

AERONAUT LASHED TO BARE BALLOON

Spurning Basket Boldly Rides a 25-Mile Gale.

SOMERSAULTS THROUGH SPACE

Finally Flung Into a Bay, Daring German Balloonist Is Rescued by Fishermen.

New York, June 2.—A balloon ascension which in the history of aerial navigation will be a classic of daring was made yesterday by Joseph Warschter, a German who came here three weeks ago and announced his determination to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon if he could obtain \$25,000 to construct a balloon bag devised by him.

Without ballast, without life preserver, and even without the apparently indispensable "basket," the man who has made 60 ascensions, yesterday rose from the circus ring of Luna Park at Coney Island, in a space more confined than that of the balloon which any balloon has ever before been released.

He missed the cupola of a tower by a scratch and he swung past a flagstaff with a space of less than a foot between the delicate silk bubble and the sharp point of the stick.

Three times he tried to shoot upward, and three times he came down in a mass of ropes and scattered ballast. Then he cut away the basket, threw his ballast to the ground, flung his parachute aside, and lashing himself to the ropes, soared into the air, while 60,000 persons in the park and on the outskirts watched him, awestricken.

Dr. Julian P. Thomas, the famous aeronaut, stood beside a reporter for the American as the balloon, filled with 26,000 cubic feet of gas, sprang above even the high observation tower of Coney Island. Dr. Thomas, who is used to witnessing such affairs, gasped. When the German, who cannot speak a word of English, swished off toward the ocean, the doctor said:

"That is the grandest thing I have ever seen, and I do not believe that in the history of aeronautics any man ever took such a chance. I think this man came close to going Admiral Farragut one better. Farragut lashed himself to the rigging of a ship which had a destination. Warschter has lashed himself to the rigging of a ship that may go anywhere, according to the will of the wind. I hope he shall meet with no mishap."

But the hope of the physician-aeronaut was not fulfilled. Warschter, who braved a 25-mile-an-hour breeze, greater than any balloonist ever scorned, was flung out across the ocean, back to land, over houses and streets, while people—thousands of them—craned their necks. Then he was dropped into Jamaica Bay—still lashed to the rigging.

Three fishermen fought for his life with the wind and tide. He, and they and the balloon were whirled around for half an hour, while the gas, hissing from rents in the great silken mass, almost suffocated them.

Finally the man whose feat puts a climax to bravery in the "big game" was extricated and taken to the hut of the fishermen, where he was revived. Before midnight he was back at Coney Island, wan of face, dull of eyes—yet smiling.

Thousands watched the ascent until the balloon was only a black speck against a clear blue sky—and then a scene never before witnessed by a human being, according to aeronauts, occurred.

The balloon made a clean somersault in the air, at a distance of probably 2,500 feet. It was as if a circus performer on a trapeze were to be hurled suddenly from his pendant position, in a circle that swept past the reef of a tent and ended where it began.

The balloon swung around in this manner three times, with the fearless German clinging on and being swung through the air like a stone whirled in a sling-shot.

The members of the Bell Harbor Yacht Club, near Rockaway Park, reported by telephone that the balloon had skimmed over their clubhouse missing it by less than 50 feet. From other points similar reports were received, and it finally became the opinion of the aeronauts that Warschter was being made a plaything of by the wind.

The balloon, when it struck Jamaica Bay, overrode and then dropped. It was wafted nearly two miles, and when half a mile from Ruffle Reef it hit the water. Warschter was so tightly enmeshed that he could not free himself. There was a slight rent in the bag just above his head, and asphyxiation, as well as the water, caused him to lose consciousness.

From Ruffle Reef, a desolate, forlorn bit of rock and sand, the balloon was seen by David Smith, Carl Grole and Warren Francisco, fishermen. The three put off in a boat and for half an hour tried to get the balloon to the shelving beach. They failed, but managed to keep Warschter's head out of water.

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A HART MASSEY CHAIR

One To Be Founded in the University at St. John, N. B.

St. John, N. B., June 1.—Senator Wood on Wednesday announced to the Mount Allison board of regents that he had recently received a check for \$25,000 the balance of the \$100,000 bequest made by the late Hart A. Massey, of Toronto.

It was decided to devote \$5,000 to paying off the debt incurred last year in making improvements in the university residence, and the remaining \$20,000 to an endowment fund for a Hart A. Massey chair in the university. It was decided to increase the salaries of Dr. Smith, Dr. Andrews, Prof. Hutton and Prof. Tweedie, by \$100 each.

Mrs. C. H. Paisley, wife of Rev. Dr. Paisley, has offered \$5,000 for the purpose of founding scholarships in the theological department.

John W. Crowell, B. S. C. E., who during the past year has been instructor in engineering, has been appointed professor in that department.

