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THE ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP.

The recent experiment with the Zeppelin airship wherein twenty-six men were carried in a flight of one hundred and fifty miles, is a distinct advance in aerial navigation. Military experts who participated in the trip were, generally speaking, warm in their praise of the contrivance, and enthusiastic as to its possibilities. Prince Henry of Prussia appears to have taken a different view, and holds that the airship is not yet adaptable to practical purposes. His objections to it are chiefly that it is very easily thrown out of balance, and that it cannot contend against unfavorable weather. In his criticism he seems inclined to disregard those features which are looked upon by others as evidence of a rapid advance in this line of experiment. The first steam engine was an object of ridicule; the first steam boat was looked upon as a joke, and it is not so very many years since the idea of a combatant vessel was generally regarded as fanciful. In no science has there been such rapid advance as in that of aeronautics. A score of years ago balloons were occasionally used in warfare for the purpose of conveying messages, or sometimes a passenger, but they merely went up in the air and drifted wherever the wind took them. Today air ships under almost absolute control are driven in whatever direction the operator chooses to send them. Prince Henry's criticism is no doubt justified, but in view of the marvellous advance in aerial navigation, it may readily be believed that within a very short time the weakness of which he speaks will be overcome.

FIVE GONE IN A YEAR.

A year ago when the Hazen administration first appeared in the Legislative Chambers, the government party following a victory at the polls, numbered thirty-six out of a house of forty-six. Mr. C. W. Robinson, the leader of the opposition, found himself with only nine supporters. The Hazen victory had been won on promises, on the emphatic declaration that the contest was one in which Dominion politics were involved and upon repeated pledges to conduct the affairs of the province wholly irrespective of party lines. During the first session it became apparent that Mr. Hazen was prepared to forget the promises he had made, that he had adopted his pre-election attitude for the sole purpose of catching votes, and that once in power he felt safe in throwing off the mask.

Among his supporters at that time were Mr. B. Frank Smith, of Carleton County, Messrs. Burns, Gormany and Levere. When the federal contest came on, Mr. Smith resigned from the legislature and obtained the Conservative nomination for parliament. He met overwhelming defeat at the hands of Carvell and when Mr. Hazen brought on the Carleton bye-election Mr. Smith so manipulated things that he was given the nomination for that county. The natural result of Mr. Hazen's conduct and policy was that Mr. Smith was easily defeated by Mr. Geo. W. Upham, the opposition candidate. Mr. Upham's success meant the shading of the parties in the legislature 11 to 35.

But the effect of Mr. Hazen's forgetfulness to call it by his harsher name—has been apparent elsewhere. His bungling with the Highway Act, his treachery towards many who by his early promises were persuaded to support him, and his bitter partisanship displayed even in most insignificant matters, are having their full effect. The three members from Gloucester County, who a year ago supported the government, have found reason to change their attitude. They have united themselves with the opposition, and in doing so have already expressed their reasons for the step. The present standing of the opposition is fourteen members, or a net gain of four in a year.

In Northumberland County Mr. Hazen was deliberately defied by a member of his own cabinet, his nominee was rejected, and a gentleman whom he opposed was elected. Mr. Burchill has declared his attitude to be that of an independent. He takes the place of a warm supporter of the government.

If anything further is needed to make plain to the leader of the government the dissatisfaction with his administration which exists throughout the province, he should listen to the reports of his friends from York, Madawaska, Charlotte and Kings. His actions during the Dominion elections, the absolute failure of the road law, his juggling with various questions of policy, have lost to the government many former supporters.

THE NERVOUS CHILD.

He harried the household cat, He worried and whipped the dog, He sat on his aunt's hat, He caught and he killed a frog, He lamed with a sizeable stone, The best of his unmy chickens, He broke the bed, and it may be said, With truth, that he raised the dickens— Till grandmother raised her eyes, she did, And murmured, "The Lord preserve us!" He screamed that his mother must Have something a fellow could eat, He lamed his aunt's back, He mapped at his uncle, too, He tormented and teased and did as he pleased, And not what they wished he'd do, Till grandmother raised her eyes, she did, And murmured, "The Lord preserve us!" But mother remarked as she kissed the kid: "The poor little dear is nervous."

"How old is Belle?" "Twenty-four her last six birthdays." "Shouldn't she be wed?" asks a Paris paper. Certainly, but not to excess. "Does Mrs. Peck's husband command a good salary?" "He earns a good salary. She commands it."

"A lot of people would tremble if I were to tell all I know" said the man who was seen in the city. "I don't believe you could scare me," replied the satirical friend. "Suppose you make the test some time when you have ten minutes to spare."

"Quill has had a story accepted at last," remarked a journalist to a colleague. "Surely not," was the rejoinder. "Yes, he was home at two o'clock this morning with an awful yarn, and his wife believed it."

Boarder—What for breakfast? Hope it's not ham and eggs again. Servant—No, sir, not ham and eggs this morning. Boarder—Thank goodness! What is it? Servant—Ham.

CITY PROPERTY CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR COUNTRY PROPERTY THROUGH THE CLASSIFIED ADS.

ANOMALOUS.

"It's a cold day for me," said the diminutive man who had just been fired. As he spoke he fell into an icy puddle, which made him say, "I'm so wet I'm dry," he muttered, picking himself up and entering where swinging doors invited.

PLAYING GREENHORNS.

Why did you tell the manager of that employment agency that you had just come over? said one servant girl to another. "I'm so wet I'm dry," he muttered, picking himself up and entering where swinging doors invited.

