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SAYS MR. MURDOCH WAS VERY FOOLISH

Mayor White Charges That Director has Shown Much Petty Jealousy to the Engineers and Placed Obstacles in Their Way ----- Murdoch's Latest Move is Talk of Town.

The members of the common council who are called together for a special meeting on Monday will have their work cut out for them. In addition to having to untangle the wharf inspectorship muddle, they will have to decide what is to be done in the mix-up that has arisen out of the clash of Director Murdoch and Resident Engineer Hunter.

Director Murdoch has docked Engineer Hunter for twenty-one days during which he was absent from the city. Mr. Hunter refuses to accept the cut and has thrown up his job. He left last evening for Boston with the avowed intention of not coming back.

Engineer Hunter claims he was absent on leave with the consent of the mayor, also that there was no work going on and that the director's interference was unwarranted.

It appears that a day or two ago Mr. Murdoch when making his monthly statement to the chamberlain reported Mr. Hunter as entitled to pay only to March 10 and declined to give him credit for the remaining twenty-one days in the month on the ground that he had not been in the city and that he (Murdoch) had received no official intimation that Mr. Hunter had leave of absence. The chamberlain asked Mr. Murdoch to obtain instructions from the mayor, and the director, it is said, returned later and intimated that pay was to be given only to the 10th. The chamberlain is reported to have taken this as an order from the mayor and acted accordingly.

When Mr. Hunter arrived to draw his salary he was annoyed at the state of affairs, claiming that he left with the knowledge of the chairman and several of the aldermen and that Mr. Murdoch had no right to interfere.

As a result of the deadlock a meeting was held yesterday morning in the mayor's office and his worship, as chairman of the board, the recorder and Mr. Murdoch were present.

The mayor said he approved of Mr. Hunter's going to Boston and expressed the opinion that the director had no right to make any deduction from Mr. Hunter's salary. It is believed, that his worship would have insisted on immediate payment being made but on the advice of the recorder he directed Mr. Murdoch to restore Mr. Hunter's name to the list and left the matter of the actual payment to be decided by the council on Monday.

Says Murdoch Was Foolish

The action of Director Murdoch and the departure of Engineer Hunter was the principal topic of conversation on the streets and around City Hall this morning, and opinions on the matter were freely aired. The majority of those seen by the Times expressed the opinion that the director has acted too hastily, and beyond his authority.

Mayor White said the director had acted foolishly. He had tried to interfere and put obstacles in the way of both Mr. Barbour and Mr. Hunter ever since they were employed on the work, and had shown a feeling of petty jealousy all through. The mayor contended that in the present instance his action was entirely unwarranted.

The pay roll of the water and sewerage department was simply put through his hands so that a check of the expenditure might be kept, and not for the purpose of venting his feelings or dislike of any employe.

His worship said that when the water works extension was first talked of Mr. Murdoch was asked if he could look after the work, and he said he would not have time, it was then decided to employ Mr. Hunter as resident engineer.

He Had No Authority

The mayor contended that Engineers Barbour and Hunter were employed on special work by the city and were not in any way subject to the orders of the director, who had enough to do to look after his regular work.

Mayor White said the first he knew of the trouble was when Mr. Hunter came to him yesterday and told him of it, stating that he was tired of the petty interferences of Mr. Murdoch and was going to throw up the job.

The mayor told him he had better not act hastily, but leave the matter until Monday when Engineer Barbour would be here and then the special meeting of the council would deal with it. The mayor told him he did not think the council would object to his having leave of absence for three weeks, as he personally was of the opinion that he fully deserved it as much as any civic employe. He had worked faithfully day and night and his work had been satisfactory.

Mr. Hunter said, however, that he was tired of being interfered with by Mr. Murdoch. Everything possible had been done by Mr. Murdoch to make his position difficult, and he would stand it no longer.

Did Not Consult Mayor

The mayor was asked if he had been consulted by Director Murdoch at the time of the discussion on the matter with the chamberlain, and he replied that he had heard nothing whatever of the trouble until yesterday. He thought of course that the engineer should have applied to the board for leave of absence and he had no doubt it would have been granted, but the engineer evidently did not understand that he should have done so and he had been content to receive the assurances of a number of the aldermen that it would be all right. The mayor said he had told Mr. Hunter himself that he thought there would be no objection but took it for granted an application would be presented to the board.

He said he regretted the affair very much and thought the city should endeavor to induce Mr. Hunter to return and complete the work and that he should be free from interference.

