

MEDALS PRESENTED WRIGHT BROTHERS

Appreciation and Good Will of
American People Extended to
Aviators by Pres. Taft.

HIS SPEECH WAS HUMOROUS.

Those Who Have Flown in Balloon
Built More Like a Bird
"Than Some of Us."

Washington, June 10.—The appreciation, good will and congratulations of the American people were today extended to Wilbur and Orville Wright, the American aviators, by the president of the United States.

The occasion was the presentation of the gold medals awarded to the Wright brothers by the Aero Club of America to commemorate the conquest of the air. In the presence of distinguished statesmen, foreign diplomats, members of the cabinet, noted scientists and prominent aeronauts and aviators, the two inventors of the first successful flying machine heavier than air, received the first public recognition of their achievements from their fellow countrymen. President Taft expressed keen admiration for their work and ventured the prediction that their machine will be the basis for the future aerial craft, and predicted that the dawn of the age of flight is here. The Wrights were introduced to the president by Representative Herbert Parsons of New York, who paid a glowing tribute to their personal qualifications.

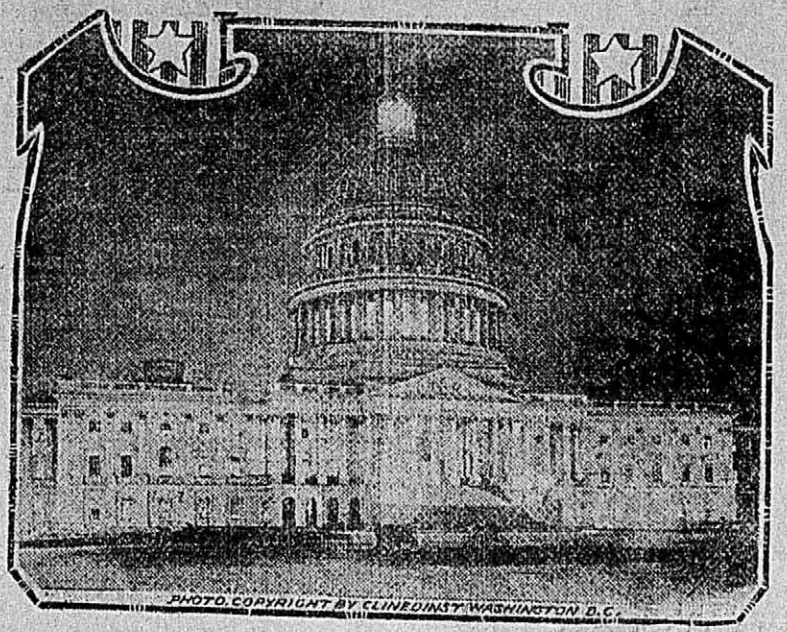
A. Holland Forbes, winner of the recent national balloon race and acting president of the Aero Club of America, turned the medals over to the president on behalf of the Aero club.

Miss Catherine Wright, sister of the aviators, accompanied her brothers, and was quite as much lionized. President Taft said to Miss Wright:

"And I want to congratulate the most important member of the family." The day was one of celebration in the home of the Wrights from the time they arrived until 7 o'clock tonight, when they left for Dayton. The two brothers consulted Gen. James Allen, the chief signal officer, about the official trials of their aeroplane, which are to be resumed by Orville Wright.

C. E. Taylor, the mechanic who accompanied Orville to Fort Myer last summer, will set up the aeroplane at Fort Myer, and it is expected the flights will be resumed on June 21. The tests must be concluded by June 23, but it is believed the time will be extended if necessary. Orville Wright said the machine will be practically identical with that used

NATIONAL CAPITOL AT NIGHT DURING SENATE TARIFF DEBATE.



During the senate's night sessions on the tariff the capitol is a blaze of light, even to the tower, and presents a striking picture. The sessions usually last well into the night, the streets without being deserted while the senators valiantly wrestle with the intricacies of maximum and minimum schedules. An exposure of one hour was required to take the photograph of the capitol at night from which this illustration was reproduced.

by him last year. It will be sent to Washington early next week.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In presenting the medals, President Taft said: "I esteem it a great honor and an opportunity to present these medals to you as evidence of what you have done. It is especially gratifying thus to note a great step in human discovery by paying honor to men who bear it so modestly. You made this discovery by a course that we of America like to feel is distinctly American—by keeping your nose right at the job until you had accomplished what you had determined to do."

"It has been said that this is the first presidential recognition of aeronautics since President Washington. Well, all I have to say is that I had a predecessor who, if aeronautics had proceeded as far when he left office as they have today, would not only have gone down under the water in a submarine boat, but would have gone up into the air in a flying machine."

There may be some reason why some presidents have not figured in aeronautics. I see that these gentlemen who have flown in the air are constructed more on the plan of the bird than some of us.

"Mr. Justice Brown, in commenting on the law of patents, says in the patent law it is the last step that counts, that is the difference between failure and success, and that step you gentlemen have taken. I doubt not that whatever improvements are hereafter made in machines heavier than air, the principles that you have discovered and applied, and the method of their application, will be the basis of all successful flights."

