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REMARKABLE FEAT OF ZEPPELIN DIRIGIBLE

Travels 150 Miles With Crew of Twenty-six Persons.

New York, March 22.—A special cable to the New York American from Berlin says: "Soaring like a mighty bird, Count Zeppelin's dirigible airship, the largest in the world, yesterday created a world's record for weight carried in crossing the state. The huge dirigible ascended from its quarters at Lake Constance, bearing Count Zeppelin, ten aeronautes of the German army, and seven soldiers. Never before in the brief history of aeronautics has an airship made a successful flight with a crew of twenty-six persons."

"A great throng witnessed the flight. The dirigible covered 150 miles and the dirigible was in the air for four hours. When the descent was made the military experts were enthusiastic and un-animously agreed that the record flight brings nearer the practicality of Zeppelin airships as troop transports."

"The airship which made the record is 445 feet long with a diameter of 49 1/2 feet. It has three motors, each of 145 horsepower."

"Its speed is as high as fifty miles per hour. The airship is fitted with wireless, has a powerful searchlight, and cost about \$100,000."

221 LIVES, 89 VESSELS ARE TOLL OF THE SEA

Disasters on North Atlantic Seaboard During Past Winter.

Boston, Mass., March 22.—Two hundred and twenty-one persons perished by shipwreck, and 89 vessels met with disaster off the New England and British North-American coasts during the fall and winter season of 1908-09, which ended last night. Of the 99 vessels cast ashore or lost at sea six steamers and 56 sailing craft were totally wrecked. The financial loss exceeds \$2,000,000.

CROW'S NEST WILLING TO SIGN AGREEMENT

Jim Hill's Coal Company Gives in to Terms of Employees.

Winnipeg, Man., March 22.—The Crow's Nest Coal Company has withdrawn from the Western Operators' Association now in session with the coal miners at Macleod to fix a new wage agreement, and intimated they are willing to sign the new agreement with the men. This will no doubt hasten other operators in their decision, and will avoid a strike, as the men claim they will not go to work on the old agreement. This company owns mines at Michel, Coe Creek and Carbonade, and is controlled by J. J. Hill.

G. T. P. SHOPS AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Man., March 22.—M. J. Haney, of Chicago, the successful tenderer for the Winnipeg shops of the National Transcontinental railway, Mr. Haney's tender was the lowest, at \$563,000. It is understood that Mr. Haney will be in Quebec under the law & Robertson, a large contracting firm.

VANDERBILT WEDDING RUMOR.

Berlin, March 22.—The report that Mrs. Ellen Fitch Vanderbilt, formerly the wife of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, is engaged to be married to hereditary Count William Van Bentinck, a lieutenant in one of the Guard regiments, has been given an authoritative denial. Mrs. Vanderbilt, after a couple of months in Berlin, has left here for Paris.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN FALLS FLAT.

London, March 22.—The underwriters have had to take 84 per cent. of the Queensland government loan of \$2,000,000 3/4 per cent. interest, the stock issued through the Bank of England at 97, the net price, allowing for interest, being 135 1/2. The result shows how low priced securities are going out of favor. Application has been made to the London stock exchange to list \$500,000 of Winnipeg 4 per cents.

CZARINA SUFFERING.

Berlin, March 22.—The Kreuz Zeitung states on the authority of a distinguished personage, who recently was received in audience by Emperor Nicholas, that the Emperor expressed considerable apprehension regarding the condition of the Empress. Her Majesty has been unable to receive visitors. In explanation of the Empress' condition the Emperor said that since the accident to the Imperial yacht in Finnish waters, Her Majesty had suffered greatly from nervousness and had been unable to regain her mental composure.

TOM RICHARDSON RUMOR.

Noted Publicity Expert Has Not Been Engaged by Dominion Government.

RAILWAY BILLS AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, March 22.—The Commons has given the third reading to the bills respecting the Alaska and Yukon railway, the Athabasca Railway Company, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The Senate has given the third reading to the following bills: Respecting the Winnipeg and Northwestern railway, to incorporate the Western Canada Life Assurance Company, the British Columbia Life Assurance Company, respecting the Burrard, Westminster and Boundary Railway and Navigation Company, and to incorporate the Prince Albert and Hudson's Bay Railway Company.

