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Daring Aeronaut Intends To Fly Across Atlantic In An Envelope Balloon

Joseph Brucker Hopes to Win World's Distance Duration Record, and Will Make Careful Astronomical and Meteorological Observations.

Special Cable to The World. TRIESTE, March 29.—(Copyright.)—Joseph Brucker, an aeronaut noted for his daring, sailed today on the steamer Columbia for Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, with his balloon, Suchard II, in which he intends to attempt a flight at an early date from Las Palmas to the West Indies, or the northeast coast of South America.

Brucker gave the following signed statement to The Toronto World correspondent today: "I am glad at last we are about to start. My two companions, Engineer C. Krueger and Balloonmaster Peter are on board the steamer Columbia, and the whole outfit for the balloon is stowed away in the hold. This consists of an envelope balloon, weighing nearly a ton, a basket weighing over a ton, netting, a half ton, 400 sandbags, apparatus for filling balloon with hydrogen, rubber hose, pipes, tools and canned goods of all kinds of victuals, besides astronomical and meteorological instruments.

To Study Trade Winds. "We expect to arrive at Las Palmas on April 7, and immediately select a starting place. The captain-general of the Canary Islands has given permission for the ascension, and I hope within a week from landing we will be ready for the flight across the Atlantic. "This expedition is not a sporting one, tho it has some sporting elements, because we hope to win the world's distance duration record. But the main object is to study the northeast trade winds and prove that the regions of the trade winds are the only feasible routes for aerial navigation between the continents.

"As no passenger steamer would carry the gas tubes, this part of the outfit was shipped from Bremen on the freight steamer Norderny. It consists of 1250 tubes weighing nearly a hundred tons. Neither Andre, Welman nor Vanman had pure gas when they sought great balloon trips and they manufactured it themselves. It had not the lifting power of my hydrogen, and besides, it ate into the fabric envelope. The gas for the Suchard II was manufactured electrically, and each cubic metre will lift one point 15 kilos. The Suchard II has a capacity of 7500 cubic metres lifting power, 3000 kilos. Even when our own weight is deducted, there will remain 5000 kilos to be utilized as ballast.

"The balloon must be filled in the open air, because we have neither hangar or shed, hence we must take precautions to anchor the balloon well or it may escape before the basket is attached.

Military Assistance. "I hope to get military assistance as we did for the trial flight in Munich on Feb. 28.

"The great big enemy of the expedition is the sun. With every degree of temperature gas expands one 273rd.

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The Price of Milk.

At a meeting last Saturday the milk producers of Ontario decided to charge the dairymen \$1.30 per eight-gallon can from May 1 to Nov. 1. The retail dealers held a meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to refuse to pay more than \$1.25 a can during the summer months. It now remains to be seen whether the producers will accept the retailers' offer or hold out for the extra five cents per eight gallons of milk.

The Financial Situation

The German menace, in so far as war between Britain and Germany, is now out of immediate calculation. Germany must have peace because she can't get money for a great struggle. Peace means better business conditions. But money is not to be had there just now.

Southeastern Europe is being compassed, the fighting is about over, peace will soon be proclaimed and financial and industrial regeneration for that distracted quarter of the earth is fairly under way.

Coming to this continent: A nervous condition of affairs prevails in the United States, based largely on the tariff changes that will begin to shape up in congress on and after April 7. But these changes are being discounted now. The American factories will soon adapt themselves to holding their business under the new conditions. The losses by the floods, while they are real, will rather stimulate trade. There is plenty of money in the States. Wall street, an enormous drain on the country, is soon to be regulated, even perhaps wiped out. Business would be better were that so. The crop production of the United States is the most reliable of any country in the world. A good crop and settled tariff conditions will reassure the Americans for years, confidence.

In Canada, the wheat fleet, the largest number of loaded vessels ever tied up in Port Arthur, will be released in a fortnight and millions of money will be set in circulation from their cargoes and from the wheat stored in the elevators that will immediately follow out after it.

The Canadian Pacific will spend many millions from now on in construction. A lot of it will be in Ontario; more in the west. They have all their money now in hand. The Canadian Northern has big plans for construction expenditures and hopes to have the wherewithal in a few months. The Grand Trunk Pacific is also to be a big spender.

Ontario will attract more money from England this year than any other province. Toronto will see the biggest year in building and in railway improvements. The money stringency here is as marked as it was a month ago, but a fortnight's good weather will see credit's easter.

