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FRENCH AVIATOR  
KILLED BY FALL

Leon De la Grange Meets Death  
When Wing of Aeroplane is  
Carried Away at Bordeaux.

Bordeaux, France, January 4.—The infant science of aviation claimed another victim today. Leon De la Grange, one of the pioneer aeroplane experimenters and a skillful pilot, was instantly killed when the wing of his biplane snapped off at a height of 60 feet and hurled him to the ground, the motor falling upon his head. His skull was fractured at the base and death was instantaneous.

De la Grange, the third man in France to make a public exhibition flight in an aeroplane, was a distinguished figure in the new sport before the Wrights were known to the public. The experiments he had been carrying on for the past two days attracted much attention. Early today a large crowd assembled to see him try to make a new record. On account of the high wind he deferred going up until later in the afternoon.

Started in Twenty-Mile Wind. When the wind died down to about twenty miles an hour he had his machine brought out. He started out in great style and accomplished two turns around the course at a remarkable speed. But to the amazement of a large crowd assembled to see him try to make a new record, on account of the high wind he deferred going up until later in the afternoon.

Had Made Third Round. De la Grange was just making a turn at the conclusion of the third round when the machine was struck by the wind. The machine seemed to be making but slight headway, and it swayed and pitched in a dangerous manner. As the aviator drove it forward, the crowd, stricken dumb by the obvious peril, as he fought his way toward through the air attempting to bring the aeroplane to an even keel. The crowd which was watching the flight from the ground, the huge propeller churning around on the earth some minutes after the aeroplane landed. When it stopped it had torn through the propeller and had rushed forward to extricate De la Grange found him buried under the mass. The motor, which had not stopped, lay upon the back of his skull. He must have died instantly, but his friends, who had seen him crash, hurried through many dangers, believed at first that he was not dead.

Santos Dumont Has Fall. Paris, January 4.—Santos Dumont, the well-known aviator, had a bad fall near St. Cyr today. He went out at four o'clock from his shed with his new aeroplane Demoiselle, which was driven by a forty-horse-power motor. After several minutes of trial he decided to make a more conclusive experiment, and, despite a thick fog which prevailed, he endeavored to a height of nearly 80 feet. Suddenly a brace of the warping of the wings snapped. The machine turned turtle and fell upon the ground. "I had the sensation of turning three somersaults," declared Dumont later. He was severely injured.

NEW OFFICIALS IN REGINA. A. E. Chivers Appointed City Clerk—Solicitor and Engineer to be named. Regina, Sask., Jan. 4.—At a special meeting of the city council this evening, A. E. Chivers, for some time past has been engaged in the municipal department of the provincial government, was appointed city clerk at a salary of \$1,200 a year. The position of city solicitor has been offered to H. H. MacDonald, of the Attorney General's department of the position. In view of the large civic improvement which is to be undertaken this year, the council includes a large trunk sewerage scheme, it has also practically been decided to appoint a fully qualified engineer to superintend the work. The council has several names under consideration and it is expected that the appointment will be announced in the course of a day or so.

Cold in Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 4.—December thirty-first was a freezing day, but it barely freezing when the New Year was ushered in, but about midnight it started to hail, and by dawn from the west and by daylight the thermometer dropped to twenty below. Since then it has been decidedly frosty, the temperature not rising much over twenty below during the hours of light and dropping to thirty and more below at night.

\$105,000 MORE REQUIRED  
To Complete Calgary's New Civic Plan—Committee Reports.

Calgary, Jan. 4.—Next Monday will see the annual election of officers of the Calgary board of trade. Although there is no definite information regarding who the new officials will be, it is generally expected that W. Georgan will be elected president for 1910.

The city council decided last night at the suggestion of Ald. Clifford Jones to appoint a local architect to draw the plans for the new city hall. The committee respecting the amount of money required to finish the building and to give the estimate of the cost of the new hall, the committee recommended that a bylaw calling for \$105,000 be submitted.

NINE ARE DEAD FROM  
EATING CANNED PEARS

Members of Several Different Families Die in Agony from Poisoning, as Result of Pears Imported from Italy in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 4.—Nine persons are dead, one dying and two others are dangerously ill, not fatally, as the result of eating canned pears, the cause of which is being investigated by the health department. The deaths occurred in Los Angeles, California, and the victims were members of several different families. The deaths occurred in Los Angeles, California, and the victims were members of several different families.

TO EXTEND ANNUITIES SCHEME. Amendments to Act Will Provide for Widening Scope of Measure. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Ottawa made a splendid showing in building permits for the last year, the amount being over four million dollars, or more than three times as much as for 1908. There were 507 permits issued in 1909, the estimated value of the work being \$1,730,075. Last year there were issued 682 permits, the estimated value being \$4,577,500.

