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## DEATH OF PROMINENT CITIZEN

Well Known Dallas Vehicle Dealer  
Answers Final Summons

Ambrose D. Fife, a pioneer business man of Dallas and a member of the vehicle firm of Fife & Miller, passed away at his home in that city Friday afternoon. He was taken sick with pneumonia two days before and grew rapidly worse.

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Mr. Fife was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, fifty-nine years ago. In 1875 he came to Dallas a penniless youth. He spent his last 25 cents for breakfast the morning he arrived in Dallas and after breakfast walked out in the country to the farm of W. A. O'Brier, then twelve miles north of the town, and secured employment as a farm hand. While working at this place he met Capt. Sydney Smith who was so impressed with young Fife that he induced him to come to Dallas and enter an implement house as a salesman. Three months after that time he entered the employ of Capt. Smith and traveled over Texas selling implements.

In 1881 Mr. Fife gave up his place as a traveling salesman and engaged in the carriage business for himself. After a short time he again went back on the road as a traveling salesman. Under the firm name of Fife & Gaston he opened a carriage sales-room and repair shop at the corner of Elm and Market street. In 1898 Mr. Gaston retired and J. H. Miller came into the firm, the business having since been carried on under the firm name of Fife & Miller.

Mr. Fife, by reason of his long residence in Dallas, was not only well known there, but had many acquaintances in this section of the State. He was also well known to many of the citizens of this place.

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**Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald Dead.**

Nashville: Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald of the Southern Methodist Church died Saturday at Mont Eagle, Tenn. He had been suffering for several days with neuralgia of the head. For many years Bishop Fitzgerald had been incapacitated by age and falling strength but his interest in his church never flagged. To the end of his days, too, he retained his interest in the newspaper business, in which he had started his career.

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Misreading orders caused a head-on collision on the Santa Fe near Dougherty, Okla., Tuesday, in which Engineer Charles Fitzpatrick was killed and Fireman Hardie was badly hurt.

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**Prominent Lady Educator Burned.**  
McAlester, Okla.: Miss Alice Fleming, county superintendent of Latimer county, was burned to death at Wilburton Tuesday morning in a fire that destroyed the dwelling, the second story of which she occupied. The fire caught from a defective flue and she was the first of six people in the house to discover the flames and gave the alarm. The others saved themselves by jumping.

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### **Bert France Dead**

Bert France died at his home in Grand Prairie, Tuesday night, November 21, after a long affliction with tuberculosis. His remains were buried in Sowers cemetery Wednesday evening. Services were without a minister, who was called from Dallas but was prevented from reaching here by the wreck on the Rock Island.

Bert France formerly resided in Irving, and was married here to Miss Launa Taylor, daughter of Mrs. Lee Taylor, about three years ago, when he was just at his majority. Bert was a genial fellow, and made many friends in Irving. Bert was his own worst enemy. Near a year ago he went to Grand Prairie to work in the Chase Furniture Factory, but only worked a short time before yielding to the inroads of the white plague malady. Some three months ago he professed religion and became a member of the Baptist church.

Besides the young widowed wife, he leaves a brother, Roy France, and a sister, Mrs. Luther Stockton, both of whom live at Irving.

The wife and family have the sympathy of many friends.

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## MOST MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Secretary of Denison Y. M. C. A.  
17 Years Found Dead.

Denison: Badly decomposed and only recognized from papers in the pockets of the coat, the body of G. C. Freeman, for seventeen years secretary of the Denison Y. M. C. A. was found Saturday morning on the banks of the Blue river, near Armstrong, Okla.

Mr. Freeman left Denison Thursday for Coffeyville, Kansas. He had intended to stop off at Armstrong to locate a camp on the Blue river for a party of Y. M. C. A. juniors, and then proceed to Coffeyville. It is known that he had a considerable sum of money when he left here but it is not yet established whether death was due to foul play or to a hemorrhage, to which affliction he was subject.

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Charles Frey, a well-known farmer and former Constable of Big Sandy, was shot from ambush and instantly killed about six miles from home last Friday night while riding home on his horse.

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## JOHN U. FRISBIE IS KILLED

An Aviator Known in Texas Meets  
Death.

Norton, Kan.: John J. Frisbie, a Curtiss aviator, was killed by a fall at Norton County Fair. Frisbie met with an accident and only went into the air again when driven to do so by the taunts and jeers of the crowd.

