

## WRIGHTS TO POLE BY AEROPLANE?

So Asserts Robert E. Peary After Talking With Them—Says It Is Entirely Feasible

DAYTON, O., Jan. 25.—Commander Peary announced his belief that Orville and Wilbur Wright are planning an aeroplane trip to the north pole, following a conference during which the famous aviators plied Peary with countless questions.

Peary said that he considered the trip possible. He gave the Wrights a minute description of atmospheric conditions as he encountered them on his successful trip to the "great nail."

The Wrights, following their usual custom, declined to discuss their plans and would neither affirm nor deny the report that they would attempt to fly to the pole.

Peary delivered a lecture here last night and both the Wrights were in his audience.

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF HERMANN SHOWN

Henny Finishes Direct Examination of McVean—Employs Circumstantial Evidence.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 25.—Annual reports of ex-Commissioner Binger Hermann and other interesting things like that formed the principal points of attention at the Hermann trial today.

Henny is drawing near the close of his case and this morning finished his direct examination of Mr. McVean, who has been on the witness stand for a day or more. He will follow this witness with other former employees of the general land office to show by their testimony that Hermann had a knowledge of the fraudulent practices which prevailed in the handling of lands put inside the forest reserves.

The prosecution is now making an effort to connect Hermann by circumstantial evidence with the Blue Mountain conspiracy. He has shown that Hermann discussed the creation of the reserve with Mays while in Portland. He is now showing by government documents, by letters of Hermann and evidence of land office employees that Hermann knew of fraudulent practices in school lands within the boundaries of reserves created, that knowing of these practices he had consistently urged in annual reports and otherwise that the land act be changed or repealed, that he had declined to recommend the creation of reserves because of these conditions, and that in the face of this general course, he had made a special effort to secure the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve, following his conference with Mays and the letters which Mays afterwards wrote him.

## HOTEL MEN EXPECT GREAT AMERICAN INFLUX

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The increased cost of living in America will not affect European travel, according to a group of hotel managers who laid plans today to meet "the greatest American invasion on record," which they expect this spring and summer.

"Maybe it is true that the poor people in America are having a hard time of it, but the rich are rolling in velvet," declared one man. "It is the high tariff in America upon which we count definitely to produce the great tourist influx."

## EAT COYOTE, IS ADVICE TO PEOPLE OF COLORADO

DENVER, Col., Jan. 25.—"Eat coyote" is the advice in a statement issued here today by State Game Warden Holland.

Holland declares in favor of the meat of the wild dog and says that many of the farmers who send their livestock to market have coyote alone for their meat diet.

## HENRY STEWART TO WALK FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Determined to outdo the pedestrian feats of Edward Payson Weston, Henry Stewart, 60 years of age, will leave San Diego next Sunday to tramp his way around the world. He expects to make his journey in easy stages, returning in 1915. Stewart came to San Diego six months ago after a walk across the continent.

## McCLURE FOUND DEAD IN BED

Heart Was Weak and Fully Recovered From Severe Attack of La Grippe.

J. O. McClure was found dead in his room at the Moore Hotel this morning about 9 o'clock.

McClure had had an attack of la grippe during December last and had never entirely recovered therefrom. It is believed that his heart failed.

Dr. Shearer visited him Monday evening at about 7:30 and found him in fairly good shape.

"I urged him," stated the doctor, "to have him consent to have a nurse, but he would not. He seemed in pretty good shape when I left him, and I was much surprised to hear of his death. His heart was weak, however, and it was that, together with his weakened condition, that brought about his death."

Mr. McClure was 29 years of age at the time of his death. He was a native of St. Cloud, Minn., and was a brother of Mrs. Delroy Getchell. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and a member of the B. P. O. E. of St. Cloud, Minn.

Mr. McClure was the son of the late T. C. McClure of St. Cloud, Minn., one of the pioneers and founders of that commonwealth, who played a leading role in the development of Minnesota from his arrival in 1857 until his death. He was a leader in large business enterprises and stood high in business and political circles.

Young Mr. McClure was a medical student who showed marked ability in his chosen profession. He was a polished gentleman and is mourned by a large circle of friends both here and in his home city. He inherited a large estate, which is invested principally in Minnesota lands. The date for the funeral has not yet been set.

## TEDDY TURNS DOWN AN INVITATION FROM WILHELM

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Although he says little about it, for he knows it would be undignified to express his disappointment too openly, the kaiser is known to be unusually put out because Theodore Roosevelt declined his invitation to be the guest of the imperial family during the former president's visit to Berlin.

It is reported that the kaiser had planned a sort of endurance test with the object of learning for himself whether or not the American statesman was entitled to his strenuous reputation, and it is rumored further that the kaiser had planned a succession of events ranging from hunting to state functions to occupy every minute of Roosevelt's time here, to see whether or not he could follow the pace as well as did the ex-president.