We can at least hope for an average crop all over the Dominion; a bumper one will stimulate the Canadian west. Things will soon be a lot better. They will get better when those who have credits to sell begin to market them. Credit and confidence are both in sight. Ontario is to be the great centre of Canadian activity.

Lloyd George's Frankness Averts Vate of Censure on Government

(Special Cable to The World).

LONDON, March 28.—(Copyright.)—Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, presented his case before the Marooned investigating committee today with convincing frankness. Even the Unionists confess he fascinated the committee, and it is significant that tonight the Unionist leaders abandoned the idea of moving a vote of censure on the government over the deal in American Maroons. Lloyd George explained all the circumstances of his purchase, its motive and results with perfect openness and candor, challenging anyone to prove there was a suspicion of corruption in the transaction, admitting that its judgment might be questioned.

There was a touching moment when, referring to his position as a struggling solicitor, before getting what the splendid salary of a cabinet minister, his eyes filled with tears, and there was a silence until he controlled himself and proceeded with his statement.

In the house of commons lobby tonight the opinion was generally expressed that Lloyd George left nothing for his cross-examiners.

SPRINKS' HOTEL TURKS SUFFER BADLY DAMAGED HEAVY LOSSES

Fire Broke Out at One O'Clock This Morning—Firemen Hampered by Wires. Gained Number of Positions, But Bulgars Shot Down 2000 Men and Captured Guns.

Shortly after one o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Grand Opera House. Patrol sergeant Roburn discovered the blaze and with Constable Meade forced the front door. The two officers rushed to the third story of the building, which is used for hotel purposes, and gave the alarm. The greatest difficulty was experienced in arousing the occupants of the rooms, mostly theatrical people. About a dozen chorus girls escaped into the street with only their night clothes on. When the fire brigade arrived it took nearly five minutes to raise a ladder to the building. The mass of wires hampered the firemen to such an extent that the flames illuminated the sky. Fully a dozen wires had to be cut before the extension ladders could be brought into play. The lives of men and horses were endangered by the jumping wires. It was after two o'clock when the fire was declared Sprink's Hotel, which was damaged by fire, smoke and water.

Special Cable to The World. LONDON, March 28.—(Copyright.)—The Times correspondent at Constantinople cables under date of yesterday: "As a result of the past week's operations, the Turkish forces at Tchatalja now occupy exactly the same position as they did when the armistice of Dec. 3 was signed and have lost a considerable number of killed and wounded in the bargain. "In a series of minor engagements the Turks had gained a number of positions on the Bulgarian front at a cost of about 2000, including thirty to forty officers. On the night of March 23, however, the Bulgarians attacked Kadisuevi and Sivassekui in great numbers and got in with bayonet scald expelled the Turks from the positions at the same time attacking the Turkish centre near Akalan and Indjeliski, forcing it to give way.

"Reinforcements were hurried up from Tchatalja, but the Turkish advance lines, composed originally of some eighteen battalions with cavalry, were in full retreat by midday on Tuesday. The reinforcements were unable to make headway against the artillery fire brought to bear upon them from the captured positions. "The losses at Sivassekui and Kadisuevi were relatively heavy. There is back upon Derkos Lake, were captured.

Guns Captured. "The fugitives from the village of the station and captured the train on Tuesday afternoon, but were prevented from further advance by the guns of the British line. It is also reported that nineteen guns were captured by the enemy, but confirmed the advance guard seems to have been taken by surprise by the sudden offensive and unexpected strength of the enemy and lost considerably before it could regain its full retreat. "The minimum estimate gives the losses from Monday to Wednesday at about 5000, including more than thirty officers.

The committee of the powers are disappointed and fear the recent Bulgarian successes may force the powers to accept a compromise between their proposals and the terms of the Balkan League. Such a compromise must be unfavorable to Turkey. In the meantime the fighting against the committee and the authors of the coup d'etat is running high. "The London Chronicle's Constantinople correspondent telegraphed today saying it was reported that 10,000 Turks were surrounded and captured. The plight of the army, he adds, looks serious.

THOUSANDS ARE STILL MAROONED IN CENTRAL DISTRICT OF DAYTON BUT FEW DEAD BODIES ARE SEEN

Albany Floods Are Subsiding

ALBANY, N.Y., March 28.—Reaching the highest point in its history when the freshest record registered 22 feet 4 inches at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the flood waters of the Hudson have been receding at the rate of about an inch an hour tonight, bringing assurance that the most alarming period is past.