He ascended from the track without difficulty and attained a height of 100 feet, but in attempting to make a turn the plane tipped and Frisbie lost control. He fell about 100 feet and the engine of his machine came down on him, crushing his left side and chest. He lingered about an hour before he died.

Frisbie's wife, son and little girl were witnesses to the accident and Mrs. Frisbie was prostrated when she saw her husband fall. She bitterly denounced the action of the spectators in forcing her husband to make the flight with a disabled machine.

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**Wife Suicides in Presence of Husband.**

Houston: Mrs. Cora Gamble, aged 25 years, swallowed a large quantity of chloroform in front of the place where her husband was at work Saturday afternoon. The physicians held out little hope for her recovery.

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Death From the Oil Can.

Dallas: Mrs. Deulah was fatally burned and her husband, Nick Garrett, was severely burned about the hands and face Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock as a result of an attempt to light a fire with kerosene in the kitchen stove at their home on Warren avenue, near Oakland street. Mrs. Garrett lingered until shortly after midnight. Mr. Garrett is not thought to be in a serious condition. The house, valued at \$700, was burned to the ground.

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**Died at 105 Years of Age.**

San Antonio: Mrs. Louise Garza, whose age has been authentically established as 105 years, died at her home in this city Monday. She was remarkably active up until a few days previous to her death. Married three times, she had thirteen children and 117 grandchildren. There are also a number of great-grandchildren. She was a native of Mexico, but had resided in San Antonio many years.

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## JOHN W. GATES DIES IN PARIS

Phenomenal Financial Genius Passes  
Away in Paris.

Paris: John W. Gates, the American financier, died at 5:10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the arms of his wife and son, Charles O. Gates.

The end was peaceful, and it seemed as though he was falling asleep. The usual restoratives failed in the last crisis.

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**Barber Commits Suicide.**

Dallas: After telling a party of friends that he was going to leave them and bidding each good-bye, Billie Gilbert, aged 45, a barber, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon stepped to a water cooler in a rooming house on Elm street, poured the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid in the drinking cup and drained the glass. Turning to the proprietor of the rooming house, W. J. Miller, Gilbert told what he had done. He was carried into a room and died within thirty minutes.

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**Fell to Death from Elevator.**

Fort Worth: J. J. Goad, aged 58 years, fell from the main elevator at the Smith Bros. grain elevator Monday and was so injured that he died in the afternoon at All Saints' Hospital, where he had been taken for surgical attention. He had been working at the mill but three weeks and his duties were to sweep the upper floors.

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## TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED

One Burned to Death Another is  
Crushed by Fall Saturday.

Paris: Louis D. Gralley of the Eighth Cruassiers, while making an aeroplane flight near Troyes, was the aviator burned to death. The disaster probably was caused by the explosion of the fuel tank, the burning fluid being scattered over the machine. The blazing aeroplane fell with its pilot at Rigny-La-Nonneuse, about twenty-five miles from Troyes, and was completely incinerated.

Capt. De Camine, one of the most experienced aviators in the French Army, fell with his monoplane while flying at Nangis and was instantly killed. The machine crashed to the earth with frightful violence and the aviator struck the ground with his head, which was crushed.

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**Plunges Nineteen Stories to Death.**

J. F. Greek, a machinist, mounted to the nineteenth story of the Masonic Temple in Chicago Tuesday, disrobed, crawled out on a beam and plunged to the rotunda below. Death was instantaneous. In its fall the body struck a man at a cigar stand, breaking both arms.

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**Fatal Three-Cornered Negro Fight.**

Amarillo, Texas: James Griffin was shot and killed here during an altercation with Huelon Davis, who was seriously wounded. Another man came upon the men as they were fighting and opened fire, killing Griffin. All the parties are negroes. The man who did the killing escaped.

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**Smothered in a Corn Bin**  
Sherman: Alvin Grindstaff, 36 years of age, employed at the Pittman-Harrison Grain Company's plant on East Jones street in the capacity of a sack sewer, died Monday in the corn bin at the plant as the result of being smothered when he sank in the corn near the suction from which the grain was passing out of the bin.

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**Double Tragedy at Gonzales.**

E. M. Hall, of Gonzales, was found in the Guadalupe river Monday with five knife wounds in the breast and a gash across the throat. Tuesday Morning his wife was found dead in their home. Charges were filed against Hall for murdering his wife. It is thought his chances to recover from his injuries are good.

