

AVIATION MEETING IS ON AT NICE

Prizes Offered for Ten Events Total over \$50,000—French Aviator's work.

Nice, France, April 16.—Fine weather greeted the opening of the ten day aviation meeting on the Champs Daviation de La Californie. The program includes ten events for which \$53,600 is offered in prizes. M. Offinoff, in a Farman biplane, carried off all the honors yesterday. These included those offered for starting in the shortest distance with and without passengers, in which M. Offinoff rose from the ground respectively in 30 and 100 metres. Offinoff also leads in the total distance travelled and fast lap events. The purse for the former is \$10,000, and for the latter \$5,000. During the morning, height, duration and cross country flights for various prizes will take place. The cross country cruising contests will be three in number, from the aviation field to Cape Ferret, 24 kilometres, to Antives, return and to Cannes and return. King Gustaf of Sweden, and the Princess of Saxe Keiningen witnessed the opening events.

NO WARSHIPS FOR THE GREAT LAKES

Washington, April 16.—United States Secretary of the Navy Meyer, in a communication to the house of representatives, endorsed a former opinion of the navy department that the construction of navy vessels on the great lakes would constitute a violation of the Rush-Bagot convention of 1817. This statement was in reply to a house resolution asking why the appropriation for the building of a gunboat in these waters, authorized in 1898, had not been expended.

CHAMPION JOHNSON CONGRATULATES JEFF

Chicago, April 16.—Champion Jack Johnson says that he bears no ill-will toward James J. Jeffries and to show that he is in earnest, sent a telegram to Jeffries, in which he congratulated him on his birthday anniversary. "I have only the highest regard for Jeffries as a gentleman and a fighter, and until he says things to me which are uncomplimentary, I will continue to hold such good opinion," Johnson said. "It is not right for fighters to be so unfriendly that they continually call each other names through the press. If I beat Jeffries I will be the first one to help him to his corner and if he beats me I will be the first to congratulate him. "Although I celebrated my 32nd birthday last month, and did not receive any good wishes from Jeffries, I think it was more of an oversight on his part than anything else. I hope he had as good a time celebrating as I did and I hope his wife is on the road to recovery."

SLIGHT BLAZE AT ST. JOHN

St. John, April 16.—(Special.)—A fire in A. B. Smalley & Company's jewelry store, this morning caused little damage.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. F. Dow of Toronto is registered at the Queen. H. C. Fielding, son of the minister of finance is on a visit to England. Dr. G. R. Parkin, organizing secretary of the Rhodes Scholar Trust, has left England with Mrs. Parkin for South Africa. Hon. H. F. McLeod, of Fredericton was in the city yesterday. —St. John Telegraph.

FATAL TENEMENT FIRE IN JERSEY CITY TODAY

New York, April 16.—Two persons are dead and eight were injured as the result of a fire that burned out a five story store and tenement building in Jersey City early today. The dead are a brother and sister, who were found unconscious on the fourth floor, while the fire was burning, and were dropped into life nets. Both had inhaled smoke and died after being taken to a hospital.

FARM SOLD.

The Lorenzo Savage farm at Peniac was sold today at public auction by Auctioneer D. J. Stockford. Mr. Ellis Gilmore bid the farm in at \$200.

VIOLENT WIND AND HAIL STORM SWEEPS OVER MIDDLE WEST

St. Louis April 16.—Reports of heavy damages from wind, hail, and rain came in today from Southern Illinois and Missouri. Houses are blown down, railroad

MANITOBA MEN HELD FOR MURDER

Believed to Have Caused the Death of a Companion—All Had Been Drinking.

Worden, Man., April 16.—(Special.)—Following the inquest in the case of A. P. Phillips, found dying near the roadside a few days ago, and at first thought to have been injured by a runaway, two men, J. Rochard and C. S. Rabowski of Plum Coulte, were arrested here yesterday, charged with murder. All three men had been drinking together and hard feelings arose. The two suspects left the hotel before Phillips. Rochard is thought to have struck Phillips with a cord wood stick he had been carrying. The investigation proved Phillips to have died from fracture of the skull inflicted from a dull instrument.

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR BURNS

New York, April 16.—Rosalind Morris, a society girl who was so badly burned by flaming gasoline in an automobile collision that she can no longer wear a low necked evening gown, was awarded \$20,000 damages today of the \$100,000 she asked from the receivers of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. Her motor car was overturned by a surface car. The fireman who saved her from being burned alive was badly scalded and received a Carnegie medal for heroism.