## LIQUOR SALES DECREASE IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—While the Russian treasury is facing trouble through curtailment of the sales of vodka, the imperial German treasury today is beginning to feel the effect of a serious impairment of revenue from the diminished sale of brandy.

Brandy, which has been a popular drink with German working men, was placed under heavy taxation by the government last summer. The masses of the people wanted the land-owners taxed, but the government preferred to levy upon brandy.

## WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 25.—While actual investigation of the meat trust which is scheduled to begin late today or possibly tomorrow, it was intimated that the result of the federal grand jury's work will not be announced for two months.

## DEER MEAT CAME HIGH

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 25.—William Fall entered a plea of guilty to violation of the game laws in killing a deer out of season in Justice Eggleston's court and was assessed a fine of \$25. Fall, in his explanation of the matter stated that he was hunting jackrabbits on Bear creek north of the city, when a deer hove in sight and he was tempted to take a shot at the animal with his 22-caliber rifle, which he did with unexpectedly fatal results. Division of the "spoils" resulted in the attention of the officers of the law being called to the case and the issuance of a warrant.

## ILL FORTUNE ON PAULHAN'S TRIAL

Not Able to Fly to Any Extent Owing to Severe Weather—Will Try Again This Afternoon.

AVIATION FIELD, Tanforan Park, Cal., Jan. 25.—Although the sky was streaked with threatening clouds, the weather conditions at noon today promised well for Paulhan's attempt at air conquest scheduled for the afternoon.

The wind that detracted from yesterday's sport died down during the night, and Paulhan announced that if the afternoon did not bring another gale he would attempt to shatter at air conquest records before his mechanics packed the great Farman bi-plane prior to his departure from the city.

Paulhan is disgusted with the ill-fortune that has kept him from showing the people of San Francisco what he calls real flying. His performance of yesterday when he laughed at a possible horrible death and disregarding the pleas of his assistants, flew eight miles in the teeth of a stiff wind that almost reached the proportions of a gale at times, he dismisses with a wave of his hand. He does not minimize the danger of his daring flight, however, for he declared he never again will risk himself in the air under such conditions. He said that while his flight yesterday was flavored with an unusual amount of danger, he is determined if possible to make a flight that will better show the value of his great machine.

## JUDGE GRAHAM TO MEET ALL-COMERS IN RACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Judge T. F. Graham, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, will meet all-comers over 40 years of age tonight in a 100-yard swimming match in the Olympic club tank. Recently the judge issued a sweeping challenge for the race, which immediately was accepted by Appellate Judge Kerrigan and Postmaster Arthur G. Fisk. The race was set for tonight as a fitting climax for the swimming tournament now in progress at the Olympic club.

## JUDGE J. O. BOOTH OF JOSEPHINE DYING

J. O. Booth, formerly county judge of Josephine county, and one of the prominent citizens of Grants Pass, is lying at the point of death at his home in Grants Pass.

Judge Booth has been suffering from a complication of diseases of the kidneys for several months, and the disease has now reached a point where it is but a few hours at most when he will succumb.

## STOPS TO PRAY; LOSES HIS TREASURE IN FLAMES

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—When his house caught fire, "Deliberate" Miller of Espy, Columbia county, stopped first to pray and then to look for his Bible. As a result of this calm and placid course, he was unable to save \$400 hidden in the attic of his home. Fire cut off the way to the family treasury. Miller, money gone, but Bible in hand, was carried from the building, as it was feared that his slow movements would result in his death. Few remember whether Miller was christened "Deliberate" or not, but the name was given him in some way and seems to stick.

## ONE-THIRD FLOODED.

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Montaigne, two of Paris' "show" streets, already are submerged. Narrowly Escapes Death.

Several hundred refugees were rescued from almost certain death today when they were surrounded on three sides by rapidly rising water and cut off on the fourth by a burning chemical factory. They were taken away in boats less than half an hour before the neck of land on which they were huddled was entirely covered by the flood.

In the city suffering is acute. The usual sources of food supply from the country districts cut off, the city practically is subsisting of quarter rations.

The price of meat has advanced 30 per cent in the last two days. Vegetables are 25 per cent more expensive than they were yesterday while butter and other commodities that now are classed as luxuries, command prohibitive prices.

The country sections are prostrated. The wine districts will not recover for years, and vineyardists will be among the heaviest losers.

Today's rains alternated with flurries of snow, magnifying the suffering of the homeless hundreds.

## MORE VOTES FOR STATE OF SISKIYOU

Land Agent Plans to Place Menonites on 20,000 Acres of Land Near Dorris, Cal.

YREKA, Cal., Jan. 25.—The Union Pacific railroad, through its land agent, George L. McDonough, is preparing today to settle a large tract of land in the Butte Creek valley, Siskiyou county, with Menonites from the east. The Menonites are members of a religious faith similar to that of the Dunkards.

