

3 BALLOONISTS MEET TRAGIC END IN BALTIC

Raical Member Of German Reichstag Among Victims Of Ballooning Accident—Huge Airship Runs Amuck.

GERMAN AVIATORS AT MERCY OF WIND

Stettin, Germany, April 3.—The German balloon Pommern which made an ascension here this afternoon, met with a series of accidents which ended in a disaster under most tragic circumstances in the Baltic sea.

The Pommern, carrying del Brueck, who was acting as pilot, a banker, Herr Semmelhardt, an architect, Herr Benduhn, and a man named Hein, ascended early in the afternoon at the gas works. The wind at the time was blowing a hurricane, and the Pommern broke away before she had been completely ballasted.

A chapter of accidents began immediately. The balloon collided with telegraph wires, which broke, almost overturning the basket. It then dashed into the roof of a neighboring factory, destroying the smokestack. With the basket swaying wildly, and half of its ropes cut, the balloon soared to a great altitude in the clouds at a terrific speed.

The crowds of onlookers, including a detachment of military, which had assisted in the ascent, ran along the roads, expecting the basket to break away. The balloon, however, was not seen again until it reached Swinemunde, 36 miles northwest of Stettin, over which it passed at a height of 6000 feet in the direction of the sea.

Tugs followed in its track, and one of them which had outdistanced the others, was almost directly under it, when suddenly the balloon fell into the sea. The tug steamed to the spot quickly, but the rescue work was difficult. Already del Brueck and Benduhn had disappeared, but Semmelhardt and Hein were clinging to the ropes and they were dragged aboard the vessel.

Hein died soon after being taken on the tug and del Brueck's body was washed ashore this evening.

The Pommern was the aerostat Oscar Erbschlog in command, won the international balloon race at St. Louis in 1907.

PROPRIETOR BURIED IN RUINS OF MILL

Woolen Mills Are Destroyed By Fire in Which Owner Meets With Serious Injuries.

Stratford, April 3.—The woolen mills owned by Dutton, Limited, were pretty well destroyed by fire this morning. While trying to remove some of the stock, a portion of the brick wall fell on Mr. E. T. Dutton, the proprietor, burying him in the ruins. He was badly crushed and burned, but it is thought he will recover. Loss \$50,000, partially insured.

PRESIDENT TAFT ADDRESSES UNION MEN

Believes in Organization, But Reserves To Every Man The Right To Labor As He Will.

Worcester, Mass., April 3.—President Taft put in a busy Sunday with a visit to "Aunt Della" Torrey and the scenes of many boyhood reminiscences at Milbury and an address here this afternoon before the joint meeting of the brotherhoods in train service—a meeting of nearly 2,000 railroad employes at Mechanics Hall.

The president declared that he believed in labor organizations. But as chief magistrate of the nation, he added, he believed also in the right of every man to labor as he will, to earn the wages that he will, and if he so chooses, to stay out of labor organizations. The president's first assertion was greeted with a wild outburst of applause, but his second received only a scattered response. Later, however, the president again aroused the railroad men by saying he believed their organizations were necessary to deal with organizations of capital and by detailing his deep interest in legislation looking to further requirements of safety appliances and the liability of the employer.

13 FIREMEN INJURED IN MONTEREAL FIRE

Premises Of J. H. Weldman & Company Destroyed At A Loss Of \$100,000—Explosion Injures Several.

NEAR HERO ASLEEP DISCHARGED BY CHIEF

Special to The Standard. Montreal, April 3.—Fire this morning destroyed the premises on St. Paul street occupied by J. H. Weldman and Company, manufacturers of cloaks and suits. The loss is placed at \$100,000 with an insurance of about \$80,000. Thirteen firemen were injured by a backdraft explosion, seven being removed to hospitals. In no case is the injury expected to prove fatal. When the roll-call was made after the explosion Fireman Cote of the Central station was found to be missing. A search of the ruins was at once started, but while it was in progress some men who had returned to the station telephoned that they had found Cote asleep in his bed at the station. He had quit early in the morning. Chief Tremblay at once discharged the man who had a few minutes before had been half a hero.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN CAPE BRETON

Laymen's Missionary Executive Draw Up Schedule Of Meetings—E. S. McCullough In Halifax.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., April 3.—The general interdenominational committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in Canada met in Sydney yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the meetings which will be held in Cape Breton during this month. According to the schedule laid down meetings will be held at Sydney Mines April 14 and 15, Glace Bay April 17, Sydney April 18 and 19. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Stackhouse, secretary of the Baptist co-operating committee; H. Caskey, secretary of the Canadian section; Mr. Allen, secretary of the Anglican committee; Rev. P. W. Anderson, secretary of the Methodist committee; Rev. J. Manning, secretary of the Methodist committee and Mr. Rogers of Montreal.