Relief is being extended to residents of Rensselaer, Cohoes and Watervliet, where the losses will total many thousands of dollars.

At the end of what has been a most trying day, Albany is in partiality with electricity, because the Spier Falls plant, which supplies the city with electricity, is under water. "Business along sections of Broadway has been suspended and factories situated in the flooded district have closed down, throwing hundreds out of work. Part of the Union Station is under water and trains both east and westbound are from 5 to 10 hours late. With the trolley service all but out of commission, every manner of conveyance from one horse business wagons to touring cars and automobiles have been pressed into service.

Intrepid Life Saving Crews Navigate Hitherto Unexplored Areas and Report Great Suffering Exists in North Dayton and Riverdale—Inquiries Show Loss of Life Less Than Feared.

WEST DAYTON, O., March 28.—(Can. Press.)—Members of the United States life-saving crew of Louisville, who navigated along sections of flooded Dayton heretofore unexplored, returned today at noon, reporting conditions in North Dayton and Riverdale quite as deplorable as the first estimates concerning suffering of the people.

Thousands Still Imprisoned. "After having descended the Miami River Capt. Gilhooly reported that in the south central section of Dayton, where the flood flowed widest on Tuesday night and Wednesday, thousands of persons still were imprisoned in upper floors of their homes. He stated that from numerous enquiries the life loss would not be nearly so large as it was placed by first reports. The water was fast receding and a few corpses eddied out from the flooded edges of the city, and it was stated that only two bodies had been seen.

Food and Water Distributed. "Assisted by a representative of the Associated Press, Capt. Gilhooly and his men distributed food and supplies of drinking water to a large number of the flood's prisoners. Arrangements also were made to provide the needy ones with the necessary supplies from time to time until the flood waters have gone. "The crew launched their big boat in the Miami Canal, up which they cruised to Mad River, then on down Mad River to the Miami, and thence south to the Stewart street bridge, which is only a short distance from the Associated Cash Register plant, where hundreds of refugees are receiving care.

While the Louisville life savers were making their cruise, Captain H. Hanson and a crew of life savers from the Cleveland station were operating a number of boats in the heart of North Dayton, where a condition of veritable chaos exists. It was in that section in which five man of the poorer class, few of the buildings were substantial, and when the fury of the Miami and Mad River's floods combined in a seething maelstrom dozens of the residences accumulated. Two representatives of the Associated Press made a trip into the heart of North Dayton during the forenoon and saw more than a score of frame houses upturned and shattered long distances from where they originally had stood.

It was expected that the two life saving crews would continue their efforts to-day. Although the opinion generally was entertained that by that time the water would have subsided sufficiently to permit the exit of persons now marooned.

Search for Deaf. "In Riverdale, near the Main street bridge, the levee was out in three places today in an effort to drain that section.

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Opposition Discreetly Silent As to Rumored C.N.R. Loan Party Agreement Indicated

It Now Appears, However, That Amount Will Be Nearer Fifteen Than Forty Millions—Sympathy With Ohio Flood Sufferers Expressed—Barker's Recollections of Stirring Days Amuse House.

OTTAWA, March 28.—(Special.)—There was a slim attendance at the house today and several rambling discussions upon the motion to go into supply contained little of interest. The opposition asked a good many questions and discussed various subjects, but no one had anything to ask or anything to say about the rumored legislation for the relief of the Canadian Northern. This is significant as confirming the report that the legislation may become the subject of a bipartisan agreement. The talk tonight is that there will be a loan by the government, but that the amount of it will be nearer \$15,000,000 than \$40,000,000.

On the opening of the house Mr. Burnham (W. Peterboro) suggested to the prime minister that a resolution of sympathy should be passed in connection with the great floods in the neighboring States of Ohio and Indiana. Mr. Borden said he would consider the matter and at the same time voiced the sympathy of the government and the people of Canada with the "neighboring nation and our own kin and kin."

Laurier Learns Lesson. "Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the people of Chicago when asked after the great fire what could be done for them had replied, "Send all the business you can to us." He doubted if the sympathy of the government with the people of the United States would ever go to the length of being willing to trade with the sufferers.

Judge Doherty's bill amending the Dominion statutes so as to conform with the recent change in the judicial system of Ontario was passed, an amendment by Mr. Guthrie providing that the act should not apply to pending cases being voted down.

