

NOTED AIRMAN EXPLORER DIES IN RETIREMENT

Walter Wellman First to Try
Trans-Atlantic Trip in
Dirigible.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Walter Wellman, 75, first man to attempt a trans-Atlantic dirigible flight and the Colonel Lindbergh of his decade, is dead. He retired a number of years ago and retirement was so complete that his death was not generally known until today, although he died yesterday.

Mr. Wellman first won fame as an Arctic explorer but it was his unsuccessful attempt to cross the Atlantic in the dirigible America in 1910 that gripped the imagination of the nation as widely as when Colonel Lindbergh flew alone from New York to Paris.

The America was crude in extreme compared to later day Zeppelin type dirigibles. It was 228 feet long. Two motors of eighty horsepower each propelled the ship and one of ten horsepower served as a donkey engine. Most startling feature of the America was her equilibrator which trailed in the water and was designed to keep the ship at an average height of 200 feet.

This device only succeeded in wrecking the airship when she was seventy-two hours at sea. She had traveled north, then doubled back hoping to reach Bermuda, but ended her voyage when she sighted the S. S. Trent 400 miles off Hatteras. She had traveled 1,008 miles.

From 1884 to 1911, Mr. Wellman was Washington correspondent for the Chicago Herald and the Chicago Record-Herald. He eventually gave up journalism to devote all his time to exploration. He was an active intimate friend of President Harding and devoted his last active years to world peace.

Mr. Wellman is survived by his wife, one daughter, and two sons. Death was caused by cancer of the liver.

DENIES HUNGER REPORT

Toothache, Not Lack of Food, Caused Collapse, City Man Says.

Charles Wurick, 31, of 2351 Adams street, today asked The Times to state that his collapse Tuesday was due to pain from an ulcerated tooth, and not to hunger, as stated in a report on file at police station, which he claimed was in error.



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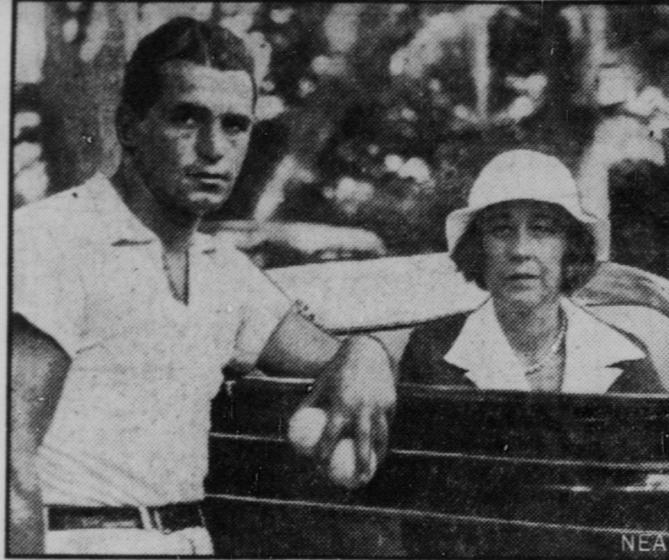
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Emulating Gene Tunney in the drama, "From Prize Ring to Society," Enzo Fiermonte, Italian ex-pugilist, is shown here in a new "courtship" pose, with his bride, Mrs. William K. Dick, at Palm Beach, Fla., tennis courts. The match jarred eastern social circles, where Mrs. Dick, widow of John Jacob Astor, died on the Titanic, and divorced wife of W. K. Dick, is prominent.

Court Upholds Ban on Pupils Not Vaccinated

Unvaccinated children legally may be barred by officials from attending schools during a disease epidemic, under a ruling by the Indiana supreme court yesterday.

Most Coughs De- mand Creomulsion

The court upheld right of city school boards and health departments to enforce such a ban, adding that the compulsory school attendance law does not affect the situation, and that vaccination laws are not in conflict with constitutional rights of parents of school children in the matter of sending them to school.

The ruling was based on a suit filed in 1927 by Walter Baum, Indianapolis, who obtained a Marion

SEEK SLAYERS OF DRUGGIST

Roundup of Negro Suspects Continued; One More Arrest Made.

Continuing their roundup of Negroes suspected of being involved in recent holdups, police late yesterday arrested Tuskie Varner, 31, 210 Hoyt street, for questioning in connection with the slaying of William Freeland, confectionary and drug store owner.

Freeland was shot when he fought a Negro bandit during an attempted holdup in his store at 1724 Roosevelt avenue Friday night. He died Sunday morning.

Police yesterday arrested four Ne-

groes following an attempted holdup of the Pete Solihup grocery, 1221 North Missouri street, in which a Negro was seized. The Negro, James Hughes, 17, of 2405 Northwestern avenue, admitted, according to police, six recent holdups and involved

two other Negroes. A fourth Negro was arrested for questioning in connection with the shooting; and robbery of a taxicab driver.

There were no ponies in the Pony Express; they were horses.

Gas Station Attendant Robbed
After being robbed of \$16 by a bandit, Benjamin Scalf, 28, of 2415 North Olney street, attendant on the Shell filling station at 2401 Burdsal parkway, was locked in the wash-

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