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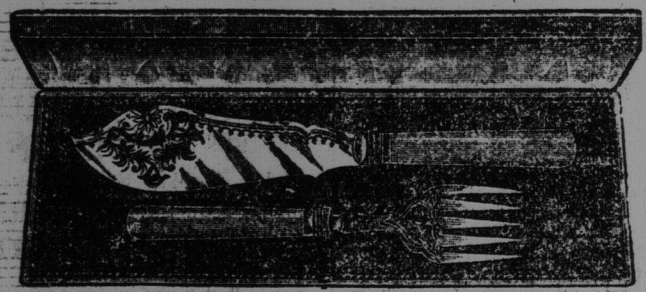
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PREPARING FOR THE DAYS OF AERIAL NAVIGATION

France Making Plans for the Work of Various Departments of the Government When Airships are Used by Everyone.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial navigation will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting in the various branches of public service, the solution of any new problems which the revolution will entail. Capt. Ferber of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with the British government with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles today. In the next year he is convinced there will be battles between foillias of airships.

"Human matters" the air said to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise, in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking the greatest care to prepare for it. The customs service present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrolling will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border. The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities for crime that will be afforded by the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anachronisms to be done by men, but whole cities, with the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground. In war the intelligence service will be entirely changed. The aerostatic divisions and armed airships will guard the bivouacs of armies. Captain Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium as the principle of flight, that is area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the dominating of the air at present by balloons and birds was only obtained as a result of slow process of evolution comparable in a way to the evolution of the present means of flight.

MIX UP IN NAMES IN A NEWARK WILL CASE

Husband, After the Death of His Wife, is Trying to Straighten Out the Tangle.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 19.—Sue brought by John Dolan to prevent the probating of the will of his wife, Mary, who died in New Haven, Conn., leaving an estate valued at \$80,000, revealed a peculiar tangle of names when the proceedings were begun in orphan court today. John McCollough, a Newark saloon keeper and principal beneficiary of the will, during his examination declared that although he had conducted his saloon for a number of years under the name of McCollough, he kept a bank account under the name of John Dolan. McCollough testified further that the correct name of the testator was Mary Dolan, nee Togie, but that she had been known in New Haven both as Nellie Fisher and Nellie Burns. Counsel for Dolan raised the question of the identity of the woman who died. He said that the correct name of the woman's husband was John Dolan. The name of the testator signed to the will was Dolan.

IN THE CIVIL COURT.  
Among the civil court cases this morning was one of interest, in which E. B. Mills of Hamilton, Ont., sued a well known local grocery firm for the sum of \$20. Mr. Mills represented the Merchants' Protective and Collecting Association, and claims that the grocery firm owe \$20, while the firm asserts that they paid the association in full and cancelled any further business. D. Mullin, K. C., is in behalf of the plaintiff, and W. H. Treisman for the defense.

Some time ago Mr. Mills was the plaintiff in a case against the Montreal Witness, when he sued that paper for \$10,000 on an alleged libel. The court's decision was given in favor of the newspaper. This morning's case took up considerable time in the city court. Mr. Mills gave evidence and produced letters from the St. John firm acknowledging the debt to be in a fine condition was good, but a later letter announced that any further business between the association and the firm was at an end. The case was adjourned until this afternoon at three o'clock.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN HAS LOST HIS MEMORY

His Bodily Health is Otherwise Good—Overtook His Strength During Birthday Celebration.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from London says: "The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain owing to Government and other ailments has been constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebrations in honor of his 70th birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past became a blank to him and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired his memory is gone."

GRAIN ELEVATOR IN WATERBURY BURNED

Loss Is \$55,000—Big Lumber Yard Had a Narrow Escape  
WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 19.—The feed and grain elevator of the Platt Mills Co., located on Benedict street, was gradually destroyed by fire. The fire which started in the top of the structure from some cause not yet explained, has been burning since 11 o'clock. It is estimated, will be about \$55,000, with insurance of about \$30,000. The entire city department was called out to cope with the blaze, which was located in the heart of the wholesale district and adjacent to large lumber yards. The firemen worked desperately to prevent the spread of the fire, and the efforts, aided by the wind, were successful in confining the flames to the building in which it burned. It was an hour's fight to bring the fire under control and it was three hours from the time the alarm was turned in before it was deemed safe to send part of the fire fighting force from the scene.