*Mrs. E M Hall*

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**Fell Out of Chair Dead.**

Athens: While sitting in a chair reading at his home in Athens Sunday between 10 and 11 o'clock, L. B. Hannah fell over dead. He was on the health, and had been serving as an officer in connection with the district court the present term. His widow, survives him.

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Miss Laddie Harcrow, a young lady  
16 years of age, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. T. M. Harcrow, residing near  
Ensign, Ellis County, died from blood  
poison, caused by sticking a nail in  
her foot last Friday.

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## JUSTICE HARLAN IS DEAD.

Oldest Member of Supreme Court Dies  
After Brief Illness.

Washington: Associate Justice John Harlan of the Supreme Court of the United States, often acclaimed the greatest constitutional authority of the day, once a conspicuous figure in National and Kentucky politics and long a leader in Presbyterian councils, died early Saturday, aged 78 years. He had been ill less than a week of bronchitis.

The famous jurist will be buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, following a service Tuesday at the New York Presbyterian Church, of which he was an active member.

With Justice Harlan's death the opportunity has fallen to President Taft to select during his single term in office, a majority of the members of the Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice, a duty that has devolved on no other President since Washington formed the court in 1790.

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## DALLS' FORTY-FIRST KILLING

**Motorman On Duty Shoots to Death  
Visiting Conductor.**

Dallas: J. V. Harris, a street car conductor, was shot Friday afternoon and almost instantly killed by D. I. Hoffman, a motorman on an Ervay street car. The car was moving at the time. Both men were on the front end of the car when the killing occurred. Hoffman used a .38 Colt's shooting twice. Both shots took effect near the heart.

According to eye witnesses Harris walked to the front end of the car and said something to the motorman when the shots were fired. It is said the killing was the result of personal matters, said to have been family trouble.

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### **Two Hatfield's Are Killed.**

Columbus, I.: Special dispatches received here say that Troy and Elias Hatfield, two of the Hatfield family of feudists, living near Fayetteville, W. Va., were killed and another man, Geromie, an Italian, is believed to have been killed as the result of the shooting. The Hatfields are alleged to have begun the fight by charging the Italian, Geromie, with peddling whiskey in territory that they thought belonged to them. Geromie denied the allegations of the brothers by firing four shots and injured both of them. The Hatfields returned the fire and a running fight ensued. Passers-by found the two brothers lying in the road.

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## TWENTY-ONE DEAD IN BOWELS OF EARTH

FATAL ACCIDENT IN MINE NEAR  
DUBOIS, PA.

### FOUND IN EACH OTHERS ARMS

Must Have Known Death Was Coming  
and "In Death They Were Not  
Separated."

Dubois, Pa., July 17.—Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke Company's mine at Gykesville, nine miles from here. The explosion occurred at 9:30 o'clock, but it was after midnight before the extent of the disaster was known. All of the dead but three were foreigners.

The explosion was slight, as evidenced by the small damage done to the mine, but the deadly after-damp is responsible for the most of the deaths.

Three sets of brothers and a father and son are numbered among the dead. George and John Heek, Nick Pavelick and his 14-year-old son were found by the rescuers locked in each other's arms as though they had embraced each other in their dying moments.

None of the bodies were mutilated and few showed any burns. Eleven of the men apparently had made ready to escape, for they carried their dinner pails and were headed for the opening.

Neither mine officials nor mine inspectors can assign any cause for the explosion, as there are no survivors from which to gain an explanation, but it is the general belief that some of the men drilled into a pocket of gas.

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**TWO DEAD, ONE HURT.**

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**T. & B. V. Engineer and Brakeman  
Dead and Fireman May Die.**

Dallas, Texas: Engineer Heinicke and Head Brakeman Rhinehart were instantly killed and Fireman Garland probably fatally scalded when Trinity & Brazos Valley freight engine No. 41 blew up near the Trinity River bridge about three miles northwest of the city shortly after midnight Thursday morning.

The engine was blown clear off the track and two cars derailed while the track was badly torn up for some distance.

Conductor Hildebrant was uninjured.

The freight train left the city about 11 o'clock Thursday night. The explosion was heard by those at the city pumping station at Turtle Creek, a mile from the scene.

