

Preparing For Giant Exhibition of Human Flight

NEW

MIDWINTER AVIATION FIELD AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

FIRST WINTER MEET OF FLYING MEN EVER HELD

It Will Take Place In The Shadow Of The Sierra Madre Mountains, Near Los Angeles, California.

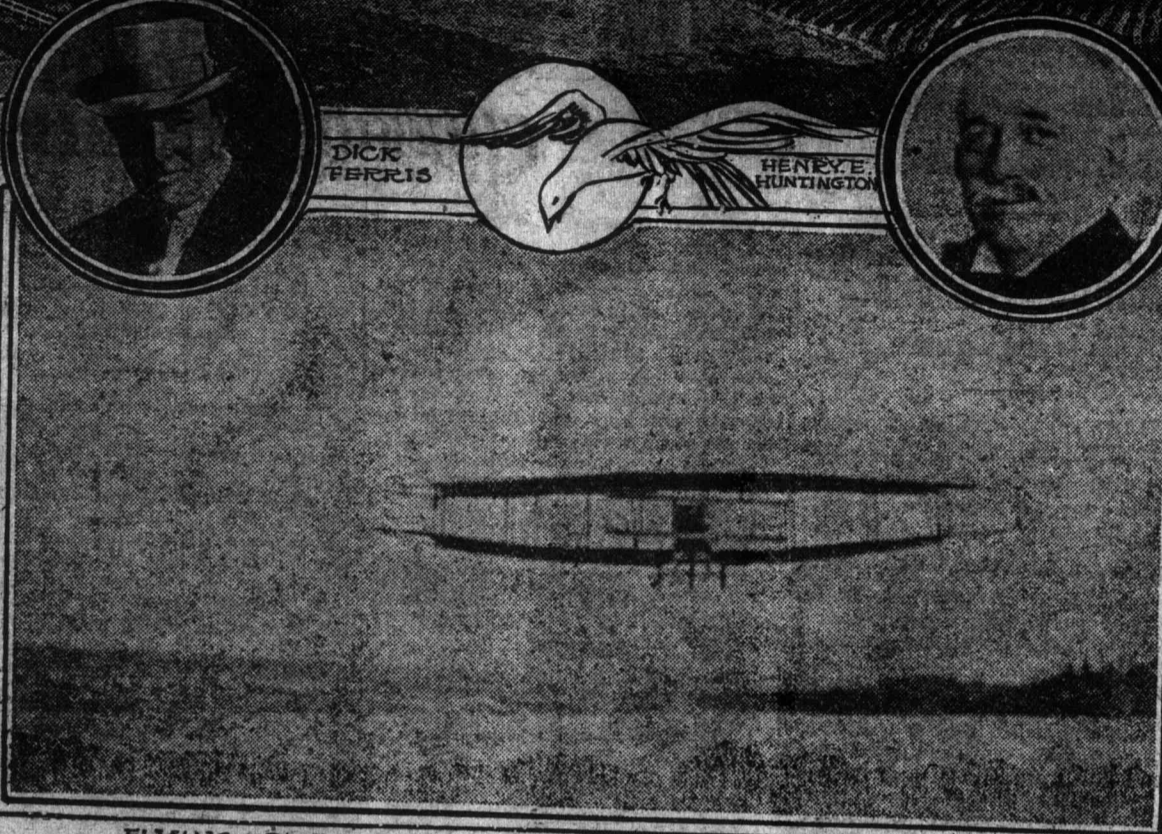
In the shadow of the Sierra Madre Mountains, near Los Angeles, Cal., the enterprising citizens of the Pacific coast are making ambitious plans for a great exhibition of human flight. It will be the first midwinter meeting of flying men ever held, and it produced an advertisement, which is the first aviation event of international character in this country.

It all came about in the way so many good things happen in Southern California in winter time. It was largely a matter of climate. If balmy air and sunny skies alone could draw multitudes of tourists, surely a great tournament of flying machines ought to increase that multitude many fold. Thus argued the business men of Los Angeles and the project was soon worked into shape and announced to the world.