The stock in the elevator consisted largely of hen food and grain and this, said O. G. Camp of the company, was not replaced for less than \$15,000 or \$20,000, while the building suffered damage of about \$40,000. Mr. Camp's son George stated that when he left the building tonight shortly before the fire broke out, the thing was all right, so far as he knew.

BOOKMAKERS WERE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

DEBHAM, Mass., Dec. 20.—The case of Albert Rosenthal, of Hartford, Conn., and F. J. Sullivan, of Boston, who were arrested on a Readville race track last August charged with selling pools were sent to the Supreme Judicial Court on a statement of facts, but not until Judge Dana, of the Norfolk Superior Court had ordered a quicky empaneled jury to return a verdict of guilty in both cases. When the men were arrested during the Grand Circuit Week former Attorney General Parker was retained as counsel, and he made a strong argument for their release on the ground that a recent decision of the legislature permitted the conduct of pool selling under certain conditions. All four, however, were held for the Supreme Court. It is expected that the decision of the Supreme Court will have a material effect on harness racing in this state.

THIEVING SCHOOL GIRLS SENT BAKG THE GOODS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Following reports of numerous thefts in a dormitory of Washington Seminary at Washington, the principal yesterday announced that the young women in that section of the building would not be permitted to leave for the Christmas vacation until they and their rooms had been searched. Scarcely had the teachers begun the unpleasant duty, when the stolen jewelry and articles were surreptitiously returned to their owners and the search was discontinued. The students of the school left last night for their homes, many expressing somewhat hysterical over their experience.

True Blue Lodge, No. 31, L. O. A., Jeffrey Boys, met last evening. The officers were installed by Deputy Copy Master J. King Kelly, as follows:—R. J. Anderson, W. M.; W. J. Smith, W. D. M.; D. McLeod, chaplain; D. Belyea, R. S.; J. McLeod, F. S.; Geo. Kilpatrick, treasurer; S. Ferguson, D. C.; J. B. M. Baxter, P. W. M.; S. Sewell, O. T.; J. Howard, rector, and D. Thomas, I. T. The reports read showed the lodge to be in a fine condition in every way.  
Thorne Lodge, No. 258, I. O. G. T., at Tabernacle hall, Haymarket square, at 8 p. m.

GALVESTON WILL NOT DIG OUT THE CHANNEL

Mr. Cowie Reports the Dredge Not Suited for this Work.  
Letter from Hon. Mr. Brodeur to the Mayor—Engineer Peters Holds a Different Opinion

Mayor Sears received a letter from Hon. Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, this morning. It was a reply to the communication sent some time ago, asking that the dredge Galveston be allowed to do some work at the approach to the harbor. In his letter, the minister states that he is well aware that the channel at the entrance to the harbor needs dredging. He has received word from Mr. Cowie, who has been superintending the work at the I. C. R. pier, that the Galveston is not capable of dredging at the channel, as she is a suction dredge, and the bottom there is very hard. Hon. Mr. Brodeur's letter goes on to say that the Galveston will remain here for the winter, and after she has finished work at the I. C. R. pier, she will be at the service of the city.

The minister intimated in his report that a dredge especially constructed for that style of work should be procured for the channel digging. A number of civil officials, talking over the matter, thought that the bed of the channel was not so very hard. Engineer Peters, who well understood such matters, was seen. He stated that the channel, to the best of his knowledge, was covered with gravel. Under this, he thought the material was soft. It may be that the Galveston is not capable of removing the coating of gravel, and for this reason Mr. Cowie reported the dredge unfit to do the work. The communication was made known to Engineer Sheehan, and it is not yet known what course will be taken.

