

Chicago Record-Herald: Ambassador Hill will continue to amass.

The czar is said to have a dozen crowns. His head lies uneasy enough with the ayes have it.

"All in favor of apple dumplings please rise," says the Baltimore Sun. The ayes have it.

Men will have to buy the dominion of the air with blood. That was how the land was won and the sea.

And now comes the pugskin further to divert attention from the saving of the country.—Boston Herald.

No one objects to the directorate provided it does not look as if the lower part of it had caught on a nail.

"No woman who wears a 'rat' shall become my wife," says an Ohio college professor. Rough on rats, for sure.

Esperanto, of course, is not a dead or even a dying language. Its "ratting in the throat" is an auricular illusion.

A Chicago princess who is stranded in Paris finds it is mighty little in the way of groceries that she can buy on her title.

We are worried about where they are going to put the gasoline stations for these new air machines.—Atlantic Constitution.

The Russian minister of commerce is named Shipoff. It is to be hoped for the trade of the country that he lives up to it.

Kehr Hardie advises Americans to "go into politics." They do. But not like a flock of silly sheep with some agitator for hell-wether.

"Rats no longer are worn in the hair," says a woman's magazine. No, they seem to have been supplanted by those little rows of mice.

It is hard to tell which tastes better, the first piece of flaky, juicy, spicy, raisin mint pie in the fall, or the first cucumber in the spring.

Probably that Milwaukee hermit who refused to wash for eight years was not a testotaker and consequently did not want to encourage any undue intimacy.

Of course plants are capable of feelings. Hasn't the corn ears to hear and the potatoes eyes to see? Haven't you heard the trees moan and seen the rose blush?

An insurance man says there are 19,500 women in New York who are past 75 years of age. This is not surprising; there are lots of chorus girls in New York.

Flowers may have memories, but as long as the corsage bouquet and the honeysuckle on the porch can tell no tales what does it matter?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A man in Des Moines buys his mother-in-law five pounds of candy every week. The scheme should work and is safer than the slow poison plan.—Detroit Free Press.

Now that the North cape's cliffs have been desecrated by the brushes of the advertising painters we almost wish that Peary would never give them a chance at the north pole.

A perfectly good imitation of a Carnegie hero medal is offered to the man who has read all of the political platforms, speeches of acceptance and campaign books.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Auto-suggestion" is receiving considerable attention from scientists. Did you ever catch the monologue of the man on his back in the dust trying to coax the machinery of one of the snorting go-devils?

An up-to-date farmer in Connecticut insists on having a flying machine clause in his insurance policy, arguing that flying machines are quite as uncertain as tornadoes, for you never know what or when they are going to strike.

A Philadelphia heiress alleges that she went through a mock marriage with an American for the purpose of keeping her parents from purchasing a foreigner with a title for her. We can hardly believe her story is true, because it is reported that her mother has forgiven her.

The government is going to lay a molasses road in Massachusetts. That is, it will prepare a binder for macadam roads the basis of which will be the residue of sugar-cane manufacture, a by-product for which there is at present no known use. But isn't there some danger that the small boys and girls will carry off the road for all-day suckers or some other terrible things?

The dahlia is coming to a place of honor in the floral world. Last year a special display of this flower was made in Indianapolis and exhibitions are now in course of preparation in eastern cities. The dahlia is a stiff, formal blossom, with no sentiment connected with it, but it has the beauty of rich coloring in a variety of shades. There are said to be 500 or more known varieties of the dahlia, and as it is easy to produce new specimens both professional and amateur florists are fond of experimenting with it. A dahlia fad is impending.

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## BURSTS HIGH IN AIR

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YANKEES IN DIRE PERIL

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Berlin.—The international balloon race, which started Sunday from the suburb of Schmargendorf, was the occasion of a thrilling accident, two American aeronauts having a miraculous escape from death. The American balloon Conqueror, the only American built craft in the contest, having on board A. Holland Forbes and Augustus Post, less than two minutes after the start, burst at an altitude of 4,000 feet.

