

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

A WOMAN AIRSHIP BUILDER



Thousands of persons pass daily a dingy building in Twenty-third street, New York city, without ever so much as dreaming that up in its loft there is a woman with tireless brain at work on the great problem of conquering the air. One need not be unduly surprised at this, as women have invaded most of man's territory, anyway. Miss E. Lillian Todd is no newcomer in the field, yet she is the only woman builder of airships, and it is in the loft mentioned that she does all her planning. Visitors admitted to the place soon learn to watch out. If they do not they are sure to be hit in the nose by some cardboard model which the ardent Miss Todd sends whizzing across the room with a rubber-band motor. Miss Todd began serious work on a biplane about two years ago which was in successful flight on the

aviation field at Mineola recently. "I don't care to say just what I'm working toward," she says, in answer to a question, "but what I—what every builder of an airship wants to achieve is a ship that will balance and recover automatically, like a bird. That more than anything else will make airship travel practical."

"We're not working toward it very fast in America now. Aviators seem content here to continue making spectacular flights, content with brilliant exhibition work. The public is delighted to applaud, and the press gives them plenty of space; but that won't last forever. There will come a time when the public will demand something more practical. More serious work is being done on airships abroad. They go into things more deeply over there. We Americans skim over the surface. We are hampered, too, by the personal jealousies of aviators. I believe in the freedom of the air, and I think it will be a great pity if the development of airships is hampered by litigation over patents."

"I believe airships will be used as practical carriers within five years. They won't take the place of trolley cars, but there is a vast field for airships. They can be used for exploration. Think what difficult marches they will save. They will be of endless value to civil engineers in taking observations for the best points for bridges, etc. And of course they would be immensely useful in war, but let us hope there won't be any war for them to be used in."

"It is a work that grips and holds the attention. Often I work 17 hours a day and then object because I have to go to bed and waste time sleeping."

NEW SENATOR FROM GEORGIA



Joseph Meriwether Terrell is the new United States senator from Georgia. The naming of Governor Terrell probably caused no surprise throughout the state. He was the one man most conspicuously mentioned for the post.

A former governor of Georgia and former attorney general of the state, Senator Terrell has been conspicuous for his interest in education for the boys and girls of the state. The establishment of the eleven district agricultural schools which have since come into being was authorized during his incumbency of the gubernatorial office in 1902.

Senator Terrell served in the lower house in the sessions of 1884 and 1886, and in the senate which convened in 1890. He was elected attorney general in 1892 and served until 1902, when he resigned to make the race for governor. In that campaign he made over 120 speeches.

He served in the office of governor for four years and eight months, being given an extra length of time owing to the action of the legislature in changing the time of meeting of the legislature from October to June. He retired from the governor's chair on July 1, 1906, and has since been engaged in the practice of law in Atlanta.

The new junior senator from Georgia is forty-nine years of age. He was born in Greenville, Meriwether county, on June 6, 1861, the son of Joel E. G. and Sarah R. (Anthony) Terrell. The county of his birth was named for General David Meriwether, an uncle of his grandfather, and the one for whom the grandfather was named. He was educated in the common schools of the state and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1882. Four years later, on October 19, 1886, he married Jessie Lee Spivey of Greenville.

The term for which Senator Terrell is named will terminate on the second Tuesday after the legislature meets next June, or whenever his successor is elected and qualifies.

WINANS NEW TO HIS COUNTRY



Although he is fifty-six years of age, Walter Winans, an American citizen, never saw this country until he stepped ashore from the steamer Cedric at New York the other day. Mr. Winans' father, William L. Winans of Baltimore, went to Russia to build a railroad for the czar and never returned. It was said that the sea voyage from America had been so disagreeable that he feared to make the return. At any rate his son Walter was born in St. Petersburg and as the family established its residence in England he was brought up in that country.

Walter inherited an enormous fortune. He has devoted his life to sport. He has 32 of his horses now on Austrian tracks and may send these to America some day. He has a very large stable of show horses, 16 of which he has sent to this country for exhibition at the New York horse show. Mr. Winans is also a hunter of big game. He has killed 2,000 stags and boars. In fact, he is more devoted to hunting than he is to horse shows and racing. It is not alone as a sportsman that Mr. Winans has won fame. He has gone in for art and his work as a sculptor and painter has been exhibited at the Royal academy. Mr. Winans is much interested in tattooing, and a design on his arm is said to be the most beautiful piece of tattooing ever done.

Mr. Winans has lived nearly 40 years in England, and for 12 years he held the revolver championship of that country. He has always classified himself as an American. He is a chevalier of the imperial Russian order of St. Stanislas. He speaks German, French, Russian and Italian. He learned Russian in St. Petersburg, and attended school there a long time. He believes that anybody who can learn Russian ought to be able to pick up any old language.

BARRED THE INAUGURAL BALL



Governor-elect H. W. Johnson of California, who declined to attend an inaugural ball arranged in his honor, is the insurgent leader in his state. He first came into prominence during the fight against graft, and it was largely due to his influence that Abe Ruef was convicted after the shooting of Francis J. Heney in court. Mr. Johnson was born in California in 1865. He studied at the University of California, practiced law at Sacramento and went to San Francisco in 1902. Prior to his departure for Washington he dictated letters in which he declined to attend the ball.

The mayor of Sacramento appointed a committee of thirty citizens to arrange for the customary inaugural ball. The list was submitted by Mr. Johnson's friends. In a letter received by the mayor Mr. Johnson says: "So far as I am personally concerned, I prefer that your plans be not carried out. I wish my inauguration to be of the most simple and direct character, without ceremony or ostentation."

