

These are the days when the young aeronauts are seeing visions and the old aeronauts are dreaming dreams. "Human mastery over the air," says Capt. Ferber, the aeronaut expert of the French army, is the virtually assured. "None of the marvelous achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity, nor the telephone, can compare with what the future now holds in store for us. Not only will the life of mankind be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to develop, in almost every department, new methods to meet the changed conditions. "This change will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking the precaution to meet it." In this last sentence, says the New York Post, Capt. Ferber doubtless refers in part to the purchase by his government of the flying machine built by the Wright brothers at Dayton, Ohio, which, although their demonstration was secret, with the only sustained flight ever made by a machine not sustained by gas bags. But he evidently has no notion that an inventor or scientist will monopolize the use of the device for successful flight. As soon as one man comes into the open with a machine with which he can sail about promptly at will, a dozen others will promptly learn the trick. "Today the Wrights are the only ones in the world of balancing. It may come, as Capt. Ferber expects, by a coordinating central mechanism which will permit the operator, with an instinctive touch of his helm, to right his machine, as the bicyclist to-day maintains his equilibrium by the instinctive inclination of his body." On the other hand, the mere human hand may be able to control the machine and thereby kill Lillithal, the Plicher lost their lives trying to acquire, but which will make possible navigation through atmospheric currents and "blow holes" and whirlpools. The everyday flying trip, at least, is likely to be as hard as the pilot as a run through the Lachine rapids.

There is a wild rumor to the effect that the concertina is to be revived. The concertina was at one time regarded as a musical instrument by certain eccentric persons who proposed to enjoy the alleged pleasure of playing it. When it is expanded it quavously wails; when it is contracted it plaintively moans. When the concertina is violently agitated it gasps and wheezes. Sometimes it snorts. Just now it is being revived in the most clear. It can't be expected to cope with either the automatic piano player or the talking machine.

While still duke of Brabant, before his accession to Belgium's throne, he lost his only son, who died after a mysterious sudden illness. Crown Prince Rudolph, of Austria, the king's eldest son, met a violent death in the hunting lodge at Mayerling, in the latter part of the king's month of fate. In January, 1890, the palace at Laeken burned, and Princess Clementine, who barely escaped with her life, was so overjoyed to get the sight of her governess, perishing in the flames that for many months it was feared she would lose her reason in precisely the same manner in which Leopold's only sister, the Empress Charlotte, lost her. The king's definite insanity also, curiously enough, dates from January.

Capt. Bruuswig of the Princess Louise blew out his brains. Count Bore de Castellane, victim of a far worse shipwreck, didn't. So there are you. The Teuton showed great excitability. The Gaul showed Teutonic phlegm. The girl who was a descendant of Gauls who had anciently crossed the Rhine and the Frenchman a descendant of Germans who silently crossed over into Gaul. But that's not the point, says Boston's "Tinker," who writes that we make very elaborate tools of ourselves as a rule in our little experiments in racial psychology. It's so easy to speak of a nation in an off-hand, cocksure way, as being volatile or Teutonic or something or other unpleasant thing. It saves thought.

Nearly half of the sheep in the world are in two thirty populated countries of the southern hemisphere—Australia and the Argentine republic. Russia has more sheep than any other country in the northern half of the globe.

The little grapes grown in Greece which are sold under the trade name of Zante "currants" in this country, are often used in the Kingdom where they are produced to make alcohol. Currants and grapes have been used for centuries.

The elephant's trunk, says Dr. Ray Lankester, "enriched through a shortening of the lower jaw. Therefore I am sorry to upset Mr. Rudyard Kipling's explanation that the length of the trunk was accounted for by its having been pulled by the elephants."

**WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH WILL BE MICHIGAN'S NEXT SENATOR.**  
**McMILLAN IS SATISFIED**  
Features of the Caucus Which Made His Success, With Expressions of the Candidates.

Congressman William Alden Smith was nominated for United States senator by the caucus of Michigan Republicans at the legislative caucus, Thursday night. He required but one ballot, which was the sixth, five without result having been taken last week. Charles E. Townsend, who was defeated by Smith, said that he was disappointed. William Alden Smith, 58, of Detroit, was elected by a vote of 126 to 100. Mr. Smith's success was brought about by the McMILLAN supporters, who were in the majority at the caucus. The caucus was held at the Michigan Central Hotel, and it was decided to throw their support to the Republican candidate, who had conducted a clean campaign and whose attitude had always been in accordance with the Republican platform. Mr. Smith's success was brought about by the McMILLAN supporters, who were in the majority at the caucus. The caucus was held at the Michigan Central Hotel, and it was decided to throw their support to the Republican candidate, who had conducted a clean campaign and whose attitude had always been in accordance with the Republican platform.