There was even a hint that Director Murdoch's resignation might be asked for as it is the general feeling among the majority of the aldermen that he has over stepped the mark on a number of occasions.

Aldermen Talk

Ald. Tilley thought that Mr. Hunter should have obtained the permission of the board, but he also contended that the director should have consulted the chairman of the board before taking the action which he did. It would have been better he thought if Mr. Hunter had waited here until the meeting on Monday.

Ald. MacArthur was very indignant about the matter and thought that the director had shown too much officiousness. He said the council should stand by the engineers (Barbour and Hunter) and intimated that he would have something to say at Monday's meeting.

The alderman, on being interviewed stated that some 3 weeks ago Engineer Hunter came to his office and asked if he thought it would be advisable for him to go away for a week or two, as there was nothing of importance on the water works that required his personal supervision at that time:

"I advised him to at first get in communication with the mayor (chairman of the board) and he assented to the suggestion. I told him that I, personally, as a member of the water board, would offer no objection, as I felt that under the conditions then existing there being an engineer, Mr. Parker, on No. 3 section, the only portion of the works on which there was anything doing, my opinion was that it mattered very little where he would re-

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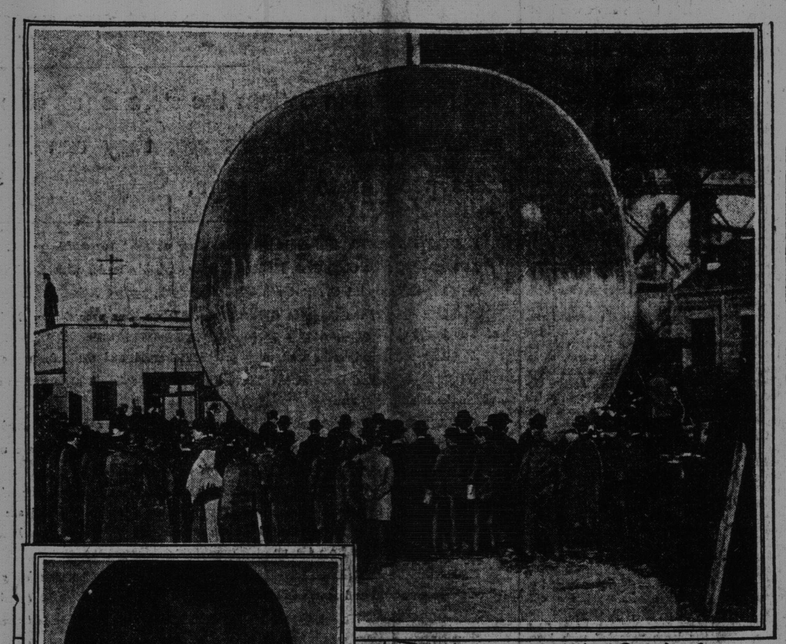
Aeronauts and Scenes at Start of the Ascension



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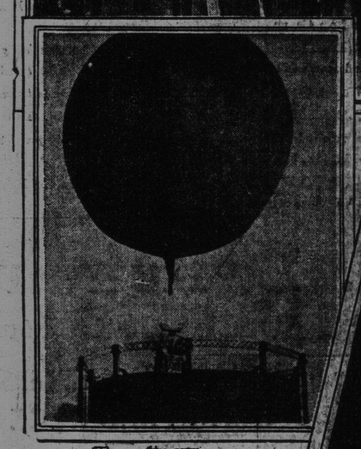

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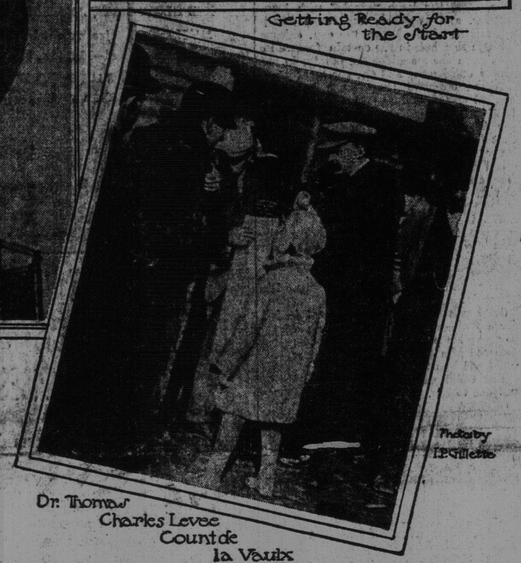


Photo by P. Gillette

Dr. Thomas Charles Levee Count de la Vaux

NEW YORK, April 5—Descending in the midst of a crowd of several thousand persons, Glendale, in the eastern outskirts of Brooklyn, after an ascension from the Central Union gas works, at 138th street and Walnut Avenue, in the Bronx, Count Henri de la Vaulx, Charles Levee and Dr. Julian P. Thomas were all but mobbed Monday night by a throng of curious suburban residents.