SOCIALISTS MARCH FROM RUSS HOUSE

Refuse to Listen to Speech by the Minister of the Interior.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—Parliament solution of the agrarian problem, according to indications in today's debate in the Lower House, will be long and tedious process. The discussion today showed that the Constitutional Democratic project is satisfactory neither to the Right nor to the Left.

Minister of the Interior Stuchinsky decided personally to take lists today to meet his parliamentary opponents, attacking the practicability and sufficiency of the Constitutional Democratic project outlining the promised administration programme, while M. Gurko, a son of the famous field marshal of that name, assailed the socialistic principle lurking in the proposed solution of the agrarian problem, but they might as well have talked to the wind.

When M. Stuchinsky mounted the tribune, the Social Democrats spontaneously arose and left the House. The utmost endeavors of the chair were necessary in order to secure for M. Stuchinsky and M. Gurko even a semi-respectful hearing. When the latter had finished, a peasant deputy named Onipko protested against wasting time with "speeches that were not desired."

Prof. Hertenstein dismissed M. Gurko's speech as "sophistry." He maintained that expropriation did not infringe the doctrine of property, but admitted Minister Stuchinsky's argument that turning over the land to unscientific methods of cultivation by peasants would involve a decrease in the productive capacity of the empire, but expressed the belief that this would be temporary, and not to be compared with the ravages of another peasant uprising.

Prof. Hertenstein did not attempt to furnish a solution of the practical difficulties raised by Minister Stuchinsky, but dealt in generalizations on the distress of the peasantry and the culpability of the Government.

His speech was received with thunderous applause.

DOVIE'S LETTERS FROM GIRL STOLEN

Voliva Said to Possess Them. Contemplating Sensational Exposure.

Chicago, June 1.—That two packages of letters from Ruth Hofer, the Swiss heiress, whose name has been unpleasantly linked with that of John Alexander Dowie in the accusations made against the first apostle of the Overseas, Voliva, have been taken from Dowie's private files and are now in possession of the opposing faction in Zion, was the charge made before Judge Landis by Attorney P. E. Haley.

In connection with the taking of the letters, along with many other private and personal papers of Dr. Dowie, which are now declared to be in possession of Voliva and Alexander Granger, Judge V. Barnes, Dowie's former confidential counsel, is charged with conspiracy. In his representation to the court, Attorney Haley declares that Judge Barnes took advantage of his position as Dowie's closest attendant to depose the latter from the leadership in Zion.

One of the most important papers sought by Dr. Dowie is his last will and testament, which he declares Judge Barnes will not deliver to him. When the case goes to trial it is believed some of the innermost secrets of Dowie's life, as shown in his correspondence, will become public.

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FIGHTING THE UNION

Signs of Fresh Trouble With Winnipeg Street Railwaymen.

Winnipeg, Man., June 1.—More trouble is said to be probable between the street railway company and its employees, and serious developments are feared. The men are complaining that the agreement which ended the strike is being broken in some of its most important particulars.

The company is said to be carrying on a vigorous campaign to get rid of the union. One clause of the agreement provides that runs and promotion shall depend on seniority and merit, and another that as far as possible the runs shall be arranged so that men shall not work more than ten hours a day.

One of the chief complaints of the men is that old and capable motor-men and conductors who were prominent in the strike negotiations are being put on undesirable runs and made to work thirteen hours a day with the information when they complain that they can be done without.

COURT FREES TERRANOVA GIRL

Is Found Not Guilty of Charge of Murdering Her Aunt.

New York, June 1.—Josephine Terranova this afternoon was acquitted of the murder of her aunt, Concetta Riggio, for which she had been on trial for several weeks. She was, however, not released, being remanded to the Tombs to answer to the charge of murdering her uncle, who was killed at the same time as his wife.

The verdict was such a complete surprise to Assistant Attorney Ely, who has conducted the prosecution, that he was unable to say definitely tonight whether the second charge would be prosecuted. The jury returned a verdict within 16 minutes, having agreed on the innocence of the defendant without discussion.

The prisoner, when called upon to face the jury, received the announcement of her acquittal with perfect composure and then quietly resumed her seat beside her counsel, whose congratulations she acknowledged with a faint smile. As she was being led out of court on her way back to the Tombs, the girl was followed by a crowd of women, many of whom thrust the officers aside and embraced and kissed her.

Outside the Tombs, cheers were raised by a throng of hundreds of Italians, to whom the news of the acquittal was made known by the prisoner waving her handkerchief as she crossed the "Bridge of Sighs" leading to the Tombs.

The verdict was the more surprising from the fact that, the killing being admitted, Judge Scott, in his charge, instructed the jury, in default of justification, which plea had not been advanced, and there being little evidence of the abuse alleged as an excuse, except the prisoner's own testimony, they should properly find a verdict of murder in the first degree.

BRITISH HAD ONCE DOUMA TRIALS

Russian Parliament Fighting Over Difficulties Seven Centuries Old.