PARIS STRIKE NEARLY OVER

AFFAIR TO BE REGARDED AS A "WAVE OF FOLLY"

End of an Unfortunate Misunderstanding—Socialism Claims Victory.

Paris, March 22.—In spite of minor delays, the adjustment of the strike of the French telegraphers and postmen, that has disorganized the business life of France for a week or more, is considered virtually in sight. Fully 1,000 employees returned to work this morning.

A meeting attended by 5,000 strikers was held this morning, and it was decided that the recommendations of a strike committee in the matter of a settlement, contained a surrender to the government, because the resignation of M. Simyan, under secretary of posts and telegraphs, has not been secured.

The strike committee was appointed to see Premier Clemenceau this morning. It is the general opinion that the strikers will emerge victorious, and that the government has saved its dignity in refusing to oust Simyan. This official, however, already has been practically eliminated. He had no share in the negotiations, and in the future Minister of Public Works Bathou will replace the minister.

Now M. Hatid has definitely refused him the post. By way of consolation, however, the Sultan has presented Hatid with a horse, some tents, and four new wives for his harem.

The brigand-chief is returning to Tangier.

GERMANY WILL HAVE 13 DREADNOUGHTS IN 1912

All Latest Additions to Navy Will Be Vessels of the Big Gun Type.

DEPOSITS RANSOM FOR KIDNAPPED BOY

Millionaire Uncle Still Willing to Pay Secretly \$10,000 Demanded.

Sharon, Pa., March 22.—What to-day will be the result in the Whittia kidnaping case is not known, but from the many conferences between the detectives and the Whittia family throughout yesterday and last night, and from the fact that all interested in the case are very secretive, developments are likely to-day.

It is admitted to-day that the abductors have taken preliminary steps to give the boy back for the ransom of \$10,000. The affair is at Ashabula, Ohio, on Saturday night and early on Sunday morning is believed to have been directed by the kidnapers for the only reason of discovering whether Mr. Whittia is sincere in his intention to pay the money. It is the general opinion now that the abductors had no thought of surrendering the lad at Ashabula, but were endeavoring to satisfy themselves as to whether Mr. Whittia will secretly pay the money for the return of his boy.

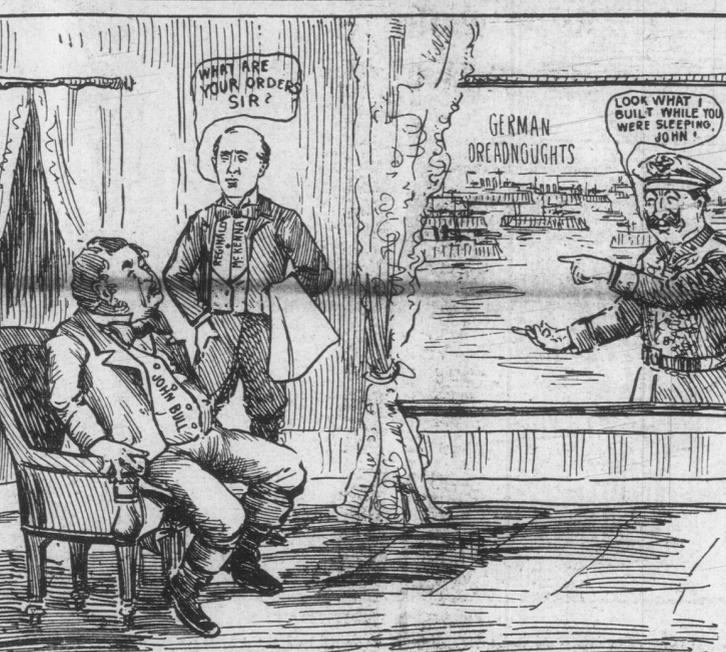
It is also believed that the kidnapers will communicate with Mr. Whittia in the near future for the purpose of getting the \$10,000.

The attitude of Mr. Whittia in secretly depositing the ransom at Ashabula is an evidence that all he wants is the child, and that the abductors need not fear prosecution from him.

Letter From Kidnapers. Sharon, Pa., March 22.—(Later.)—It was reported here shortly before 11 o'clock that the Whittia family have assurance that Willie will be returned within 48 hours. It is said another letter has been received in which the manner the money shall be paid. All details of the negotiations are being carefully guarded, however.