LAST SAD TRIBUTE TO HEROIC FIREMEN

New Haven, April 16.—The funerals of the three firemen whose bodies were recovered from the ruins of the County Jail were held this morning, all from Catholic churches. During the masses of requiem the bells of the city tolled and several city departments closed. Each service was attended by city officials headed by Mayor Rice and fire commissioners. Flags were at half mast on public and private buildings during the day, the unremitting serach of the ruins at the jail has not disclosed any fragments which could possibly be identified as those of a human being. It is believed that the bodies of the other three firemen were incinerated.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CONVENT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Cleveland, Ohio, April 16.—While the convent of St. Augustine in Lakewood was blazing early today, the nuns who had driven from their cells carried the sick from the convent hospital into the streets. The convent was wholly consumed. The nuns who were driven from their retreat, are sisters of charity.

TEN ENGLISH LASSIES CROSS THE SEA TO WED

St. John, N. B., April 16.—(Special.)—The C. P. R. steamer Lake Erie arrived this morning. There were 10 English lassies who are awaiting future husbands. The steamer had 1122 passengers. A record trip of nine days was made.

RECORD WHEAT CROP PREDICTED THIS YEAR

New York, April 16.—Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, said before leaving for St. Paul that there will be a record crop of wheat this year. "There is the right degree of moisture in the ground for a fine year," he said, "and there is an increased acreage under cultivation. The fruit yield will also be larger."

C. P. R. DOCK HANDS MAY MAKE TROUBLE

Fort William, Ont., April 16.—(Special.)—Serious trouble between the Canadian Pacific Railway and dock hands is feared here as soon as navigation is formally opened. The company has been engaging men through an agency and the agent is said to be hiring only English speaking men, the Greeks and Italians employed last season being turned down. The scale of pay will be that awarded by arbitrators last summer. "Doctor, is it absolutely necessary to operate on me?" "N—no. But it's customary."

NEW YORK'S CRIME RECORD; TWO DEAD, ONE WOUNDED

Man Shot Dead During Street Wrangle, Another Stabbed While Shielding Son From Neighbor's Attack.

New York, April 16.—Two murders, one of them unusual and a third a murderous assault, are on the police records this morning, as occurring within the past twelve hours. Robt. Fullan, 58 years old, was fatally stabbed in the throat, on his own front steps in the Bronx, while trying to protect his son from a neighbor's attack. He died two hours later in a hospital. Laurence Gasso, 33 years old was shot dead during a street argument. Matilda Villy, 22 years old, was shot by a rejected suitor but thanks to a sturdy cheek bone, was only slightly wounded. For half an hour after Fullan's throat had been ripped open, a crowd of Italians and negroes stood about him as he lay bleeding and unconscious in the street, without offering assistance. His son, Robert, the innocent cause of the murder, partly staunching the flow of blood by tearing his shirt from his back, and then summoned the police.

AUSTRALIAN BEEF FOR NEW YORKERS

New York, April 16.—A good share of the available supply of Australian beef and mutton, which reached New York this week, was snapped up eagerly by housewives today, at prices said to range from three to six cents below the prices asked for western meat of equal quality, and the importers who brought the meat to America, declared that their experiment was a complete success. "The Australian meat is as good as, or better, than the western production," said one of the importers, "and we are planning for importations in much larger quantity, despite the duty and carrying charges, we are making a generous profit on our transactions."

CANADIAN'S INVENTION ON U. S. BATTLESHIP

Philadelphia, Pa., April 16.—The United States battleship Indiana, went to sea today, to test the ship brake, the invention of a Canadian. The test will be made off the New Jersey coast. For the last three months workmen at the navy yards here have been equipping the ship with the new device. Two weeks ago a commission from the bureau of inspection and surveys inspected it. The owners of the patent claim that it will stop a ship within her length while going at full speed. The invention has been put on the Indiana at the expense of the owners of the patent. On her return to Philadelphia, the Indiana will leave for Annapolis and take on board two hundred midshipmen for their annual cruise in European waters.

MARK TWAIN'S CONDITION REPORTED IMPROVED

Redding, Conn., April 16.—Samuel L. Clemens, (Mark Twain) who is seriously ill of angina pectoris at his home, is somewhat better today and Dr. Robert H. Halsey, of New York, said that if the improvement continued, he would not consider it necessary for him to remain with the patient a great while longer. Mr. Clemens has had a comfortable night, said Mr. Halsey, and he has improved. He still has a great deal of distress with his breathing, but he has no severe cardiac difficulty since he returned to Redding. The attack upon the Bermuda boat was the last one.

PERU AND ECUADOR GETTING RECONCILED

Lima, Peru, April 16.—It is reported that the tense situation between Peru and Ecuador is beginning to assume a more peaceful aspect. The Spanish and Argentine ministers had a long conference concerning the situation with Foreign Minister Perras.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS AT COSTA RICA

Inhabitants Badly Frightened and Refuse to Enter Their Homes—No Loss of Life.