As a result of the increased interest being taken by the public in the government annuities system it is learned that amendments will be made to the present Annuities Act this session which will make material changes in the modus operandi in some cases. At present the purchasing of annuities is restricted by certain conditions. The public has now awakened to the many advantages which the scheme offers, and the greatly increased interest shown by the fact that the revenue at present derived by the government from annuities amounted to over \$400,000. It has been considered advisable, therefore, to further extend the scope of the act and amendments will accordingly be brought in. As a result, certain classes heretofore unable to avail themselves of the opportunity to buy annuities, will in the future be able to do so. As an example of how the amendments will work out, it may be mentioned that the class of persons who are now excluded from the scheme, but who are now included, includes a large number of persons who are now included in the scheme.

Will Abide by Result. London, Jan. 4.—(Special Cable to the Toronto Star)—If the people of England were not very wise, as well as very foolish, one would expect to see grow out of the present difficulties such a civil war as Cromwell led, for the differences are irreconcilable and the discussion could extend through-out eternity without much result. Men do not seem to have opinions as individuals, but according to the class to which they think they belong; and the issue will be determined for the present by the votes cast, and should the Liberals win by a good majority, as seems more probable every day, the land lords and brewers will submit to the verdict without assenting to it, and retire to the second line of entrenchment.

Radicalism Will Be Checked. The Liberal party, mollified by victory will contain enough loyal and respectable of all that is old and well-rooted, to make it less radical than when fighting for existence before the electors, and to assert its rights as a party. In other words, if the Liberal party gains the right to do so, it will even Toryism relies on men like Asquith and Grey to see that such a revolutionary character, such as no one seems to be threatening to bring about at a meeting at Battersea, last night, Mr. MacManara put the Liberal appeal to the people in a few words, amid wild applause. "Will you tax your loaves or land?" He asked, "meat or mineral royalties?" He asked, "you tax one hundred a year or one hundred a year?"

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BRITISH FIGHT IS  
GROWING FIERCER

Both Asquith and Lloyd-George Hit From Shoulder—Balfour at Hanley.

London, Jan. 4.—There was a rise in the temperature of the platform discussion today. The minimum was at Balfour, where the excitable loyalists and zealous Protestants had a meeting in opposition to the fresh issuance of home rule. Walter Lang was the principal speaker and denounced the prime minister's surrender to John Redmond, but the wildest outburst of enthusiasm followed the reading of a telegram from Hon. A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition, in which the latter men were assured that they had behind them a resolute party which had twice defeated home rule.

Asquith Defends Land Clause. Premier Asquith, for a cool and measured speaker, displayed unusual warmth in addressing a Brighton audience. He referred contemptuously to the procession of peers from the platform, and he defended the land section of the budget as a scheme of taxation not on property but on values created by the community. The premier thought that if the peers could only be persuaded to protest against another fortnight at the same scale as to volume and venom the Liberal might almost be content to hold their tongues. Women were excluded from this meeting.

Lloyd George Hits Hard. David Lloyd George, nettled by Asquith's defence of the land clause, said he would not be content to stand by and see Asquith's policy of a rubber stamp from two London platforms at the expense of the landowners who were avoiding taxation on their land. He said that the House of Commons was an assembly of lunatics and that the peers were their keepers. They seemed to think that the House of Commons was an assembly of lunatics and that the peers were their keepers. They seemed to think that the House of Commons was an assembly of lunatics and that the peers were their keepers.

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MARCONI TO USE TELEPHONE.

Wireless Company Will Thus Obviate Difficulties.

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CALGARY'S SMALLPOX  
COMES FROM GLEICHEN

Cases in Posthouse Are From Nose Creek District. Gleichen-Sale of Land For Taxes Results in Large Revenue—Purchases Made for Speculation.

Bulletin Special. Calgary, Alta., Jan. 5.—The auction sale of lots on which taxes are unpaid commenced in the city today and real estate agents are busy. The city treasurer's office being eagerly for speculation. Forty-six lots were turned over in one hour this morning and the total price for the forty-six lots was well over \$50,000.

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BIG VICTORY FOR  
LOCAL OPTIONISTS

By-Law Carried in 74 Places in Ontario—Lost in 74, 57 by Three-Fifths Stipulation.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Additional returns from the local option campaign make the temperance victory more creditable than ever. All but two places out of a total of 261 have been heard from, but the final figures cannot affect the local option gains greatly in any way. The by-law is now carried in 74 places. It has been lost through the three-fifths clause in 37 places and has been defeated in 17 places. The repeals number two. The official figures from the city of Brandon are 271 for and 132 against. This gives a majority of 139 for local option, but is short by a bare 35 votes of the three-fifths stipulation. A recent has been decided in Ontario, as the public places out of a total of 261 have been heard from, but the final figures cannot affect the local option gains greatly in any way. The by-law is now carried in 74 places. It has been lost through the three-fifths clause in 37 places and has been defeated in 17 places.

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