CZAR HONORS DIAZ.

Mexico City, March 22.—Emperor Nicholas has conferred the order of the Grand Cross of Alexander Nevsky upon President Diaz. The order is one of the highest within the gift of the Russian sovereign.



"THE AWAKENING." Germany is said to have stolen a march on Great Britain in the construction of Dreadnought battleships.

RAISULI APPLIES FOR POST, IS GIVEN WIVES

Sultan of Morocco Refuses Governorship to Bandit Chief.

Tanger, March 22.—Raisuli, the picture-escape brigand, has met with an unexpected reverse. He has been endeavoring for some months to secure the post of Governor of the Faha from Mula-Hafid, and his spent over \$25,000 in order to "interest" various court officials in his behalf.

Now Mula-Hafid has definitely refused him the post. By way of consolation, however, the Sultan has presented Raisuli with a horse, some tents, and four new wives for his harem.

GERMANY WILL HAVE 13 DREADNOUGHTS IN 1912

All Latest Additions to Navy Will Be Vessels of the Big Gun Type.

Berlin, March 22.—In view of the assertions made in the British House of Commons that Germany in the spring of 1912 would have seventeen warships, all of them of the big gun type, the navy department authorizes the statement that in the autumn of 1912 Germany will have thirteen such vessels. These will be the battleships Naussau and Westfalen, which will be ready for sea in the autumn of 1909; the battleships Rheinland and Posen and the cruiser Von Der Tann, which will be ready for sea in the spring of 1910; three battleships to replace the Oldenburg, Sicold and Boowulf, and a cruiser to replace the armored cruiser "G," which will be ready in the summer or autumn of 1911, and three battleships to replace the Fritiof, Hildebrand and Hengahl, and a vessel to replace the cruiser "M," which will be ready for sea in the autumn of 1912.

REFUSES CLEMENCY.

Albany, N. Y., March 22.—Governor Hughes announced to-day that he had denied the application for executive clemency in the case of Mrs. Mary Farmer, who is under sentence of death at Auburn prison for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan at Brownville, near Watertown. Mrs. Farmer will be executed some time next week.

STILL NO DECISION.

Washington, D. C., March 22.—The Supreme court to-day did not render the expected decision in the anthracite coal carrying railroad cases, involving the constitutionality of the commodities clause of the Hepburn railroad rate law.

SOCIALISM WOULD RUIN HOME LIFE

New York, March 22.—In the Outlook appears the first article by Theodore Roosevelt on Socialism. The expert says: "On the social and domestic side, doctrinaire socialism would replace the family and home life by a glorified state free lunch counter and a state founding asylum, deliberately overthrowing self-indulgence as the ideal, with, on its darker side, the absolute abandonment of all morality as between man and woman."

BALLOON LOST; 7 MEN MISSING

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—No word has come from the balloon America. It is feared they have been lost in the mountains in the midst of a terrible blizzard how raging there.

ELECTION IN ALBERTA TO-DAY

LIBERALS LIKELY TO HAVE BIG MAJORITY

Conservatives at Most Can Only Win Ten Seats.

Edmonton, Alta., March 22.—In the Alberta campaign out of 41 seats nine went by acclamation to the government before election day.

The Conservatives will elect R. B. Bennett in Calgary and a supporter in Didsbury. There are fifteen safe seats outside of these for the Liberals, and eighteen in doubt, half of which should be carried by the government, leaving the Conservatives with at most only ten seats.

DEATH OF FAMOUS GERMAN PHYSICIAN

Berlin, March 22.—Rudolf Von Revers, one of the most eminent physicians of Germany, died in this city to-day after an operation for gallstones. He was physician to the late Empress Frederick and to Chancellor Von Buelow. He often accompanied Emperor William on his travels, and four years ago his majesty conferred upon him a hereditary title of nobility.

BALLOON RACE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

Boston, Mass., March 22.—A balloon journey from the Pacific to the Atlantic oceans, across the breadth of the United States, has been practically assured for the near future by the announcement that the Aero Club of Seattle, Wash., will finance such a journey.

GENERAL TIE-UP.

Instructions Given to Delegates of United Mine Workers.

Shamokin, Pa., March 22.—The election of 200 delegates from the local unions of the United Mine Workers in the ninth district to the Scranton convention to-morrow was reported to district headquarters here on Saturday night, and of these about fifty per cent are said to have been instructed to vote for a general tie-up unless the operators grant concessions. About ten per cent it is said, are instructed to vote against a strike.