Count de la Vaulx finally had to resort to his great strength to save his companions and himself while Dr. Thomas, waving an American flag he had carried in the the flight, demanded protection in its name. But the insistence of the crowd to press upon the aeronauts was not to be over come without a free-for-all fight, in which a man who tried to befriend them was roughly handled when he was caught trying to escape.

Count de la Vaulx and Mr. Levee, both hardened by many exciting flights, agreed that the trip was without incident, after passing danger of not clearing the buildings surrounding the open place within the gas works, but Dr. Thomas enthusiastically declared that the voyage was one of the greatest and most pleasurable events of his life. It was his first balloon trip and he is the first American who has essayed to go aloft since ballooning was introduced as a sport in America.

While the balloon was being inflated he twice climbed to the top of a high gas retort to accustom himself to the sensation of being far above the earth, and found the experience decidedly unpleasant, but once aloft in the balloon he says he lost all sense of fear, and his only regret was that the trip could not have been of much longer duration.

SAYS WHITE TOOK EXPRESS ORDERS

P. J. Donohoe, Express Agent Swears That Harry White Took Express Orders Out of His Book Saying He Wanted to use Them---Case Goes Over Until Tuesday.

The case against Harry White, charged with forgery, was resumed in the police court this morning. F. R. Taylor appeared for the Dominion Express Company, and H. A. McKeown for the defendant.

Patrick J. Donohue, druggist, stated that he was a branch agent of the Dominion Express Company for six years. The witness said that usually his express sales were collected by the defendant, White. The stub book was presented to the witness, and Mr. Donohue said that White took three orders from it. The witness explained that when White came to collect the orders, he wrote a receipt for the full amount of the orders sold upon the last stub in the order book. On one occasion when the prisoner came to the drug store he asked to see the order book, as he said he wanted to use some of the orders. The three orders produced at the last hearing were shown to the witness, who said that the signature of P. J. Donohue on the three orders was not in his writing. Mr. Donohue also said that White took these orders from his store, but he did not know what he did with them. The witness said that he did not know G. R. Bolyton, the payer of the orders, nor F. B. Perkins, the remitter. The Donohue report showed that the witness had paid $120 for orders, and Mr. Donohue said that he did not pay the amount. The witness said that on two occasions White took orders from his order book. On another occasion his clerk reported to him that White telephoned about taking out another order. Personally he did not know that White took the order, but he knew that someone had. At that time the witness said he would trust White with his pocket-book, but he thought that there was something strange about him taking the orders.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday at 10 o'clock, White being removed to jail.

CAMBRIDGE WON EASILY

Annual Boat Race With Oxford Was an Uninteresting Contest.

LONDON, April 7—Cambridge won the university boat race from Oxford on the Thames today. Time 18 minutes. The start was made at 12.03 p. m. Cambridge finished at 12.21. Oxford never had a chance from the start.

MONTREAL MARKET QUIET

MONTREAL, April 7—(Special)—The stock market was quiet this morning with no price changes of note, Dominion Iron sold at 33 1-4 and bonds at 85 1-2. Other features were Montreal Power 94, McKay pfd. 73 1-8; Detroit, 100; Toronto Ry. 123 1-2.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER

Karl August Federnand Lindstrom, a Swede, who was arrested on March 23rd, for stabbing his brother, Enck Lindstrom, on the neck, was brought into the police court this morning, as the wounded man was discharged from the hospital this morning. His brother told the story of the stabbing as already published, but the defendant said he knew nothing about it as he was very drunk at the time. He expressed his sorrow and the case was allowed to stand over until Monday.

"A MEAN JOB"

(Firmin in New Freeman.)

When we attack a minister it is because we see some general religious principle at stake, imperilled or at least attacked; but we cannot understand why dailies should show up Protestant ministers in purely private difficulties with their congregations and attract the attention of all with headlines occupying valuable space which might be turned to better purposes. We agree with the Evening Times on this score.

ONE HAS DROPPED OUT

Word has been received here to the effect that Gillis, one of the transcontinental trio, who left Sydney several weeks ago, dropped out at Montreal.

James Hanley, clerk of the Grand Union Hotel, received from George Cumming, one of the "trotters," a postal card, dated Paris, Ont., April 3, which reads thus:

"Well, Jas., all well. Gillis left in Montreal, broke up and broke down.