LATOKA AT HALIFAX AFTER EVENTFUL TRIP

Sealer At Nova Scotia Port After Record Run From Cape Town—Located Lost Islands.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 3.—After covering 20,000 miles on a sealing trip in the Indian Ocean the schooner Latoka arrived in port tonight from Cape Town, South Africa, where she landed her catch of 7500 seals, valued at \$200,000. The Latoka sailed from here in July and on the way down came dangerously near foundering and was forced to put into Rio Janeiro for repairs. On her trip Capt. Ryan, located islands in the South Antarctic that had not been visited for eighty years. The trip from the Cape to Halifax was made in fifty-one days, which breaks all records for a sailing vessel.

DATES FOR MARITIME CAMP ANNOUNCED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 3.—The following are the dates for camps in the Maritime Provinces: Susex—June 23. Aldershot, artillery—June 23. Aldershot—September 13. Charlottetown—June 23.

ROOSEVELT IN DEADLOCK WITH VATICAN PUTS END TO PROPOSED AUDIENCE

American Chafes Under Restrictions and Pope is Compelled to Deny Interview.

Fairbanks Incident Duplicated in Strenuous One's Stay in Rome—Situation to Date.

Unfortunate End to Long Series of Incidents Leading Up to Present Crisis.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Rome, April 3.—The audience which was believed ex-President Roosevelt would have with the Pope on Tuesday next, will not occur, owing to conditions which the Vatican has imposed and which Mr. Roosevelt refuses to accept.

Although the definite negotiations relative to the audience ended before Mr. Roosevelt left Egypt, the announcement was withheld until after Mr. Roosevelt reached Rome tonight, at the solicitation of his American Catholic friends here, who believed that in the meantime, the Vatican might change its attitude. One of the former president's American friends, who was with him in Egypt, came to Rome yesterday, without however, any authorization from Mr. Roosevelt, and interceded with Cardinal Merry del Val, the Papal secretary, in an endeavor to avoid a situation, which, as it now stands, has caused a real sensation in Rome, and which it was not entirely unexpected, in his efforts were unavailing.

While at Gondokoro, in February last, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Ambassador Leishman, saying that he would be glad of the honor of an audience with King Victor Emmanuel and the Pope. The audience with the king was promptly arranged. Before an arrangement could be reached relative to an audience with the Pope, several telegrams were technically declined in any way to be limited as to his conduct, and announcing that an audience would be given in the circumstances, was now impossible.

Two Engagements. As a matter of fact, Mr. Roosevelt, although declining to accept any conditions in connection with his audience with the Pope, has not yet directly or indirectly before, during or after the negotiations, made or considered any engagements in Rome except those of an official character, and he actually entered Rome tonight with but two definite engagements: the audience with the king and the dinner to be given in his honor by the municipality.

The history of the negotiations is about as follows:—While at Cairo, Mr. Roosevelt received the following telegram from Ambassador Leishman, dated March 23: "Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American Catholic College, in reply to an inquiry, which I caused to be made, requests that the following communication be transmitted to you: 'The holy father will be delighted to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt on April 5 and hopes that nothing will arise to prevent it, such as the much regretted incident with the reception of Mr. Fairbanks impossible.'"

The Reply. Replying by cable to Ambassador Leishman on March 25, Mr. Roosevelt said: "Please present the following to Monsignor Kennedy: 'It would be a real pleasure to me to be presented to the holy father for whom I entertain high respect, both personally and as the head of a great church, I fully recognize his entire right to receive or not receive whomsoever he chooses, for any reason that seems good to him and if he does not receive me, I shall not for a moment question the propriety of his action. On the other hand I, in turn, must decline to make any stipulations or submit to any conditions, which, in any way would limit my freedom of conduct. I trust that on April 5, he will find it convenient to receive me.'"

The following day Mr. Roosevelt sent another message to the American ambassador saying: "The proposed presentation is of course, now impossible."