Mr. Johnson says in a letter to a friend, Victor Hatfield: "I wish the inauguration to be direct, certain and simple, and while, of course, the social amenities of the position will be punctiliously observed, superfluous entertainment to myself will be eliminated. "It is for these reasons that I do not wish, so far as it relates to me, any inaugural ball or ceremony."

WOMAN'S SLAYER IS BURNED BY TEXANS

INCINERATION OF ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ WHICH THREATENED TROUBLE WITH MEXICO.

San Antonio, Texas.—Antonio Rodriguez of Las Vacas, Mexico, aged 29 years, who was burned at the stake by a mob at Rock Springs, Texas, following his confession that he shot and killed Mrs. Lem Henderson, wife of a ranchman, gave as a reason for his crime that the woman "spoke mean" to him. Rodriguez was arrested when he applied at a ranch near Rock Springs for food. The forming of the mob began early in the afternoon and by nightfall several thousand persons had gathered. The crowd stormed the rather frail jail structure at Rock Springs, overpowered the guard and took Rodriguez some distance from the city to an already prepared pyre. Without a show of emotion and offering but little re-



Burn Woman's Slayer at Stake.

sistance, the Mexican was bound to the stake and the torch applied. When his body was completely incinerated the mob dispersed.

Incendiary newspaper accounts of the lynching of Rodriguez turned the customary indolent crowds of the Mexican capital into a howling, tumultuous mob. The El Diario del Hogar and other newspapers of the Mexican city were especially vituperative in their attacks on the Americans. An American flag was taken from over an American business house and torn into ribbons by the rioters. The police were powerless to stop the demonstration. In many instances the officers stood idly by watching the work of destruction, without attempting to stop it. So tumultuous did the anti-American demonstration become that following a protest from the American ambassador, troops were ordered to charge the mob. Three of the rioters were killed and 200 others arrested before the streets could be cleared. The foreign office informed the Mexican ambassador at Washington that the leaders in the demonstration would be punished.

MUSICAL SPITE WAR IS ON

Phonographs of Two Philadelphia Families Run 170 Hours—Neighbors Threaten Arrest.

Philadelphia, Pa.—For four years Philadelphia has had a "war of phonographs," and the end is not in sight. Harry Le Dana and his next door neighbor, Fletcher Dummer, are owners of the rival phonographs.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the Le Dana phonograph had been grinding out "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly" for 170 hours at a stretch. Le Dana and his wife took turns winding the machine and resetting the records. Next door it was the same way, with the exception that the tune was "America."

The row started when Mrs. Dummer, with her piano, endeavored to drown the noise making proclivities of the Le Dana phonograph. She was not a good endurance player, so her husband had to purchase a phonograph. Now the two machines grind day and night.

The neighbors declare that unless the families settle their difference they will apply to the police.

Tug of War for Bride.

Atlanta, Ga.—A tug of war for possession of a bride of a few minutes threw the congregation in the Central Baptist church here into the wildest confusion and caused a suspension of the services.

The tussle was between the young husband, George H. Coker, on one side, and the two maiden sisters of Mrs. Coker on the other. Mr. and Mrs. Coker had eloped and been married by the pastor of Central church just before a special evening service.

Two sisters of Mrs. Coker, declaring Mr. Coker should not marry their sister, arrived just as the ceremony was finished, and, not knowing it was all over, attempted to pull her up the aisle, while the husband sought to keep her at his side. The contestants left the church, after the sisters of the bride were convinced that the marriage had already taken place.

GIRL SAMSON WHO LIFTS 700 POUNDS

MUSCULAR MAIDEN GIVES MARVELOUS EXHIBITIONS OF HER GREAT STRENGTH.

AN ATHLETE FROM CHILDHOOD

Began With Light Exercise and Kept at Work Systematically Until Now Exercising With Fifty-Pound Dumbbells Is Play for Her.

Seranton, Pa.—Miss Isabelle Lengel is 17 and weighs 117. For pastime she toys with 50-pound dumbbells, swings on rings and takes a turn in making a punching bag beat ragtime against an overhead platform.

But when Miss Lengel gets down to real exercises, she lifts 700 pounds, and does it with the grace and ease that astonishes.

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This, of course, to be done without the use of a harness, for with a harness Miss Lengel can now lift 1,000 pounds; but she thinks to lift 700 without harness counts for more than an extra 300 with one.

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Miss Lengel comes from a family of athletes. Her father, William, is



Toying With a 50-Pound Dumbbell.

a strong man. He lifts 1,267 pounds, and has a chest expansion of 10 inches. With the aid of a harness he has lifted 2,000 pounds.

He has another daughter, Ethel, 14, following in the footsteps of her sister. She weighs less than 90 and can lift 210.

Hasn't Slept for 7 Years.

Vienna, Austria.—Another case of that queer malady, sleeplessness extending over several years without direct injury to health, is exciting the interest of the medical profession of Budapest. Frau Bertha Hejemes, who is married and has a little girl of 10, has not slept for seven years.

She began her long vigil one night when a gipsy woman attempted to kidnap the child. Since then she has not been able to go to sleep; neither has she had any inclination to do so. She never had a day's illness, but as soon as she tries to lie down she is seized with a violent nervous agitation which compels her to sit up again.

The woman declares she is quite content in her sleepless state, as with the whole twenty-four hours to herself she is able to perform all her household duties as well as to do a good deal of reading. Frau Hejemes is 38, and it was because of late she had been subject to fits of yawning that she consulted a doctor about her sleepless state.

Farmer Meets Odd Death.

Dayton, O.—Indignant at the failure of neither barrel of his shotgun to respond as he pulled the trigger at a squirrel in a tree, Charles Carrenkopf, a farmer, cast the weapon wrathfully against his barn. The resultant discharge of small shot blew his head off.

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