"GEORGE."

TO CUT INTO OUR TRADE

American Railways Cut Import Commodity Rates to Meet Canadian Competition.

NEW YORK, April 7—The Journal of Commerce says:—In order, they aver, to put a stop to the constantly increasing inroads of the Gulf and Canadian routes on import traffic, the Trunk lines yesterday decided to make some very radical cuts in import commodity rates. These cut rates will be effective from Philadelphia and Baltimore April 16, and from New York on April 19. The New York rates will be announced next week.

The Pennsylvania Railroad yesterday announced new schedules from Philadelphia and Baltimore. The goods affected are gum, hemp, hides, liquors, oils, iron wire rope, wood pulp, wool, glassware, toys, and many other articles that are imported in large quantities. The New York rates will merely be the usual differential over Philadelphia.

IMMIGRANT TRAIN RAN OFF

MONCTON, April 7—(Special)—As an immigrant special from Halifax was entering the I. C. R. yard about ten o'clock this morning, one of the cars left the rails and ran some distance before it was stopped. No damage was done to the train and none of the passengers were injured. The track was somewhat damaged but repairs were quickly effected, causing no interruption to traffic.

A PLACE FOR JEREMIAH

A certain prosy preacher recently gave an endless discourse on the prophets. First he dwelt at length on the minor prophets. At last he finished them, and the congregation gave a sigh of relief. He took a long breath and continued:—

"Now I shall proceed to the major prophets"

After the major prophets had received more than ample attention the congregation gave another sigh of relief.

"Now that I have finished with the minor prophets and the major prophets, what about Jeremiah? Where is Jeremiah's place?"

At this point a tall man rose in the back of the church. "Jeremiah can have my place," he said; "I am going home."

Rev. Father Maloney, C. SS. R., of St. Peter's church, has returned from Newark, N. J., where he has been conducting a mission.

There was no new developments in the coal strike situation today.

C. P. R. ENGINE LEFT RAILS

Cutting on Eastern Side of Cantilever Was Scene of Run Off--Trains Delayed.

A Canadian Pacific freight engine while on the way from Fairville to the city to take out a train, left the rails in the cutting on the eastern side of the cantilever bridge, delaying the incoming Atlantic express nearly an hour. Engine No. 2113 was sent out from Fairville to render assistance. A number of passengers on the delayed train who reside in the city came over from Fairville in coaches.

FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, April 7—(Special)—George W. Howland a justice of the peace was fined $50 in the police court this morning for violating the Scott Act.

The report of Engineer Lumsden recommending the central route for the National Transcontinental Railway does not meet the favor of Fredericton people. Senator Thompson this morning thought it was unfair for Mr. Lumsden to say the St. John Valley already had ample railway facilities when there is no railway between Fredericton and Woodstock by the route proposed.

O. S. Crockett, M. P. writes that the militia department has decided not to locate a permanent artillery battery in Fredericton. The infantry corps will probably be transferred from St. John's Que. to Fredericton.

EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES

Substantial Increase Shown for First Quarter Over Last Year.

The following is a comparative statement of export values for the quarter ending 31st., March, 1906, compared with the same quarter last year, entered at the port of St. John, N. B.

	1905	1906
Bullion, gold	$1,562.50	
Cattle	307.50	
Cotton waste	940.38	
Emigrant's effects	902.00	$ 2,540.00
Fertilizer	4,464.31	3,973.50
Fire brick	560.50	241.82
Fish	7,092.80	2,294.25
Furs, raw	2,118.20	3,901.45
Gin	462.50	
Gum chicle	10,033.00	22,313.50
Hides and skins	64,123.57	54,841.00
Horses	143.50	455.00
Ice		1,164.13
Junk	2,039.23	4,372.32
Laths	9,941.03	79,123.40
Lime	900.00	
Lumber	8,798.40	61,500.96
Miscellaneous	3,093.32	9,524.95
Return U S Goods	2,354.75	14,925.47
Salt	109.00	
Shingles	310.00	4,424.37
Shooks		702.00
Tea	525.67	7,585.56
Wood pulp	73,658.40	102,692.62
Total	$196,532.56	$381,376.79
Products of United States logs:		
Laths	$ 19,338.55	$ 4,713.51
Lumber	141,525.03	44,734.04
Shingles	10,850.51	2,248.75
Grand total from St. John, N. B.	$371,246.65	$433,123.09

Showing an increase for 1906, March quarter, of $61,876.44.