A Personal Incident. Mr. Roosevelt particularly desires that the incident shall be regarded by his friends, both Catholic and Protestant, in America, as personal and that it shall not give rise to an acrimonious controversy. With this end in view, he cabled today the following statement to the Rev. Lynn Abbott, editor of the Outlook, at New York: "The following day," said Monsignor

Kennedy, "I was authorized to send Mr. Roosevelt the first message, which is quoted in his statement. The reference to the Fairbanks incident in the message, was intended by the Vatican as a friendly intimation, I notice that my second message is not fully given. It ran thus: 'His Holiness will be much pleased to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt for whom he entertains great esteem, both personally and as a former president of the United States. His Holiness nor Mr. Roosevelt is responsible, an audience could not occur, except upon the understanding expressed in the former message.' 'After this, no further communication reached us from Mr. Roosevelt.

Position of Vatican In Incident Explained

Monsignor Kennedy Reviews Situation—Surprise Expressed at Publication of Messages Regarded as of a Diplomatic Nature—Position of Mr. Roosevelt Indefensible.

Rome, April 3.—The failure to arrange an audience between ex-president Roosevelt and the Pope, which was known only in certain circles to-night is expected to create a tremendous stir here as well as abroad, overshadowing the importance of the incident in which ex-vice-president Fairbanks was a principal. Although the negotiations were technically between Ambassador Leishman and Monsignor Kennedy, it is well understood in Rome that Monsignor Kennedy was acting under the instructions of Cardinal Merry del Val. The telegrams, therefore were in reality between ex-president Roosevelt and the papal secretary of state.

John Callan O'Loughlin. It further appears that it was John Callan O'Loughlin, who was assistant secretary of state in 1909 and a great personal friend of Mr. Roosevelt's who yesterday tried to intercede with Cardinal Merry del Val. The following semi-official version of what happened at that interview, has been furnished to the Associated Press, by a Vatican authority.

Cardinal Merry del Val said to Mr. O'Loughlin: "Can you guarantee that Mr. Roosevelt will not visit the Methodist here?" Mr. O'Loughlin replied: "I cannot. Indeed, I believe that Mr. Roosevelt is just the man to go there. He will do as he pleases."

"It is indefensible," said the papal secretary, "for any person to asked to be received by a great personage, whose feelings he would be unwilling to respect."

In the course of further conversation, the cardinal declared that he declined to receive persons unconditionally in Europe granted unrestricted audiences. "Mr. Roosevelt himself," said the cardinal, "when he was president, declined to receive persons unconditionally at the white house."

Without giving the name of the person the cardinal recalled a case where President Roosevelt having been erroneously informed that a certain person was visiting him by the authority of the Vatican immediately sent a cabinet officer to the apostolic delegate at Washington to inform the delegate that he could not receive this personage, but he meant no discourtesy to the pope by his refusal.

The pontiff when he heard this, replied: "I esteem Mr. Roosevelt more than ever."

No Question of Religion. Returning to the present incident, Cardinal Merry del Val remarked: "It is not in any sense a question of religion. Mr. Roosevelt might have a cabinet officer to the apostolic delegate at Washington to inform the delegate that he could not receive this personage, but he meant no discourtesy to the pope by his refusal."

MR. FOSTER'S SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED

Unlikely That Any Announcement Will Be Made As To Mr. Borden's 1st. Lieutenant Until After Prorogation.

MR. HANNA INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE RUMOR

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 3.—There is no change in the Conservative situation and nothing will be known until Mr. R. L. Borden, the opposition leader, makes his announcement as to the chief whip. It is probable, however, that no action will be taken until during the recess. Three names are mentioned prominently for chief whip: A. S. Goodeve, of Kootenay, B. C.; T. W. Crothers of West Elgin and Geo. H. Perley of Argenteuil. Who Mr. Borden's first lieutenant will be is still a matter of conjecture. Hon. W. J. Hanna, the well known Ontario minister, is talked of.

MR. HANNA SPEAKS

Toronto, Ont., April 2.—"I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Foster has decided to drop out of work in the party at the present time," said Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, speaking from his home in Sarnia over long distance phone this afternoon. Questioned regarding the rumor that he had practically been chosen by Mr. Borden to become his first lieutenant in the Federal opposition, Mr. Hanna said that the suggestion was new to him. "I have not thought of entering Federal politics. My permanent work at the present time is the reorganization of the central prison and central prison work."

MATRIMONIAL WOES EPIDEMIC IN GERMANY

Divorce Courts Working Over-Time In Continental Europe—Musical Circles Agog Over Latest Row.