BANKRUPTCY OF BIG IRON MANUFACTURERS

Company Capitalized at Two Millions Has Large Outstanding Liabilities.

New York, March 22.—Receivers were appointed to-day by the United States district court for the J. B. & J. M. Cornell Company, iron manufacturers of this city, with a plant at Coldsprings, N. Y.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the company by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and two others, whose claims aggregated \$46,375. The company has a capitalization of \$2,000,000. The company is stated in the papers filed to have unsecured liabilities of \$500,000, with completed contracts of \$1,000,000, and outstanding bonds, secured by a mortgage on the plant, amounting to \$600,000.

FEW JAP IMMIGRANTS FOR UNITED STATES

Mikado's Government Adheres to Promise Made to Washington Authorities.

Seattle, Wash., March 22.—That the Japanese government is carrying out its promise to the Washington authorities to restrict the exodus to the United States is evidenced by the fact that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Iyo Maru, which has just arrived on the Sound from the Orient, had only a handful of steerage passengers. The effect of the restriction is made more apparent when it is considered that the Iyo Maru is one of the newest and best passenger vessels in the company's fleet.

Out at the United States immigration detention station at Smith Cove, where the Oriental liners land, the effects of Japan's activity in the matter of cutting down the number of emigrants to the United States is even more noticeable. A year ago there was a turn-out for a week after the arrival of a steamship from the Orient. To-day the few foreign passengers are examined and passed without the slightest trouble. The Iyo brought altogether fifty first, second and third-class passengers, mostly white persons.

ALBERTA'S MILITIA CAMP.

Ottawa, March 22.—A militia order says the training camp for Alberta will be opened on June 28th.

KAISER BARS SMOKING IN PRESENCE OF LADIES

Berlin, March 22.—The Kaiser has issued an edict forbidding officers of the army and navy to smoke cigars or cigarettes in the presence of ladies in evening dress, either at court or in hotels, restaurants, clubs, private houses or elsewhere. An old regulation is also revived by which smoking is forbidden in the court yards and vestibules of the Imperial castle.

Society ladies greatly appreciate the prohibition, they having long complained of indiscriminate smoking. The question, however, is raised, will anybody check the growing custom of fashionable women smoking cigarettes at social functions and restaurants.

MASTERY OF PACIFIC TO BE WON BY BRAINS

Rear-Admiral Evans Visits Victoria---He Believes War Will Not Be Resorted to Between Japan and United States.

"We are always glad to hear of England building more warships because the interests of England and America are the same. The matter is purely a political one found fighting on the same side. The strengthening of the British navy means increased strength to the Anglo-Saxon race, the predominance of which I am a thorough believer in." These were the words of Rear-Admiral Evans, the "Fighting Bob" of the American navy, when speaking to a Times representative on Monday.

Further discussing the matter of British predominance, the admiral said that Britain had made a rather doubtful move in breaking away from the old type of battleship and starting on the Dreadnoughts, because it at once made "obsolete" all her other ships and gave Germany an opportunity to start even with her, and now it was almost a neck and neck race between the two countries. Until Britain changed the type of vessels she was building, the admiral said, but in the future the British and German navies would be estimated by the number of Dreadnoughts. This did not affect America much because the Americans did not expect to be matched against these countries.

"The mastery of the Pacific will be simply won or lost by energy and diplomacy," said the admiral when asked his opinion as to its ultimate solution. "It is not a matter to be decided by war. America will not go to war with Japan because England is the ally of Japan and this will have the effect of keeping the peace. With England and America always friendly, and with England and Japan allied by treaty, it is almost impossible to imagine war between the countries. No," continued Admiral Evans, in his characteristic manner, as his jaws shut with a snap which indicated finally, "the Pacific will be won by brains. There will be no war."

Speaking of Esquimaut, the veteran gave it as his opinion that it was unwise to allow a station to go into disuse. He thought Australia was adopting a good policy in building ships which would co-operate with the motherland in time of war, and thought Canada would surely see the sense of following in the same line.