ZION MUST BE SOLD TO PAY THE CREDITORS

Dowie's Criminal Mismanagement Brought About a Serious State of Affairs  
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of creditors in the Zion city estate last night, receiver John C. Hatley reported that the Zion city estate was in a serious state of affairs. Immediate arrangements were made for selling the entire property. Many of the creditors said they are in absolute poverty. Others are borrowing to meet living expenses and are approaching financial ruin. The fact that winter has arrived makes the crisis sharper.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION CAUSES SEVERAL DEATHS

SAVANNAH, Dec. 19.—By the explosion of dynamite in the fireworks factory of Joseph Carbo and John Niva, Italians, tonight, one fireman was burned to death, another was fatally injured, an assistant fire chief and another fireman were seriously and probably fatally injured. The proprietors were painfully burned and a boy was injured on the face by flying debris and severely hurt. Carbo and Niva were counting torpedoes and, when they were about to drop one, it exploded and caused the explosion of the rest.

PROMINENT STEEL COMBINE MAN DEAD

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Henry M. Gray, brother-in-law of President W. E. Corey of the United States Steel corporation and one of the "Junior Partners" of Andrew Carnegie, died at Wilkesburg last night. Mr. Gray was master roller of the Homestead Mills at the time of the strike in 1892, later becoming connected with the first mill in the country to make armor plate. He there was associated with Mr. Corey and Chas. M. Schwab, all figures in the congressional investigation of the furnishing of armor plate to the Government in 1894. He also made several important inventions.

JEFFRIES DRAWS THE COLOR LINE

TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 19.—James J. Jeffries today was selected as referee of the Gans-Ferman fight. The articles of agreement gave the Casino Athletic Club the right of selection if the principals could agree. Jeffries has accepted.  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—James J. Jeffries today said that he would agree to fight Tony Burns if a \$50,000 purse was provided. He would not, he said, make a match with Jack Johnson, a colored pugilist, for any sum.  
A concert will be held in the Tower school, Lancaster, this evening. An interesting programme will be given by the pupils of the school.

THE POWER OF THE PEERS ENGLAND'S GREAT QUESTION

The Struggle Which Began in the Education Bill Debate Will be a Sharp One—No New Election Just Now.  
DEPARTING SERVANTS HELPED THEMSELVES  
Chicago Liquor Dealer's House Robbed of Jewels Worth \$15,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Silver plate, diamonds and jewelry, valued at \$15,000, were stolen yesterday at the Hinsdale residence of Charles V. Stein, of the Stein Bros. wholesale liquor dealers. The booty was packed into one of Mrs. Stein's trunks and carried away. Simultaneously with its disappearance, two of the Stein servants, a man and his wife, who were engaged to work about a month ago, are said to have left hurriedly. The robbery occurred during absence of the family which yesterday removed to its city residence, leaving the servants in charge.

BIG SHIPPING COMPANY ORGANIZED IN JAPAN

Has a Capital of One Million—To Establish Numerous Foreign Services.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Tokio to the Times says:—A new shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of 150,000 tons. Its capital is \$1,000,000 of which half represents the value of the existing fleet. The remainder is to be devoted to building new ships. The company intends to establish services to Formosa, Hokoiko, Java, Vladivostok, North China, Hong Kong, Manila, Hawaii, America, the South Sea and India.

TWELVE LIVES WERE LOST IN STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION

Section of the Boiler Cut Through a Mast and Landed Two Hundred Yards Distant.  
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 20.—Details of the packet Scovell explosion place the number of the dead at twelve, four whites and eight negroes. A part of the boiler after cutting through a mast continued on its flight for 200 yards plunging to the earth for fifty feet. The body of Lovell Yerger, was found on the bank beneath a log which had crushed out his life. Under the same log was the body of a negro with whom Yerger had been talking.

A BAD DERAILMENT ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

(Special to the Star.)  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Gen. W. West, one of the leading lawyers of the west, died yesterday after a long illness.  
BRANDON, Dec. 20.—A serious wreck occurred on the C. P. R. at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, one mile west of Elva, on the Estevan branch. Train No. 47, bound from Estevan to Brandon, struck a broken rail while running along at medium speed, which caused the engine, baggage, second and first class coaches to leave the rails. The engine ploughed through the ditch and up the embankment and landed in a big snow drift in a farmer's field, completely off the right of way. The only cars left on the rails were the tourist, express and mail. The engine was badly broken, and the tender completely smashed, while the rails were torn up for some distance. There were about 150 passengers on board, but a bad shaking up no one was hurt.