Washington, June 2.—There are striking similarities as well as contrasts in the present struggle to secure a parliamentary government in Russia and the successful efforts that were made in that direction in England 700 years ago. In writing to the Secretary of State concerning attempted reforms in Spain while he was minister there, James Russell Lowell said: "If the 90 years since the French revolution have taught anything, it has been that institutions grow and cannot be made to order; that they grow out of an actual past, and are not to be conjured up by a conjectural future; that human nature is stronger than any invention of man."

Thus the present Parliament of England has been the growth of seven centuries. Its origin and early history are obscured by the remoteness of the time, but this generation knows enough of the causes and the means by which it was brought up to its present influence and power to furnish the leaders of the various parties opposed to the autocracy in Russia many valuable lessons.

The Magna Charta defined the early constitution of parliament more clearly than any earlier record, and Blackstone says: "It was marked out so long ago as the seventeenth year of King John, A. D. 1215, in the great charter granted by that prince, wherein he promises to summon all archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls and greater barons personally, and all other tenants in chief under the crown, by the sheriffs and bailiffs, to meet at a certain place, with 40 days' notice, to assess aids and scutages when necessary."

Two years previous King John directed a writ to the sheriff of each county: "To send four discreet knights to confer with Us concerning the affairs of Our Kingdom;" but it does not appear whether they were elected by the county or picked at pleasure by the sheriff.

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This same proposition was agitated in England under similar circumstances 700 years ago, and it became necessary for the Parliament to select one of their number who should represent them in communicating their wishes and their decisions to their sovereign. This representative was called the "speaker," because he spoke for his colleagues, and thus the presiding officer of the House of Commons and the American House of Representatives obtained this title. The first Speaker of the Commons was Sir T. Hungerford, elected in 1276 for the purpose of communicating its will to Edward III. The members of the House of Peers as a body are entitled to free access to the throne, and their presence in the hereditary councilors of the throne, is privileged at any time to have an audience with his sovereign. This privilege of access, however, is not enjoyed by individual members of the House of Commons, and the House at large only with their Speaker, and when an address is presented to his majesty by the whole House. This privilege was granted for the first time by Henry VIII.

WASTING MEN AND MONEY

Present Methodist Circuit Boundaries Criticised by Preacher.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 1.—There is a terrible waste of money and men, and there has got to be something done about it," declared Rev. J. Pickett, of St. Catharines, this morning in the discussion on the report of the commission on circuit boundaries. Regret was expressed that district meetings had voted the proposed change down, conferring one having no power to act. Rev. J. Irwin, of Norwich, explained the scheme, and asked conference to recommend circuits and districts to adopt the report, which was done after a long discussion.

A number of visitors and Rev. R. Whiting, of Avenue Road Church, Toronto, who comes to Centenary Church, Hamilton, were introduced.

Mayor Slater, of Niagara Falls, welcomed conference, pointing out that he believed the object of his citizens was not now "to make strange."

Letters of sympathy were ordered to be sent to members of conference who are ill.

Bishop Vincent gave an address on "Homes That Help."

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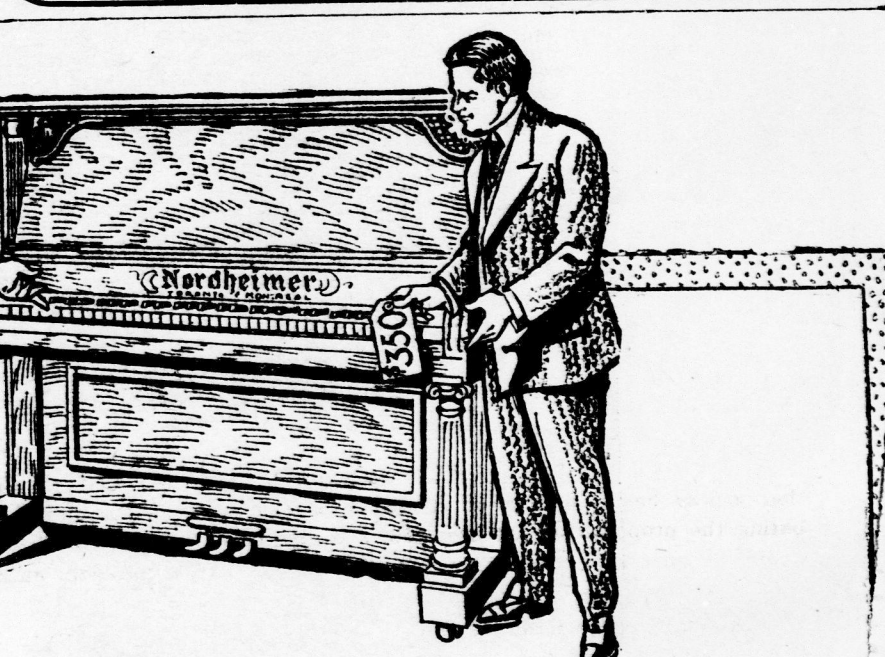
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