Two essentials were required: first, a man with some knowledge of the aviation business to organize the event; and second, some one to supply the necessary funds. Mr. "Dick" Ferris, a well-known theatrical man, assumed the responsibility of organizer and general manager and promoter, and Mr. Henry H. Huntington, a wealthy street railway man, took upon himself the financial burden.

The spot selected for the arena is the one time celebrated Santa Anita race track, built by the late "Lucky" Baldwin, and situated within easy reach of the car ride of Los Angeles. It is situated near the foot hills of the Sierra Madre Mountains, with a great expanse of grassy plain over which the men might soar in summer atmosphere.

Mr. Huntington, it is said, at the first set contributed \$50,000 toward the event and soon added \$15,000 to his original donation, and the business men of the community to contribute a like amount. This, it is stated, was done so that the enterprise started off with a capital of something like \$150,000, and with the promise of as much more



FLYING OVER THE ICE AT DADDECK, CANADA.

showing of local aerial talent with so large a sum of money to work with, but when it came to tempting big flyers from across the ocean it was another matter. Nevertheless, by dint of much cajoling and the persistence of a capable agent on the other side, contracts were closed with three French aviators and one woman aviator, who have announced from the other side that they will sail for New York on Christmas Day. This French syndicate is composed of Mons. Paulhan, Mons. Mascarot, Mons. Malsion and the woman aviator whose name has not been announced.

As an evidence that the French flyers are surely coming, the following telegram from Mr. Edmund Clear, in Paris, to Mr. "Dick" Ferris, the promoter of the event, is given out at the Los Angeles publicity headquarters:

"I accept your proposition and guarantee the appearance of Paulhan, Mascarot, Malsion, a woman aviator and four mechanicals, with two cross-channel Bleriot machines and two of Paulhan's own machines. I don't think you realize the enormous cost of getting this shop out. Paulhan alone costs me \$150,000 for the American tour—actual contract, no show fake—therefore I am deeply involved. I can get other aviators on proportionate terms with an equivalent arrangement, but down here and half on appearance and fulfillment of contract at Los Angeles. I will advise as these are secured and will co-operate in every possible way to make your meet successful."

TROUBLE RAISES ITS HEAD.

Up to this point everything went along smoothly, and then a squall ap-

McCURDY AND BALDWIN MAKING RAPID HEADWAY

Flights Recall To Minds Of Aeronauts Everywhere That Canada Is A Leading Centre Of Aviation

foremost aviators of the world, are men without means sufficient to enable them to travel about the country and pay their own expenses, and they insist that they should be allowed to make contracts to give flights regardless of jurisdiction, prizes or conditions of the contest.

They contend that wealthy men of the country are not coming forward with sufficiently large prizes to tempt them, and that when a locality like Los Angeles raises sufficient money to guarantee their expenses and fair pay for their time it should be their privilege to accept these offers without incurring the displeasure and penalties that dictators of the sport see fit to administer.

Those interested in aeronautics all over the world are expecting that Los Angeles will prove an important test case, and many are predicting that whichever way the Aero Club of America shall decide there will soon be forged a strong federation of aero clubs in this country which will do away with the independence of the Aero Club of America and the International Federation. The Automobile Association of America, which represents a similar spirit of independence, is fostering this movement on the part of the aero club.

It's a long flight and a far cry from southern California to southern Nova Scotia but in these two places the human birds are showing the greatest activity at the present moment.

In California men will soon be buzzing over the flower-dotted plains, and in Nova Scotia two young aviators, Messrs. J. A. D. McCurdy and P. W. Baldwin, are making some very creditable flights over the ice of Baddeck Harbor. A few days ago Mr. McCurdy made a flight of eight miles in nearly zero weather. A week before that, in the presence of Earl Grey, Governor General of the Dominion, and Lord Lochele, he flew a mile in a blinding

NOTIONS ABOUT SLEEP.

One of the rudest acts in the eyes of a native of the Philippine Islands is to step over a person asleep on the floor.

