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WAR BALLOON SUFFERS DAMAGE

Nulli Secundus in a Terrible Battle With the Wind

London, Oct. 12.—The Nulli Secundus, the military dirigible balloon, has been waiting in the grounds of the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham, since its flight over London on Oct. 5 for a favorable opportunity to return to Farnborough. A severe gale on Wednesday night caused the balloon to tug so heavily at its moorings that some of the stakes which held it were pulled out.

It rocked violently, heeled over dangerously and threatened to break loose. A number of men at work in the neighborhood of the balloon were restraining it. In the absence of Col. Cody and S. F. Cody the men in charge decided to deflate the balloon.

Mr. Cody, who designed the engine of the Nulli Secundus and steered it in its trip to London, says that had the balloon tried to continue the voyage to Farnborough instead of descending at the Crystal Palace it would have been its last voyage, owing to certain defects discovered on that occasion. Arrangements have been made for overcoming these defects in another airship, which will be constructed soon.

The damage to the Nulli Secundus can be easily repaired. It will be reconstructed and ready to sail again in a fortnight.

SNAKES AS PETS

Frogs, Toads and Lizards Also Bought to Amuse the Children.

London, Oct. 13.—Snakes are coming into great demand in this city as pets for society children, according to a dealer in animals. They are not expensive, the highest prices being about 7 shillings. Green frogs, toads and lizards of bright hues also are greatly favored and a large department store makes many sales in them.

As to dogs, the Pekinese and Japanese spaniels are still favorites, though Pomeranians are becoming popular.

Fox and Irish terriers are still great pets and the market is hardly able to keep up with the demand. This is attributed to their small size, which enables women to carry them in their arms on shopping tours.

200 BUFFALO ON WAY

Part of the Montana Herd Now in Canadian West.

Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 13.—The second shipment of buffalo from the wilds of Montana has arrived in Strathcona, and been transferred from the C. P. R. to the C. N. R. and sent on the way with all possible speed to Lamont. There were thirteen carloads of shaggy monsters, the number being in the neighborhood of 200. They are mostly cows and calves, but few bulls being in this shipment. It has taken nearly two months to round up the bunch on the Flathead reserve in Montana. They had the run of an enormous extent of territory, and the numerous deep ravines which exist in the country made it a most difficult undertaking. However, they were finally driven safely away in the cars at Ravalli, Montana. The remainder of the herd will come later.

BRITISH MAIL GROWS

The Low Postal Rate Increases Canada's Literature.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—That the increase in the number of British newspapers and magazines coming into Canada as a result of the reduction of postage is phenomenal, is borne out by the postoffice statistics of British mails coming into Canada by Canadian steamers for July and August.

The total increase in the number of mail bags from Great Britain during the months of July and August, as compared with the corresponding figures of 1906, is 145 per cent, the number for July and August, 1906, being 2,210 bags, while for the same months of 1907 there were 5,569 bags. In Toronto there were 379 bags received during July and August, 1906; during the same months of 1907 the number was 1,048, an increase of 66 bags, or 171 per cent. The increase in Montreal was from 420 to 1,064, that is, of 644 bags, or 153 per cent. During July, 1906, there were received at the Winnipeg office 481 bags of British mails by the Canadian steamers. For the corresponding months of 1907 the number has risen to 1,736. The increase is 1,255 bags, that is, 261 per cent of the number received in July, 1906.

BLAIR-RUSSELL STORY IS TOLD

Alleged Scheme To Steal Control of Parliament

GREAT THEFT OF THE SEATS

A Startling Charge Has Been Made By the Patriot of Dartmouth.

Montreal, Oct. 13.—The following is from the Dartmouth, N.S., Patriot, Oct. 5: In his Halifax speech at the Empire rink, R. L. Borden stated in plain terms that his seat had been stolen from him at the last general election by the wholesale use of money. Later on he uttered strictures on Hon. W. S. Fielding in reference to his election in Shelburne. These strictures aroused the ire of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and Dr. Pugsley, who have retaliated in kind. In fact, they carry the war into Africa by making various strong statements. They both refer to the formation of a huge campaign fund on the part of the Conservatives and undertake to connect R. L. Borden therewith. They infer that he was cognizant or a party to the raising of this fund and Dr. Pugsley says at least \$25,000 was used in one county in New Brunswick alone to corruptly carry the county in the election of 1904. Dr. Pugsley waxed hot in his remarks, and dared R. L. Borden to take him into court.

The newspapers generally believe he referred to what is called the Blair-Russell-Graham deal. The Toronto World seems to assume that Dr. Pugsley has an intimate knowledge of the deal and has expressed as much. This seemed to touch Dr. Pugsley in a raw spot, for he at once entered action for libel, at which the World rejoices, accepts the gauntlet so lightly thrown down, and welcomes the suit. The land will soon play. This Blair-Russell story has never been told by the press, for what reason is not known. The World hopes, with Mr. Pugsley's assistance to get at the bottom of it.

The Patriot purports telling the story current which has been told over and over again in back rooms with some slight variations by both Liberals and Conservatives, for the past three years. It is a wild old story, and if half of it is true it proclaims a moral and political degradation which is truly appalling.

The Story.
The story as told is that prior to the general election of 1904 several persons, of whom David Russell and Hon. A. G. Blair are generally said to have been the leading spirits, devised a plan to steal the election of that year. The plan was on a wholesale scale. No single counties were considered. It was on a scale grand in its conception and unique in its methods. It was planned on a scale suited to New York, Illinois, or Pennsylvania, where such things have been common. It was worthy the fertile brain of a Jay Gould or a Rockefeller, or the original scheme of a dozen such schemes which have succeeded in carrying a state in the interests of the railway magnates of United States, when they have captured the state legislatures, the judiciary and everything which stood in their way.

Press Purchased.
The first move was to get control of a large section of the press. No little papers like the Patriot were for a moment thought of. The plan included such papers as the Montreal Star, La Presse, of Montreal, French-Canadian, paper of immense circulation. The greatest of all papers in Canada, and of unbounded influence in Quebec province, the St. John Telegraph and several others of equal importance. This part, it is believed, was accomplished chiefly through the efforts of Dave Russell. This was to be accomplished and kept a close secret. About a week before nomination day he was to leave his party, he had already resigned his portfolio as minister of railways it will be remembered, and came out with a vigorous denunciation of the Liberal and started the connection with the Pacific Scandal, which put Sir John A. Macdonald down and out. His denunciation was to be a genuine bomb shell, and it is said it would create consternation among the Liberals and startle the country. This, he has already been stated, was to occur a few days before nomination day. But in the meantime some really fine work was to be done. The syndicate behind the scene had a large fund to draw from. Out of this fund the papers mentioned were to be purchased and agents were to approach and purchase some twenty-five of the Liberal candidates in Quebec Province.

Wholesale Purchase of Candidates.
These men were to go on campaign as usual, but when Blair made his disclosures the papers mentioned, which had been purchased, as stated, were to break away, come out in glaring headlines, and denounce the Laurier Government. The disclosures would, of course, be sufficient grounds for the candidates to fall to make good on nomination day. If they failed in filibustering their nomination papers on the last day, it would be too late to put in others, and, of course, the twenty-five seats would go to the Conservatives by acclamation. This would be a stunning blow, making a difference of fifty in a vote. In itself, would seal the fate of the Government, for the moral effect on the country at large and the loss of the loose vote, which always wants to vote on the winning side, would certainly lose the Government several more seats. This, under ordinary circumstances, was enough to settle the results of the elections, but the men manipulating the deal were not to stop there. They had lots of money, it seems, to put

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