Mr. McCoig (W. Kent) urged the government to remove the duty upon traction ditchers and drainage machinery. Finance Minister White said the matter was under consideration and might be dealt with in his budget speech. Mr. Munson (W. Northumb.) raised a laugh at the expense of Mr. McCoig by remarking that if Canada could build Deadnought, she certainly should be able to manufacture drainage machinery.

Cost of Living. "OTTAWA, March 28.—(Special.)—Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, laid upon the table the report of his department for the year 1912, upon the cost of living. The report, he said, showed a general increase in the cost of products of six per cent. over 1911. Prices had fallen somewhat during the summer, but had regained their high level during the winter. There were phenomena presumably related to this problem such as the increased output of gold, which could only be grappled with by a world-wide investigation.

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An Interesting New Dance. "The dances as presented at the Princess Theatre by the Carle-Williams Company, bids to be very much more popular than the turkey trot. The theatre this afternoon will be visited by hundreds of Toronto ladies to see for themselves this new terpsichorean movement.

HAT VARIETY AT DINEEN'S. Saturday is a big hat day at Dineen's. The store is open until 10 o'clock this evening. The great advantage in buying a hat at Dineen's is that a man may find a variety to select from, greater than is usually available. W. & D. Dineen Company, Limited, 10 Yonge street, corner of Temple.

A FAVORITE FISHING PLACE



LIST OF DEAD IS SHRINKING

DAYTON, O., March 28.—(Can. Press.)—Flood waters receded sufficiently last night to show that the number of persons drowned in all the affected cities in Ohio and Indiana may not exceed five hundred. While many persons are still missing, the fact that relatives, investigations made to date indicated that many were saved who had been thought lost. In Dayton careful estimates placed the number of deaths at 200 or fewer. At a meeting of the undertakers asserted that the total might be 300. Relief work went on rapidly in Dayton and at Paris of the city were reached. "Columbus will have the next to the largest loss of life, sixty bodies having already been found in the inundated portion of West Columbus. "The Indiana total drowned receded to fewer than 50, distributed as follows: Peru, 20; Brookville, 16; Fort Wayne, 6; and Terre Haute, 4.

SUFFRAGE BILL UP ON TUESDAY

In response to a letter written on behalf of the women's societies of Toronto, Sir James Whitney has made it known that Mr. Studholme's bill granting provincial suffrage to women will be taken up on Tuesday afternoon. The premier has been charged with unwillingness to see the chamber invaded by the supporters of woman suffrage, but his prompt reply to the request of the societies discourages his alleged lack of chivalry. The debate will gain, not lose, in interest by a large attendance of the supporters of equal franchise.

FOOD SUPPLIES HELD UP BY FLOODS

More Than Five Million Dollars' Worth, Destined for New York, is Stalled, and Prices Have Been Advanced on All Food Now on Hand—Egg Handlers Make Big Clean-Up.

Special to The Toronto World. NEW YORK, March 28.—More than \$5,000,000 worth of food destined for New York—meats, poultry and dairy products for the most part—are now being held up in stalled freight trains between here and the Mississippi River. There are more than twenty miles of stalled eastbound freight trains in the flooded districts.

The agents of the Chicago-Kansas City-Omaha packers' combine have notified the local retailers that beef will go up a cent a pound wholesale. Practically no western beef arrived at New York today, and it was said that there is very little meat in the refrigerators here, with prospects of a "famine" unless railroad communication is re-established within a week. Butter was four cents a pound higher today at wholesale than on Thursday, and the cost at wholesale has advanced six cents a pound, or over three dollars a tub, since the Nebraska tornado.

There is no butter in cold storage, and the city is dependent on current arrivals of fresh goods from the west. Boston jobbers came here today and tried in vain to buy butter for New England. Some New York butter has been shipped to Pittsburg.

Extra Profit \$25,000. "The egg speculators put up the price of wholesale two cents. Since Monday the city has been subsisting on 10,000 crates of fresh eggs left over from the Easter season. Should more fresh eggs arrive by next Wednesday the food gamblers will have netted an extra profit of \$25,000 without having done anything but peddle out the stock they accumulated before the floods. "Poultry is unusually scarce. The supply at this season comes mainly from the west and southwest. "Pork is almost unobtainably scarce, and all salt and preserved meats are on the rise. They are shipped here principally by the beef trust, which uses the roads thru the districts now inundated.



JAUNDICED VISION. Jaff: Are ye no far Leaside, John? Duke John: Not while our sheets, thruout their daily haunt. Find Worlds in trees, WeFs in the running brooks, South Yorks in stones, Donlands in every thing.