It was reported by the railroad men that the train was proceeding at good speed toward the river when the explosion occurred. The engine was an oil burner and the train was proceeding over the Rock Island road from Dallas to Fort Worth.

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**Collapsing Towers Kills One Man.**

Dallas: Lee Hewitt was instantly killed, Ed C. Shafer and Harry Myers were probably fatally injured and Jesse Hewitt and F. O. Reese, structural iron workers, were seriously injured when a water tank fell at the rear of St. Paul's Sanitarium Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. Jesse Hewitt and F. O. Reese will recover. Crumbling its steel supporting frame beneath it the big water tank at the rear of St. Paul's Sanitarium crashed eighty feet to the ground, striking the structural iron worker who were repairing the steel frame.

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**Collapsing Towers Kills One Man.**

Dallas: Lee Hewitt was instantly killed, Ed C. Shafer and Harry Myers were probably fatally injured and Jesse Hewitt and P. O. Reese, structural iron workers, were seriously injured when a water tank fell at the rear of St. Paul's Sanitarium Monday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. Jesse Hewitt and P. O. Reese will recover. Crumbling its steel supporting frame beneath it the big water tank at the rear of St. Paul's Sanitarium crashed eighty feet to the ground, striking the structural iron worker who were repairing the steel frame.

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**Died—Mrs. Walter Holtzclaw**

Mrs. Holtzclaw, wife of Mr. Walter Holtzclaw, who resides near Kit, died Monday night in a Dallas Sanitarium, where she had had an operation performed.

The funeral and interment was at Kit cemetery Tuesday evening.

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#### Death of Another Kit Citizen

More sorrowful news from Kit, in announcing the death of Mrs. Sarah Holtzclaw, wife of Walter Holtzclaw, one of Kit's good citizens. Mrs. Holtzclaw died Monday night, May 23rd, at a Dallas sanitarium, after an operation had been performed.

Mrs. Holtzclaw, Sarah, was a daughter of old Billy Dorety, and was formerly a daughter-in-law of Uncle Harvey Story, having married Frank Story who died and left her with two children—a girl and a boy—to raise. Afterward she married Walter Holtzclaw, whom she now leaves to mourn her absence, and with three little children to be raised without a mother's love.

They have the greatest sympathy of all around Kit who know them.

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**LORENA MAN DIES IN FIRE.**

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**R. P. Honeycutt Burns in Blazing Temple Hotel.**

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Temple, Texas: An early morning fire Thursday destroyed the Exchange Theater and the Commercial Hotel.

One life was destroyed by the fire, the victim being R. P. Honeycutt, a blacksmith of Lorena, who occupied room 26 in the hotel and who failed to escape. The body of the unfortunate man was practically cremated.

A small house in the rear of the theater building, owned by H. P. Robertson of Temple, valued at about \$750 and occupied by Mrs. Annie Duncan as a dwelling, was also burned.

Scarcely had this fire passed its crest when an alarm was turned in from the residence of Dr. J. M. Murphy in the heart of the residence section of the city, and soon this building was wrapped in flames, which spread rapidly to the handsome cottages adjoining on the north, three in number, owned and occupied by Ed Brewster, Roy I. Tennant and George F. Brooks, all of which were soon consumed.

The total loss inflicted at this fire will reach nearly \$34,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

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**Prominent Jurist's Sudden Death.**  
Auburn, N. Y.: Frank A. Hooker of Lansing, Mich, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Michigan, died suddenly Monday in the New York Central station here. He was on an automobile trip, but abandoned it and was to return by train.

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Last week Dingler inadvertently failed to mention the fatal accident that befell the little son of Prof. Millard F. Horton, our county superintendent. It was while watching the aeroplane flights, from the Fair Park school building, that in some way his four-year-old son lost his balance and fell from the second story window to the concrete pavement below, breaking his arm, shoulder, and cracking his skull-bone. The little fellow lived for several days, and for a while it was thought that, perhaps, he would rally and outlive his injuries, but death came. Prof. Horton has hundreds of friends throughout the county who will deeply sympathize with him and his wife in this sad affliction and bereavement.