BRIDE SOON TO BE COMMITTS SUICIDE

Butte, Mont., June 10.—Instead of merry wedding chimes, the funeral bell will toll for beautiful 18-year-old Natta Collette, who this week was to have become a bride, but who tonight took her life by drinking carbolic acid. It was stated that this morning the man she was to have married went to Helena. Whether she quarreled with him or whether some other difficulty arose was not explained.

The girl went into the bathroom of her home about 9 o'clock tonight. A few minutes later she rushed out and informed her mother, who lies ill, that she had swallowed acid and would die. The girl bought the acid this afternoon after she had wired her lover that she would not come to Helena.

PUSHING LAWN MOWER CAUSED WOMAN'S DEATH

Yorkville, Ill., June 11.—Pushing a lawn mower cost Mrs. Elizabeth L. Gertrude Sheridan her life. She was taken to the Aurora hospital yesterday suffering from injuries brought on by the exertions of operating the grasscutter and died there.

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CUBAN MARTYR'S DAUGHTER BRIDE OF NEWSPAPER MAN.

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daughter of the late Dr. R. Ruiz, who was secret agent for the Cuban revolutionists in Washington. She is also a niece of Archbishop Ruiz of Spain and a strikingly beautiful young woman. When Dr. Ruiz was murdered in Morro castle in Cuba, his widow received a \$300,000 pension from the Spanish government.

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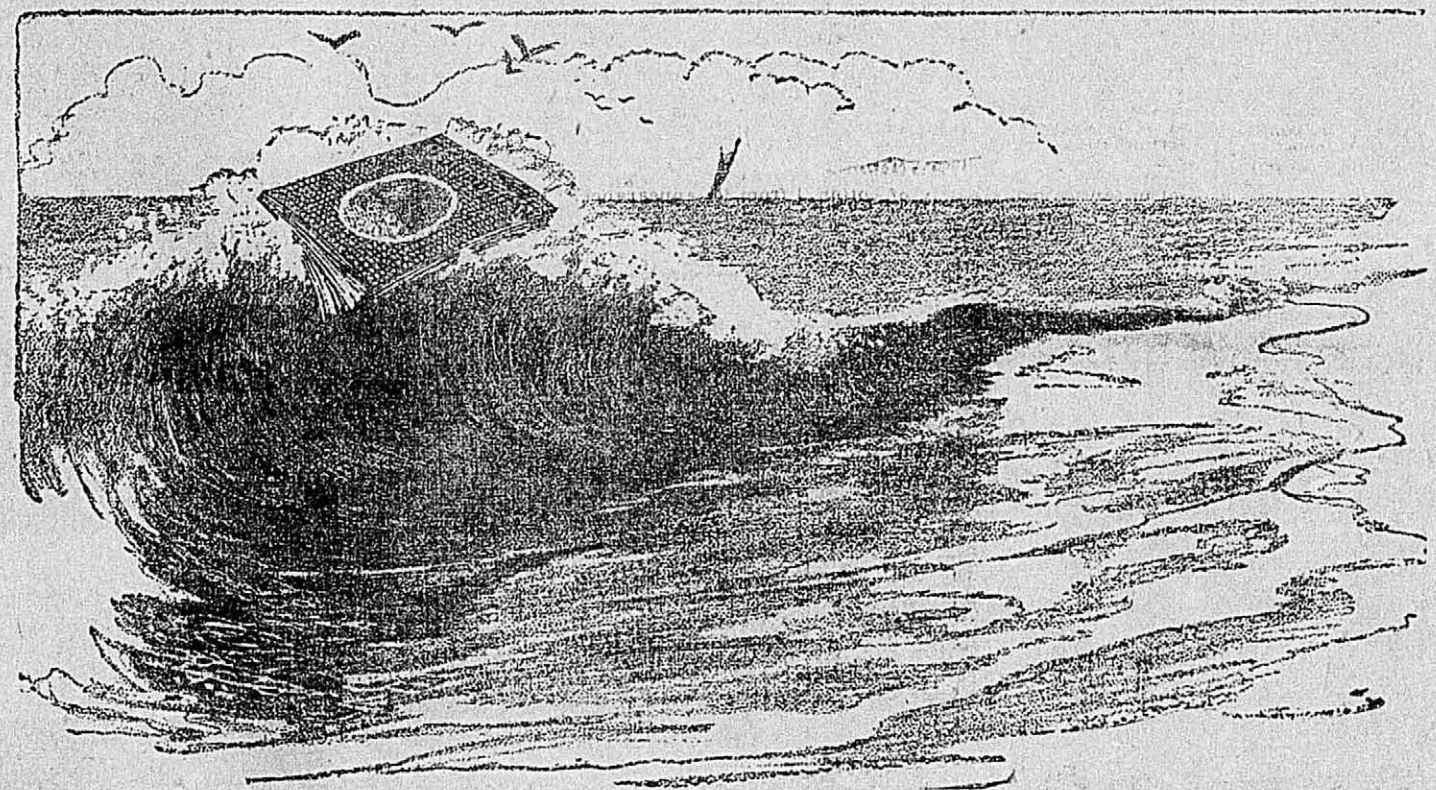
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