For 2,000 feet it shot down like a bullet, and then the torn silk bag assumed the shape of a parachute, and the rapidity of the descent was checked. Coming close to the earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with but slight injuries.

The race, in which 23 balloons participated, representing Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Spain, started at three o'clock in the afternoon in the presence of at least 80,000 spectators.

The second batch of eight balloons was led by Forbes in the Conqueror, which was started with some difficulty owing to a gusty wind and too much ballast. But eventually it shot up and reached a high altitude in an incredibly short period, the basket swaying violently. Then almost instantly a cry of horror arose from the crowd, who saw the silk collapse and shout: "The balloon is rippling up."

Thousands who had gathered there stood for a moment petrified. Some turned away, fainting as they saw the balloon falling with lightning-like rapidity.

"They are killed," went in a hushed whisper through the crowd, but shortly the remainder of the envelope appeared to take first a triangular shape and then was transformed into a sort of parachute at the top of the net and the progress of the wrecked balloon was considerably arrested.

It came down slower and slower, meanwhile being swept by the wind far to the southeast, and finally disappeared from view behind a block of houses. The suspense among the crowd was terrible. But a few minutes later a telephone message was received from Friedenau which announced that the men had landed and had not been seriously injured.

## NEGRO SAVED FROM MOB.

Thousands People Fight State Troops in Spartanburg, S. C.

Spartanburg, S. C.—In the heart of Spartanburg, a city of 20,000 population, numbering a thousand or more persons at times fought Saturday with the military and civil authorities for the possession of John Irby, a negro, alleged to have attempted to assault Miss Little Dempsey earlier in the day while the young woman was on her way here from Saxon Mill village, three miles away. Three mill operatives were wounded.

Three companies of militia arrived about nightfall and Gov. Ansell himself hurried to the scene. The mob then dispersed and no further trouble is expected, though the troops will remain for a time. Several alleged mob leaders were arrested Sunday.

## H. A. GARFIELD COLLEGE HEAD.

Inducted Into the Office of President of Williams.

Williamstown, Mass.—Harry Augustus Garfield of the class of '85, son of President James A. Garfield, was inducted Wednesday into the office of president of Williams college. Seventy-five college presidents had accepted invitations to be present and the ceremony of induction was witnessed by men prominent in civil and professional life.

The state was represented by Gov. Guild, James Bryce, ambassador of Great Britain, was also present, as well as United States Senator Crane and President Garfield's three brothers. Secretary of the Interior Garfield, Irvin McDowell Garfield and Abram Garfield, all Williams men.

E. H. Goss, Bunker and Author, Dead. Melrose, Mass.—Elbridge Henry Goss, author and banker, died Friday of pneumonia. He was 78 years old. Mr. Goss had been treasurer of the Melrose Savings bank for 24 years and was the author of numerous historical works.

Big Lumber Dead. Calumet, Mich.—John S. Morrison, aged 67 years, the largest timber jobber in the Copper country, died Saturday of a complication of diseases. He was a prominent Free Mason and very wealthy.

Fatal Collapse of Dwellings.

Philadelphia.—An explosion that occurred in a nearby factory more than six years ago, it is declared, caused the collapse of two dwellings in the northern section of the city Sunday in which one person was killed and seven injured.

Football Player Is Killed. Cannonsburg, Pa.—William M. Potts, the football player who was injured in a game here on October 3, died Sunday after having been unconscious since last Monday.

New Orleans Gets Mothers' Congress.

Washington.—At a meeting of the board of governors of the National Congress of Mothers in this city Friday it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the congress in New Orleans in February next.

Red D Liner in a Hurricane.

San Juan, P. R.—The Red D line steamer Philadelphia, from New York, October 1, for this port, ran into a hurricane on Monday and was blown off her course. The steamer had to lie to for 36 hours.

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