

SOME HISTORICAL BALLOON TRIPS

Case, Similar to That of Recent Date, in 1910—North Sea Incident—Hinton's Second Experience.

New York, Jan. 15. — (Associated Press). — A visionary's thrilling history, filled with adventurous journeys in balloons and airplane, already contains a story paralleling the one created by the flight into the frozen fastnesses of northern Canada which has focused the news-hungry readers of the world on the three American lieutenants who recently completed it.

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lost among the untrodden wilderness of Canada for seven days after travelling nearly 1200 miles through the air from St. Louis in the balloon America II. They floated northward for two days and two nights, crossing over the Great Lakes and beyond the outposts of which are few and far between in the northland. Despairing of finding a suitable landing place, they brought their gas bag down into dense trees, ending a trip that won the Gordon Bennett trophy and set a new record for distance and duration.

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and Hawley tramped along a stream and later around the hem of a lake, as the woods were impenetrable and trackless. For four days and four nights they pushed southward, through snowstorms, rain and stinging cold winds, and with little to eat. Hawley wrenched his knee, and the pair stopped to rest at the first restful place they found—an old cave.

They spent the night in this tent and the next morning, going down to the side of a lake, they pierced the air with yells of greeting. From across the water came a reply, and then two trappers in a canoe. The trappers took the men down a river in a canoe for two days until they reached Chicoutime, a settlement, from where they communicated with the world they had left, and began their trip back to New York. They had left St. Louis October 17 and the first word came from them October 28.

North Sea Adventure. A balloon trip that ended above the North Sea was made by Captain Von Schaeck during the 1909 Gordon Bennett race, which started from Berlin. A passing steamer spied the guide rope splashing through the water, and towed the balloon back to the coast of Norway, with the rope secured to the stern of the ship, and the balloon floating overhead.

Hinton in NC-4. On that occasion the NC-4 left Galveston, Tex., early in the morning on an intended non-stop flight to Mobile, Ala. Throughout the day and the night and part of the following day the famous seaplane was unheard from. The government was making arrangements to send an armada of seaplanes and boats into the gulf to look for the missing

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LAW SUIT OVER BET. China's Population Is Weighty Issue at Stake. Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 14.—The population of China is the question at issue in a case which the Allegheny county court has taken under advisement. A two to one bet on the number of inhabitants in China resulted in the action, which was brought by D. Grigich against Alderman Wm. Kroeger, of Duquesne. Grigich seeks to recover \$180, his end of the bet, which sum, he charges, was

paid to Joe Summar, after Alderman Kroeger had ruled that the population of China was "about 400,000,000." Kroeger told the court that he arrived at the figure by consulting all available authorities but Grigich dissented and when informed that Summar had collected the wager, he entered suit against the alderman.

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