Before the formal result was announced, Senator Tattle moved that the caucus be declared the unanimous choice of the caucus and the motion was carried. Then came the cheering. Committees were appointed to escort the nominee to the Michigan Central Hotel, where he appeared and was introduced by Senator Fyfe. It was several minutes before the cheering subsided. "This splendid compliment I, little deserve. Mindful of my shortcomings, appreciative of the cheer that has been given me, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I thank you for this great honor. Looking into the faces of my countrymen, I am reminded of sympathetic friends, I wish to return to each and every one my grateful appreciation and to thank you for my wife and son (applause). I see faces that are very dear to me, and I would like to thank you for the window of an humble cottage, 2,000 miles away, the sweet faces of my father and mother, and the triumph of mine. (Applause). To my distinguished friends, I return my grateful thanks for the many character of your campaign. To Mr. McMILLAN, who is detained, not only for the sake of his health, but for the sake of his family, I have had him for the time under the care of his physician, with my sincere admiration, my genuine respect and my undying affection as the result of his generosity and his love in this contest." (Applause).

A veritable roar followed and another cheer was given to Mr. Smith. Rich, Candidates Townsend and Hill. Following are statements made after the caucus.

William C. McMILLAN received the reports from Lansing last night over the caucus and he said that he was pleased to hear of the success of the new cause, but was advised of the final outcome and heard the speeches which followed the nomination by means of the telephone.

"I am very well satisfied with the result of the caucus," said Mr. McMILLAN. "I believe that the people of the state of Michigan are well served by the election of William Alden Smith as senator."

Not For Mr. Hill.  
The alleged boom for Arthur Hill to be elected senator by the caucus was shattered in Saginaw. Mr. Hill has firmly and fairly refused to accept the nomination. He has declined to be nominated in connection with the gubernatorial nomination, either two years ago or in 1910.

Wants His Boy.  
Left \$5,000 by the death of a brother in Grayling, Mich., Capt. Walter F. Young, of the Michigan National Guard, is now in the city of Port Huron. He is now willing to devote the entire sum to secure the liberty of his son, who is now serving three years in the state prison for some petty theft.

The authorities of the University of Chicago have announced that affiliation with smaller colleges is at an end and that the University of Chicago is to be a single institution.

**William D. Riley, the negro, who is serving a life sentence in the Michigan State Prison, is a light and skilful fencer. He was in the Michigan State Prison in March, 1895, having been convicted of robbing a man of his watch and pocket watch. He is now in the Michigan State Prison, having been convicted of robbing a man of his watch and pocket watch. He is now in the Michigan State Prison, having been convicted of robbing a man of his watch and pocket watch.**

**TILLMAN BREAKS OUT AGAIN IN A FIGHT WITH ROOSEVELT.**  
**CANAL CONTRACTS OPEN.**  
How the Contractor Proposes to Give Laborers for the Great Work a Rush to Completion.

The opening of construction bids by the Panama Canal Commission has revealed the fact that the president's canal plans have not gone away and that the contractor, Mr. J. P. Morgan, has the best of the matter. The contractor, Mr. J. P. Morgan, has the best of the matter. The contractor, Mr. J. P. Morgan, has the best of the matter.

**Delivered the Coal.**  
Richard Harbor's fighting constable, Richard Simpson, who was arrested on a threatened coal famine in the city, has delivered the coal.

**Gas Works Blow Up.**  
At 6 o'clock Friday the plant of the Petoskey & Bay Shore Gas Co. situated on the bay front in the western part of the city, exploded.

**No Reason Known.**  
No reason can be ascribed by the family of Ad Falter, Oden residents, for their 15-year-old daughter Hazel's death.

**Flood Concerned Wood to Detroit.**  
Because Battle Creek has but one express route to Detroit, the concern of J. Kellogg is moving his Reno Furniture Co. from Augusta to Detroit.

**Trains Are Snow Bound.**  
As a result of the heavy snow that fell on the western railroads, continued snowfalls and heavy winds are piling up drifts in North Dakota and Montana with such drifts that it is impossible to get trains through.

**Survived the Pressure.**  
Darius, employed at the Whitefish Falls, Mich., was not killed by the explosion of a boiler at the Whitefish Falls, Mich., on Saturday.

**LABOR OPPOSES WAR.**  
A move for general arbitration, treaty, a periodic world assembly, impartial investigation of all difficulties before hostilities are resorted to by nations, and the immunity of private property at sea in time of war was introduced in the House of Representatives.

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**JAMAICA CITY DESTROYED.**  
Kingston, Capital of Jamaica, with 10,000 Population, Reported to Have Been Overwhelmed.

The Western Union is in receipt of a telegram from Kingston, Jamaica, which has been destroyed by a earthquake. The first bulletin issued by the Western Union from Kingston, Jamaica, said that communication with Kingston, Jamaica, and with the isthmus of Panama, had been destroyed apparently by an earthquake.

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**DEATH OF ENGLISHMAN WHO FOUGHT WITH GARIBOLDI.**  
Gen. John Dunne Rendered Disturbance Service to the Cause of Italian Unity—Continued for His Acts of Daring.

Gen. John Dunne died recently at the Victoria Memorial Hospital, Nice, at the age of nearly 80. He began his career in the English army, but the Crimean war distinguished himself as an officer of Basil Baskara. He left the English service with the rank of major, and in 1848 he joined the Italian army as a volunteer. He was with Garibaldi at the battle of Calatafimi, and he was with him at the battle of the Volturno.

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