FOR SALE—BABY CARRIAGE, GO-CART style, in good order. Cheap for cash. Enquire 715 Main street, or Tel. 222. 4-7—tf.

POLICE COURT

Large Number of Offenders Faced the Magistrate Today

A busy session was held at the police court this morning.

Ezra White, of Albert county, was arrested early last evening by Officer Ross. He struck a friend named Copp, in the eye. White was today charged with resisting the police, and assaulting Copp. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined $20 for assault, and $80 for resisting the police. The latter fine was allowed to stand.

John Dukeshire was fined $8 or 30 days jail with hard labor, for drunkenness, and $20 or two months jail for resisting the police.

Five drunks were disposed of in the usual way.

Edward Bannen was brought into court today to answer the charges of assaulting Mrs. Sinclair in her home on Marsh Road, and for threatening to kill her.

He was fined $20 or two months jail.

Mrs. Wallace Brown complained that her son was being ill treated by neighboring boys. The police will investigate.

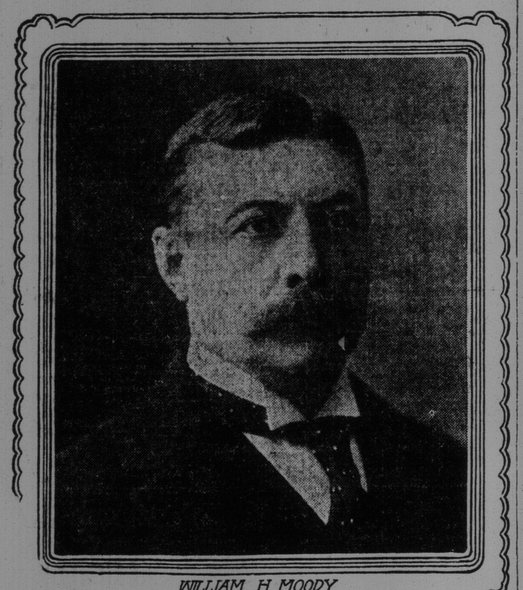
Hugh L. Linden, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, was brought into court, and remanded until Monday at 11 o'clock.

PREMIER TWEEDIE COMING HOME

OTTAWA, April 7—(Special)—Premier Tweedie leaves for home today, Dr. Pugsley will remain for two or three days.

Alex W. Cameron of the department of railways and canals, Ottawa, died last night aged 54 years. He was a native of Pictou, N. S.

MOODY TO RETIRE



WILLIAM H. MOODY
PHOTO. BY B. CRICKMORE

orted on the highest authority ton that Attorney General retire from the President's Cabinet on July 1 on account of his chagrin at being defeated in the beef trust cases.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says the muskrats are quite troublesome this spring. His boys have sixteen box traps set, and find them sprung every morning, but no muskrats inside. The "pesky critters" spring them, diffuse a pungent odor in the neighborhood and retire to safe quarters. Hiram has bought a gun.

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STARTLING PHENOMENON.

Quite an extraodinary phenomenon has occurred in connection with the extension of the waterworks. Although the connection with Loch Lomond has not been made, and although Loch Lomond water is very pure and cold, a hot spring approaching the proportions of a geyser, strongly impregnated with sulphurous acid has suddenly burst out at the corner of Leinster and Carmarthen street, where the city water office is located.

This is not the Leak of 1854. Neither does it present any evidence of having its source in the Dry Lake.

Indeed the citizens are at a loss to explain the phenomenon. Mud baths also appear to be in process of development, as Engineers Barbour and Hunter were quite liberally bespattered this morning.

There have been sympathetic mutterings, explosions and eruptions at City Hall and in various parts of the city, but it is a remarkable fact that they all point in the direction of the geyser and throw cold water.

Director Murdoch is expected to have his men busy turning all the stop cocks on the entire system, to prevent a flood.

It was a French monarch who said:—"After me the deluge."

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The police have been notified to report all persons caught with a shovel on a street crossing.

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The cold wave last night was due to a convention of nearly three hundred ice-dealers in Boston yesterday.

AERONAUT WHO DIED

Paul Nocquet

New York, April 5.—Paul Nocquet, a daring French aeronaut, who has attained some distinction as a sculptor in this country since he came here from Paris a little more than two years ago, made an ascension Tuesday afternoon in a specially constructed balloon from the Central Union gas works, at 138th street and Walnut avenue, in the Bronx, and was last seen about eight o'clock at night sailing easterly above the north shore of Long Island. He was subsequently found dead in a marsh, exposure having proved fatal.