

White Plague, Also Measles and Pneumonia, Killing Them.

Port Townsend, Wash.—The natives of the Aleutian islands are threatened with extinction because of the ravages of tuberculosis, measles and pneumonia, according to a report brought by the revenue cutter Tahoma, flagship of the Behring sea seal patrol fleet. Captain J. H. Quinlan, of the cutter, declares that remedial action is imperative.

Captain Quinlan advocates the assembling of all the tribes and clans, now scattered in isolated camps, at some point where they may receive medical supervision. He says conditions in the archipelago are pathetic.

The natives would undoubtedly resist concentration, still they witness helplessly the extinction of their race. The Aleutians are famous for the beauty of the baskets which they weave from grasses.

The Tahoma will make a report to the National Geographic society on the new eruption of Mount Bogoslov. Castle Rock, one of the largest of the Bogoslov islands, was greatly reduced in size during the year. Perry island, which disappeared in an eruption two years ago, has reappeared and a new island has been thrown up. The new island freak has been named Tahoma.

Will Leaves Prospects.

Boston—Believing herself a beneficiary to the extent of some million dollars in the will of a rich man in New York, whose name is not disclosed, Miss Cora Johnson, who died here a few days ago, left a will disposing of such property, although being possessed herself of only \$100 at her death. Miss Johnson, of whom little is known, made several public bequests of \$500 each to hospitals and homes, and leaves \$500,000 in trust for the benefit of Charles Edward Holbrook, son of H. W. Holbrook, Newton, Mass.

Election Night to Be Dry.

New York—Election night will be dry after the regular closing hours. More than 200 applications for all-night licenses to hotels and restaurants were refused by Mayor Gaynor.

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