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*Feb 11, 1911*

## TEN MEN KILLED.

**Overhauled Locomotive Explodes  
While Being Made Ready.**

Smithville: A terrific boiler explosion in the Katy roundhouse caused the death of ten persons and wounding of nine more. All white employes except Phil Hubbard, and Albine Mitchell, colored, and one not identified. The dead were all killed instantly. Switch engine No. 233, which blew up, had just been turned out of the shops after a thorough overhauling, and the safety valve, or pop-off, was being set when the accident occurred. Machinist H. E. O'Rourke, who was screwing down the pop-off was blown to atoms, as were four others. One body landed on top of a house more than three hundred yards away.

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**Kills Father: Goes 22 Miles to Give Up  
Texarkana Ark.: William Hunter,  
aged fifty-six years and the father of  
eight children, was killed by his son,  
Will, aged nineteen, early Friday. The  
boy says his father grabbed a rifle,  
declaring he would "wipe out the fam-  
ily." Young Hunter rode twenty-two  
miles to surrender himself here.**

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Fort Stockton: R. W. E. Hurst, a prominent ranchman living here, was struck by lightning and instantly killed Sunday evening while driving 12 miles east of town. When found deceased was sitting dead in his buggy, his neck was broken, his back broken in two places and both legs broken. Several coins in his pocket were melted. Both mules were lying dead, hitched to the buggy. Deceased was State Live Stock Sanitary Inspector and prominent in business circles. He leaves a widow and several children.

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**Killed by Aeroplane Blade.**

Allentown, Pa.: J. Iredell, business manager and part owner of the Chronicle and News, is dead from injuries received by being struck by the propeller of a so-called "wind wagon." The machine, an automobile equipped with machinery like an aeroplane, was on exhibition last Friday and Iredell was a passenger on a trial trip. After leaving the wagon he unconsciously walked within range of the propellers and was knocked a distance of twenty feet. His skull was fractured.

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**Puzzling Murder in Galveston Park.**  
Galveston: A most baffling case developed Wednesday morning shortly after 5 o'clock with the finding of the dead body in Central Park of Geo. H. Jäger, aged 26 years, who arrived in Galveston two week previously from his home in New York. Death was due to a severe blow behind the right ear that crushed the skull. His pockets contained no money, but jewelry upon his person, if the motive was robbery, was not disturbed.

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Special Business.

Mr. Claud Johnson, who died near Farmers Brance, was buried in Carrollton.

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## Boy Shot and Killed.

Dallas: Carl Jones, 15 years of age, was shot and almost instantly killed Tuesday night at College and Elm streets. The boy was running along the Texas & New Orleans track when a pistol bullet passed through his heart. He fell upon his face and was dead when a man who was in a house a few yards away ran to him. Charles Northern, a watchman at the Continental Gin plant, surrendered himself to the officers, admitted that he had fired the shot and stated: "It was the purest accident."

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**Negro Lynched at Farmersville.**

Farmersville: Commodore Jones, a negro, was taken from the lockup here at 7 o'clock Friday and hanged to a telephone pole by a crowd said to number between 75 and 100. The negro was jailed Thursday evening upon complaint by a young lady, who stated that he had used insulting language to her over the telephone. This was not the negro's first offense in this way. The negro was placed by the crowd to climb a telephone pole and a rope was put around his neck and fastened to the cable. He was then made to jump; and death by strangulation soon ensued.

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Lizzie Jones, a negress weighing  
400 pounds, died at Cement—West  
Dallas—last week. She was, no doubt,  
the largest person in Dallas County.

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### TWO AVIATORS ARE KILLED

Two Young Men Victims of the Unconquered Elements.

(Chicago: Two aviators, William R. Badger of Pittsburg and St. Croix Johnstone of Chicago, both young men, lost their lives at the international aviation meet here Tuesday.

Death in both cases was due to unexplained accidents, probably the result of unsuspected defects in the mechanism of the machines, and was in no way caused by carelessness nor lack of responsibility of the drivers.

Badger, a wealthy youth, careened to his death in a pit in the aviation field. There had been a flaw in one of the paddles of the propeller of the Baldwin machine he drove. Centrifugal force broke the propeller, upset the delicate equilibrium of the machine and Badger dashed 100 feet to the bottom of the pit. His neck was broken.

Johnstone fell 500 feet under his engine and was drowned as the result of an equally unsuspected defect caught under the heavy engine in the Alouette monoplane he was carried deep into Lake Michigan and his body was not brought to the surface until an hour later.

Wm R. Badger - Fall  
Johnstone - Fall  
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