Special to The Standard. New York, N. Y., April 3.—Musical circles in Berlin and Vienna are agog with excitement over a row in the Austrian imperial opera involving the American soprano Lucie Marcell, and Felix Weingartner, the well known German orchestral conductor who visited the United States a couple of years ago. Miss Marcell came into prominence last year through her recommendation by Richard Strauss as the ideal "Elektra." On Strauss' cardinal endorsement Weingartner, who is the musical director of the imperial opera in Vienna, engaged the American prima donna to create the role of "Elektra" in Austria. Since then, Weingartner has been under constant fire for the too conspicuous favoring of Miss Marcell. Matters reached a climax yesterday in Miss Marcell's resignation of her opera position. If the management accepts it, thereby countenancing the attacks that have been made on Weingartner, it is regarded as certain that the latter will also sever his connection with the Vienna opera.

Weingartner has made a number of concert tours of Austria and southern Germany with Miss Marcell. She has featured his songs on her programme and he has reciprocated by playing her accompaniments. Weingartner's present wife, who is his second matrimonial mate, recently attained distinction by passing an examination as a doctor of medicine.

Matrimonial woes are epidemic among Germany's foremost musicians. Last week it was announced Felix Mottlat, the famous Munich Kapellmeister had applied for a divorce, today it is reported that Eugene D'Albert, the famous German-Belgian pianist and composer is about to seek a divorce for the purpose of marrying the divorced wife of a celebrated German dramatist. D'Albert's first wife was the pianist Teresa Carreno. His romantic opera Tieftand, ranks as one of the greatest successes among modern musical stage works.

ARNS RETAINS SCULLING TITLE

Christ Church, N. Z., April 4.—The world's sculling championship was retained today by Richard Arns, who defeated George Welch, the New Zealand champion by six lengths. The race was for a stake of \$2500 and over the regulation course of three miles and a fraction.

STILL ANOTHER "TRIUMPH" DUE THE DOMINION

Washington Learns That Another Conference With Ottawa Is Coming This Time With Reciprocity In View.

ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO VANISH

Washington, D. C., April 3.—Some time during the present month, there will meet at Washington or Ottawa representatives of the American and Canadian Governments for the purpose of negotiation of a reciprocity and trade treaty between the two countries. The felicitous exchanges between Secretary Knox and Minister Fielding of Canada, which concluded the recent tariff agreement contained an implied promise that the effort would be made to reach an understanding on broad lines that might settle for all time the various open issues regarding the land and water boundaries; the fisheries; the preservation of the seals and finally the tariff relations.

TAFT ADMINISTRATION ARMING FOR FRAY

Republicans In United States Prepare To Combat Inroads Being Made By Insurgents—President To Open Fight.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—The Taft administration is about to defend itself aggressively before the people of the United States. Convinced that the public mind has been impressed by attacks of various kinds, upon the administration in many parts of the country and that the criticisms cannot be permitted to pass unanswerred without injury to Republican prestige, the party leaders have decided to "carry the war into the enemy's country."

President Taft is now declared to be ready and anxious to assume the offensive. The opening guns will be fired next Saturday night in Washington, by the president in person and in Chicago by Attorney General Wickersham. Mr. Taft will speak in this city on the subject of organization and he will be supported by other powerful orators of the Republican party.

Attorney General Wickersham's subject will be the policies of the administration. The speeches by the president in Washington, Senator Lodge, Representative McKinley, of Illinois, chairman of the Republican congressional committee; Representative Duncan MacKinley, of California; John Hays Hammond, president of the national league of Republican clubs; John A. Stewart, of the New York league, and John G. Capers, national committee-man for South Carolina at the same gathering and that of Mr. Wickersham at Chicago, are expected to supply the themes for other prominent Republicans.

RIVER NAVIGABLE TO FREDERICTON NOW

Ice Running Out With Little Apparent Damage—Several Big Jams Reported—Interesting News Of Capital.

Fredericton, N. B., April 3.—Ice here started running yesterday afternoon, and the river is now open from this city to St. John.

A strong wind prevailed here today and caused the ice to jam at the pier of the Highway Bridge, but all below that point it has run out. The water is unusually low for the time of year and the ice being badly rotted did no damage.

Quite a number of people assembled on the bridge this afternoon to watch the ice run, but the cold weather which prevailed soon caused them to turn their steps homeward.

Several big jams are reported between this city and Crocks Point, but they are not likely to hold more than another day. Navigation is opening ten days earlier than last year.

Pastor McDonald of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, is confined to his home by a gripe and his pulpit today was occupied by Prof. Kierstead of the University.

Dr. and Mrs. Weaver are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter at their home this morning. The Normal School basketball team were defeated by the Stanley team here yesterday by a score of thirty to nine.

SENATOR TILLMAN. New York, N. Y., April 3.—In a telegram from Atlanta, Ga., to the New York World, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, says: "All this hoopah over Roosevelt makes me sick."