TROUBLE ON THE GALVESTON

There was considerable trouble on board the government dredge Galveston last evening, and it was found necessary to call on the police to preserve order. A number of the crew were quite drunk and with loud talk and fighting there was a lively time. One of the engineers was assaulted and received a severe cut on the head. He had to be patched up by the captain of the dredge. One of the drunken crew was afterwards arrested on a Sheffield street.

WEST INDIA LINER ARRIVES

The Pickford and Black steamer Olenda, Captain Bridges, arrived and docked this morning from Demerara, Barbados and Bermuda, with a good cargo of mails and the following passengers:—Saloon—A. B. Glen and B. Lawson, from Barbados for St. John; Brigadier W. J. E. Turner, C. A., and Captain Emery, S. A., from Bermuda, for St. John. In the second cabin were Captain Spears from Antigua, for St. John; Miss R. Weston from Antigua for Toronto; M. Briscoe, C. Rogers from Antigua for Toronto, and I. Hart, from the same place for Walkerville, Ont.

The Struggle Which Began in the Education Bill Debate Will be a Sharp One—No New Election Just Now.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—There will be no dissolution of parliament as a result of the action of the House of Lords in defeating the Government's education bill. Although the rejection of this bill, the main Liberal measure of the session, is the most serious vote yet since Campbell-Bannerman's cabinet has yet suffered, it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country. Whether the Government could now successfully appeal to the nation on the education bill is the question on which many Liberals are in doubt. The only immediate effect of the step taken by the Upper House, therefore, will be to give an enormous impetus to the radical agitation in favor of curbing the veto powers of the peers and to furnish the non-conformists with a new gun and ammunition in their fight for the disestablishment of the Church of England. There is today widespread impression that a purely secular education bill means are possible to prevent the Lords from nullifying prolonged labors of the Commons and to clear their veto of measures passed twice by the lower house. It is the general view of politicians that the peers have entered into a constitutional struggle embracing much more than the education bill. The Liberal promise that there shall be no recession of the fight until the constitutional issue is settled as to whether the Liberal party is to be forever checked by the "standing committee" of the Tory peers.

King Edward today received the premier at Buckingham Palace. It is understood that his Majesty wished to be fully informed regarding the cabinet's views of the political situation as affected by the education question.

THE EDWIN HUNT IS REPORTED SAFE

She Has Been Four Months on the Passage from Boston to Chester  
BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Shipping men in this city were much relieved today to learn that the Bath, Maine, schooner Edwin H. Hunt, which sailed from Chester, Pa., by way of St. Ann's, Cape Breton, had been making in the vicinity of Bermuda slowly making her way back to the coast after being missing since October 20th. The Hunt has been a trifle over four months in making her voyage of less than two thousand miles, which is about the time of an ordinary trip from New York to San Francisco. The Hunt had been in the city to St. Ann's last fall required 45 days, while the Hunt has been 78 days in her voyage across the coast and is still at sea somewhere off the Delaware Capes.

NOTORIOUS BURGLAR RELEASED SECOND TIME

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Wm. E. Kelly, one of the most noted jewelry robbers in this state, and who gained notoriety while in state prison by leading six other prisoners to break jail while crawling through a sewer, was released today by the governor's council on parole. Kelly was serving a fifteen year sentence for robbing a jewelry store on Cornhill in this city which he accomplished by the unique method of whitewashing the front windows and then after crawling through the transom clearing the store out of its jewelry. Kelly was paroled a year ago, but broke his agreement and was forced to return to prison.

THEIR MANY FRIENDS WILL BE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT—

TEHRAN, Persia, Dec. 20.—The shah maintained his strength fairly during the last 24 hours, and was able to sign some of the important state papers.  
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20.—King Oscar continues to make good progress toward recovery.  
CELEBRATED HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

HOLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stalker of Williamsburg celebrated the 75th anniversary of her birth last night. Among the telegrams of congratulations she received was one from President Roosevelt.  
TEXARKANA, Tex., Dec. 20.—The Bank of Horatio, Ark., was looted by two robbers yesterday afternoon. Several shots were fired at fleeing robbers, who escaped.