San Jose, Costa Rica, April 16.—The earthquakes which have been felt for the last 48 hours are terrific in numbers and violence. A majority of the people continue badly frightened and are living in the open refusing to enter their homes. The government has adopted measures to assist sufferers throughout the country. The nature of the phenomenon is being everywhere discussed. No activity is being shown by the volcanoes and some of the scientists believe the shocks are due to a disarrangement of geologic formations. There has been no loss of life as a result of the earthquakes.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES BELIEVED TO BE SAFE

London, April 16.—Advises here today, state that a British gunboat has arrived at Chingsha, the capital of Hunan, and that there is no further cause for anxiety concerning foreigners in the rioting of the natives. Both the Wesleyan missionary and the London missionary societies received telegrams from Hankow under today's date, announcing that the missionaries of Changsha had arrived or were en route for Hankow and that the missionaries in other parts of Hunana had been ordered to that city. The local headquarters has received no word from the China inland mission which was established in Changsha by Dr. F. A. Keller and Mrs. Keller, Americans, in 1901.

NOTED FOOTBALL PLAYER DEAD FROM INJURIES

Annapolis Md., April 16.—Midshipman Earl Wilson, the navy football player died today. Wilson, who was from Kentucky, was injured in a game last October. It was while making a diving tackle that the back of his neck struck violently against the ground, a fracture between the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae resulting and the spinal cord was severely depressed causing complete paralysis from the shoulders down. An operation lessened the pressure on the spinal cord, and hope was entertained that it would bring recovery but the cord was badly lacerated. After a fight that has been remarkable in many ways, but particularly in the pluck and cheerfulness of the paralyzed and helpless youth and the long warding off of the inevitable by the surgeon, what was pronounced the final sinking, well preceding the death of Midshipman Wilson, began Thursday afternoon.

LORD ROSEBERY WANTS TARIFF ISSUE CUT OUT

London, April 16.—Lord Rosebery today makes a newspaper appeal to the Unionist leaders to drop the tariff issue in the coming election and to appeal to the country as defenders of the constitution. If victorious he suggests that they could at once set about for a real reform of the second chamber and when that is completed appeal to the country on the tariff policy. The Times says, Lord Rosebery's idea has its advantages.

PROPERTY OF FOREIGNERS DESTROYED BY CHINESE RIOTERS

Peking, April 16.—The riots at Changsha continued. The provincial governor is reported to have been killed. The city is still in the hands of the mob. Property of all foreigners has been destroyed, but all the foreign residents escaped except two Americans, names unknown, who are reported still inside the city. The Chinese troops have been dispatched to Changsha.

VALUABLE HOUNDS PUT TO DEATH

Fifty Owned by New York Hunt Club Developed Rabies and were Shot.

New York, April 16.—Fifty valuable fox hounds, constituting the entire pack of the Westchester Hunt Club of White Plains, were led one by one behind the kennel and shot. The sentimental loss to the club is even heavier than the financial loss, which will run into many thousands of dollars, for there will be no more spring runs this year. Three of the pack recently developed symptoms of rabies. It is thought they were bitten by a rabies dog on a recent run. Ten other hounds were found bitten. There was no assurance that they in turn would not develop rabies and infect the whole pack. After a consultation of the club members, it was decided that the only sensible thing to do was to shoot the whole pack. Plans have already been made, however, to send competent judges of dogs to England next week, to buy fifty blooded fox hounds to replace those killed yesterday.

NO MARKED CHANGES IN PRICES OF STOCKS

COTTON PRICES. New York, April 16.—Cotton futures opened steady; April, 14.95 to 14.99; May, 14.86; July, 14.61; Aug., 13.93; Sept., 12.93 to 12.97; Oct., 12.50; Dec., 12.33; Jan., 12.30 to 12.32. New York, April 16.—Wall Street.—Opening prices of stocks showed mixed changes and the trading was quite brisk. The low range of quotations in London pulled down some of the international stock fractionally. International Paper, pfd., declined 1/2, Federal Mining, pfd., 1/2. Quotations at noon were: Amalgamated, 78 1/2; Erie, 31; Great Northern, pfd., 139 1/2; Northern Pacific, 137 1/2; Pennsylvania, 137 1/2; Rock Island, 49 1/2; Southern Pacific, 128 1/2; Union, 188 1/2; Soo, 140; U. S. Steel, 87 1/2.

THE LA ROSE DIP.

Montreal, April 16.—(Special.)—The break in La Rose to \$3.95 seems to have stimulated a number of disturbing rumors on the property, none of which, however, have been confirmed. As stated yesterday a "curb" house in New York began the campaign with a strenuous bear attack, and advised their clients to sell, but the reports about the condition of the property, particularly the old La Rose, are denied by the insiders.

BOY BURIED ALIVE

Pittsburg, Pa., April 16.—Fred Neefee, 14 years old, son of Joun Neefee, the former pitcher for Pittsburg and Chicago Nationals, was buried alive in a bin of dirt at a brick factory, which his father now runs in Monossin. The body was found erect and still warm with the lad's hands above his head.