The land to be settled comprises 20,000 acres owned by the California-Butte Land company. It is fertile and lies in the vicinity of MacDoel on the Weed and Klamath Falls road, and is adjacent to the land now being cultivated by a large colony of Dunkards.

## Fresno Gets Beavers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Walter McCredie has practically decided upon Fresno or its immediate vicinity as a training place for the Portland Pacific Coast league team, according to an announcement here today. McCredie will journey to Fresno with a view to deciding just where the team will get into condition.

## "CORPSE" HALTS HIS OWN FUNERAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—While the morgue wagon stood outside his door awaiting to convey his body to the undertaking parlors, J. Anderson, an Oakland wood-chopper, awoke from what the doctors thought was the sleep of death and protested against the obsequies. He was rushed to the hospital, pulseless, and after stimulants had been administered he began to revive. He may recover. It is thought that Anderson was suffering from a stroke of apoplexy.

## PRICES COME DOWN.

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California Livestock Breeders' association in session in this city predicted today that the conference will go on record as supporting the meat boycott that is spreading across the country.

At the evening session several of the speakers declared themselves in favor of supporting the boycott. F. H. Brown, former president of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association, predicted that unless radical steps are taken the average price of beef will be raised \$2 per hundred pounds throughout the year.

More than 100 stockmen of California, Washington and Oregon are attending the conference.

## School Children Suffer.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 25.—Inquiry today revealed the fact that many children of laboring men are being forced from the school room to the factories on account of the high price of meats and other foodstuffs. The statement was first made by W. W. Williams, state factory inspector, and an investigation indicated that his words were only too true.

Today a line of children crowded into his office and extended outside the doorway. They all wanted to quit school and go to work. They came to him to secure a certificate so they could seek employment.

Williams is authority for the statement that application for child labor permits have nearly doubled since January 1. He ascribes the abnormal condition to the sudden rise in the prices of necessities.

## SOME 1910 FRUIT PROBLEMS.

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well save the commercial fruit grower frequent trips to town by carrying various small parcels, thus making up his proportionate share of the \$17,000,000 deficit caused by the rural deliveries. Speed the day when boasted civilization may merit its claim in these particulars. Don't forget the good and effective work of the grange on this very important problem of trials before congress.

A fourth problem is to make a proper selection of the classes and varieties of trees to best serve for revenue when in bearing. Nurseries should be encouraged to supply the needs of the commercial planter. Not long since the writer was solicited to invest in an orchard proposition, guaranteed to have planted and the trees in bearing at a certain time for a specified sum to be paid in yearly installments. On investigation it proved to be a case where the land was valued at \$300 per acre before planting and trees were to be selected from an eastern nursery where cheap unskilled labor prevailed, their catalogue offering trees at 5 cents each. As a commercial proposition land, water and sunshine in the Pacific northwest are too valuable to take such desperate chances. Is it any wonder under such conditions that less than 40 per cent of the trees planted in the state of Washington are produced in the nurseries of this state and that disappointment follows? The average commercial planter pays the nurseryman not to exceed \$12 for trees with which to plant an acre. At the end of seven years he anticipates that the acre shall have increased in value at least at the rate of \$100 per year deducting the cost of care, cultivation and training. How many commercial fruit growers would be willing to put up a bonus providing the trees all proved true to the desired type of the variety specified? A suggestion of this kind to your local nurseryman will do far more to encourage him and to stimulate the business than to send cold chills up and down his back by announcing catalogue quotations on trees at 2 cents each laid down from some nursery in a far off state, than his price on the best he is able to produce.

Let us not unnecessarily embarrass our nurserymen, then at the bearing age curse the whole nursery business. The needs of the commercial planter are far different from those planting only family orchards where the whole catalogue list best seems to fit the bill. Lend every possible aid to the local nurseryman by marking any trees which bear fruit of best type and color of the varieties desired, for some commercial use; let there be no mistake when cutting sections and attaching the proper label. Service of this kind merits liberal compensation on the part of the nurseryman.

## FORMER SHAH TO BECOME BIG MANUFACTURER

ODESSA, Russia, Jan. 25.—It was reported here today that former Shah Mohammed Ali of Persia, who came to Russia to live following his exile from his own country, will invest the money he brought with him in a manufacturing enterprise in Odessa, of which he will assume the active direction.

From the indolent, sensuous individual his attendants knew in the days of his power, the former monarch apparently has been transformed into a wide-awake, ambitious man. He has established a daily routine of work and study that is believed here to stamp with sincerity his announced intention of becoming a progressive man of the world.

During the last month Mohammed has visited the factories and other industrial establishments of Odessa almost daily and has absorbed a surprising technical knowledge of manufacturing processes.

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