The admiral then turned to the economic side of the Pacific question. He said he could not see the reason why Canada wanted to keep out the Chinese when good workmen were needed on this coast. The Japanese immigration was not a thing to be feared at any rate because the Emperor of Japan wanted to keep most of his subjects at home. The time would probably come when there would be another struggle between Russia and Japan, and in anticipation of this the Japanese government would not consent to her people all leaving their little country. There were, however, plenty of Chinese, and they were first-class laborers. In this country there were immense areas uncultivated and industries undeveloped. The Chinese were just the people to develop these. The matter is purely a political one with you here as it is with us. It is simply a matter of votes.

Admiral Evans is a man of fine physique with a face made to command, yet every now and then as he told some story of his sternness passed away and humor reigned supreme. He limps a little. "It does not pay to be shot too much when you are young," said he. "I got this limp at Fort Fisher in the early days of the Revolutionary war. I was shot four times in one day, and I only saved my legs with my gun."

"How?" came the query. "Well, after getting filled up with shot I then went to the hospital at Norfolk, and one evening when the doctors passed through I heard them say: 'We'll have to take this fellow's legs off in the morning.' I had a different opinion, however, and when they arrived to perform the operation I just pulled my revolver from under my pillow and threatened to shoot the first man that touched my legs with a knife. So I still have my legs as you see, but they are none too good."

Admiral Evans has already lectured twenty-five times on his way from Boston to this coast. Victoria is the most northerly point in the itinerary, and the only city in Canada honored by having him a guest. He is giving the series in response to a popular demand on the part of the American public, who wished to see and hear their hero. Accordingly arrangements were made by the J. B. Pond Lyceum Bureau to conduct the tour. Major Pond, of the firm, was the man who brought H. M. Stanley to America. When the admiral leaves here he will leave down the coast and back through the south coasting at West-Whitton about June 1st after delivering from fifty to sixty lectures.

This afternoon he and Mrs. Evans will attend a reception at the Alexander Club from 4 to 6 o'clock, and this morning he took advantage of the delightful day to drive around the city, with which he was exceedingly pleased. He was here once before in 1858, but since that time he says the improvement in the city has been most marked. In fact he would not know it was the same city.

This evening Admiral Evans lectures in the Victoria theatre on "A Cruise in the East." It is personal reminiscences of the Orient, and is given under the auspices of Ghaz Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The proceeds are to go in aid of the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital. The lecture is given under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and Mrs. Donnamur, Hon. R. McBride and Mrs. McBride, Capt. Parry, R.N., H.M.S. Egeria, and Hon. A. E. Smith, American consul.

CASTRO TO SAIL FOR CARIBBEAN PORT

POWERFUL SQUADRON WILL "SHOW THE FLAG"

Dresden, March 22.—Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, left here to-day for Cologne where he will spend the night. To-morrow he will go to Paris, and after a short stay there he will embark on March 26th on the steamer Guadeloupe for some Caribbean port.

To Join Ex-President. Willemstad, Curacao, March 22.—It is said that Senator Mendible, former governor of the Venezuelan state of Guayana, left Curacao for Colombia, on March 10th for Port of Spain, Trinidad, to join former President Castro. Senator Mendible is one of Castro's followers who opposed the assumption of the Venezuelan presidency by Juan Vicente Gomez.

10,000 IN ONE DAY.

Great Flood of Immigrants Arrive in New York.

New York, March 22.—Seven ocean liners which arrived here at the week end brought to America nearly 10,000 immigrants making the arrivals for twenty-four hours the largest in the history of the port, with perhaps a single exception. The immigration officers say that this year is likely to break all records.

HEINZE AFFAIRS.

Action Brought by Bank of British North America Is Settled.

New York, March 22.—Settlement of the claims of the Bank of North America against F. Augustus Heinze and George Baglin was authorized by Judge Lacombe of the United States Circuit court, here on Saturday. The order directed the agents for the shareholders of the bank to discontinue the actions now pending against Heinze and Baglin, in connection with the claim ordered settled. The terms of the settlement were not made public. The claim was for a balance of \$4,100,000 notes given by Heinze and Baglin for sums aggregating \$500,000.

A DUAL TRAGEDY.

Hornell, N. Y., March 22.—William Smith, who was shot by his son, Orrin Smith, on Saturday, following a quarrel at Angelica, is dead at the hospital in this city, where he was brought following the tragedy. The son killed himself after shooting his father.