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"I know that," said the girl. "I had made, that he had adopted his pre-election attitude for the sole purpose of catching votes, and that once in power he felt safe in throwing off the mask."

CIVIL SERVICE IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The difference between the civil service examination in England and in America is important and to the advantage of the English. In the United States the object is almost entirely to discover the immediate fitness of the candidates for the work they are expected to do. In England the object in most cases is to measure what their ability to do the work will be after they have learned it—From "The Government of England," by A. Lawrence Lowell.

THE LADY WAS NOT THE GHOST.

An Irish family once had a ghost so troublesome that they sent for detectives. One of these men late at night fell asleep in his chair. The lady of the house chanced to come into the room and could not resist the temptation to groan and rattle her keys. She had never played ghost before. It was momentary indiscretion. But the policeman did not and could hardly be expected to believe this. He said it was hardly worth while to bring him from Dublin, and he withdrew in disgust. Yet the lady was not really the ghost. He was quaking in retirement, hence doubt has been cast on the ghosts of haunted houses even among reflecting minds—London News.

70 Years with Coughs and Colds

We have had seventy years of experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. That makes us have great confidence in it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, weak throats, and weak lungs. Ask your own doctor what experience he has had with it. He knows. He can advise you wisely. Keep in close touch with him.

FRANK GOTCH RETAINS WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The Billiard Tournament—More Worlds Records Broken at Daytona Meet.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25.—Frank Gotch, of Iowa, champion wrestler of the world, tonight retained his title by defeating Raoul de Rouven, of France, in straight falls. One of the biggest crowds that ever witnessed such an event in the country was present. The Missouri A. C. put up a \$4000 purse for the match. The winner's end of it was \$5,000. Both contestants were in excellent condition.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Ora C. Morningstar, of this city, won from Louis Cure tonight by a score of 500 to 326 in the 153 ball line international billiard championship contest. Both men played carefully but the French expert lost ground in the first inning.

Morningstar played safely all through the early innings, but toward the end of the game he gave a fine exhibition of his table work as well as his intricate nursing. In the afternoon game, George Sutton, of Chicago, easily defeated Harry P. Cline, of Philadelphia.

DAYTONA, Fla., March 25.—The third day's tournament of the Daytona Beach races was confined almost exclusively to motor cycle and bicycle races, there being only two automobile races, the Dayton handicap, which was run twice, a distance of four miles each.

SHERIFFS FIGHT WITH ONE HUNDRED ARMED NEGROES

Two Killed and One Wounded the Result—Trouble Arose in Effort to Arrest Cattle Thieves.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 25.—On the scene of the famous Cree Indian uprising of last year, a fight broke out between two negroes who were armed and ready to fight. The fighting began late Wednesday and continued with interruptions until five o'clock today.

Five deputies went from Henrietta, 15 miles north to the negro settlement to arrest cattle thieves. They were met at the edge of the camp by a party of armed negroes and fired upon. Being outnumbered, the five deputies fled.

A few hours after the first clash a larger posse, heavily armed, reached the settlement. Someone fired a shot and the rioting was on. When night fell the excitement increased and the negroes roamed through the woods firing and yelling.

The fight continued as a series of duels throughout the night and shortly after daybreak the deputies renewed the attack on the negroes, who numbered 100, against twenty deputies.

WOULD CHANGE APRIL 1 TO OPTIMISTS' DAY

NEW YORK, March 25.—A campaign for the abolishment of All Fool's Day and the establishment in its stead of a national Optimist's Day on April 1, has been started by the Optimist Club. A bill putting this design into effect has been sent to Senator Taylor of Tennessee for introduction in Congress.

LIBERALS HAVE CLEAR MAJORITY OF 27

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TOOK PART IN THE GENIAN RAID ON CANADA

MONTREAL, March 25.—A special London cable says: A Nationalist member of parliament for East Limerick, died today.

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JOE CANNON'S KISS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS

Gracious Act to Miss McCann Inspires Pen of Western Man.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—When Mary McCann, the New York girl, received from the hands of Speaker Cannon a life-saving medal for heroism at the disaster to the steamboat General Slocum, the venerable speaker kissed her on the cheek.

TAX RATE WILL REACH THE TWO DOLLAR MARK

A meeting of the treasury board was held last evening. It was shown that about \$30,000 would be added to the general assessment, and the big rate for the coming year will be increased from \$1.38 to about two dollars.

ATLANTIC COAST SWEEP BY WIND AND STORM

Electrocuted on the Street—New England Street Railway Club Meet—Silver Jubilee of N. Y. University.

PROMPT DELIVERY OF MEDICINES A STRONG POINT WITH US.

It is human nature to want medicine in a hurry and we recognize this fact and make it a point to dispense and deliver all prescriptions just as quickly as possible. If you can't conveniently come with your prescriptions, please us to send for them or ask your doctor to phone them to us. You will find us as good as our word in delivering your medicines promptly. Telephone 1006.

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WOULD MAKE ANOTHER TRANSCONTINENTAL

When Canadian Northern Builds Seilwood to Port Arthur Link.

PUZZLE WILL DEVISE A \$60,000 ESTATE

Strange Document of Montgomery County Man is Probed.

SEES POLITICAL MOTIVE IN PRINCE'S ABDICATION

Will Clear the Way for Peace Proposals—Premier Cannot Act—Second Son Refuses Succession.

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