Sleeping is with them a very solemn matter. They are strongly averse to waking any one, the idea being that during sleep the soul is absent from the body and may not have time to return if slumber is suddenly broken.

If you call upon a native and are told he is asleep you may as well depart.

To get a servant to rouse you, you must give him the strictest of orders. Then at the time appointed he will stand by your side and call, "Senor, senor," repeatedly, each time more loudly than before. He will return to the low note and again raise his voice gradually until you are fully conscious.

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News and Views of Religious World

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson 1, January 1
JOHN, THE FORERUNNER OF JESUS.
Matt. 3: 1-12. Commit verses 3, 8.
Golden Text—The voice of one crying in the wilderness, make ye ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.—Matt. 3: 3.

COMMENT ON THE LESSON.
As our lessons for some time to come are to be taken from the first Gospel it may be well to learn what we can concerning its author. He is usually spoken of as "Matthew the Publican," but in Luke, chapter 5, v. 27-28, he is called Levi. He was a Jew in the employ of the Roman Government, and appears to have been a prominent official in the customs department. As a despised first because of their serving a heathen power, and secondly, because of their generally exacting more than the law demanded, Matthew may have been better than his associates, and the readiness with which he responded to the Saviour's call to a nobler but less lucrative service, and the frank and manly manner in which he severed his connection with his old association, places him before us in a very favorable light. (Luke 5: 27-28). He was present at the Last Supper, was a cognizant of the events of the crucifixion, resurrection, and the ascension, and was a participant in the Pentecost. He appears in the New Testament records. His Gospel was written primarily for the Jews and probably between the years 30 and 60.

The words "in those days" probably refer to the earlier part of the year upon which Jesus entered upon His public career. John, the Baptist, son of Zachariah and Elisabeth, and second cousin of the Saviour, began his work

some six months previously. In the announcement of his appearance, in his attire, in his personal habits, in the character of his themes he dwelt upon, and in the terrible earnestness with which he delivered his message, taken in connection with the widespread belief, based upon Malachi 3: 1-6, that before the coming of the Messiah the prophet of fire would return to the earth to resume his work, it was not to be wondered at that people thought of him and the hero of Carmel were one and the same person.

But whoever they believed John to be, he knew he was neither Elijah nor the Messiah, but merely the one spoken of by Isaiah the Prophet as the forerunner, or preparer of the way for the coming of the long-expected One. He was a voice but the voice was of God, and to it they must give heed in order to enter upon the higher ministries and richer privileges of the era about to dawn. "I indeed," he said, "baptize you with water, but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" to purify or to consume.

"Repent ye," was the short, sharp, and specific demand made by this intrepid preacher, and such has been the demand made by every true reformer. To Pharisees and Sadducees, scribes and rulers, soldier and civilian, appeal made. But it was more than a call to half, meant more than "ceasing to do evil," fruits of sincerity had to be furnished, sorrow for the past was not enough, the better life had to be lived.

When John said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," he doubtless referred to the immediate establishment of the new order of things consequent upon the coming of the Messiah. While the Church of God has, in all ages and dispensations, been in all essential things the same, its forms and methods of administration have been modified to adapt it to changing conditions, as well as the terms and phrases by which it was designated. No reader of the New Testament can have failed to notice that while the Gospels speak of the Church" only twice (Matt. 18: 17;

18: 17) but of "the Kingdom" generally—Matthew alone thirty-six times—in the rest of the New Testament. "The Church" is the phrase employed, "the disciples" had been the individual followers of Jesus, now they became "the church," and their outward attitude was shown in being baptized, continuing in the Apostolic doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread and of prayers." To be "in the Kingdom" and not "in the Church" would seem to be a contradiction in terms, for if the Church has been organized, to do what cannot be done by the individual and if done at all must be done collectively, it is hard to see how any one so neglectful and disobedient can be "in the Kingdom."

One of the biggest gifts ever made to a Catholic charity is that of Charles M. Schwab last Saturday when he bequeathed to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of New York the magnificent parish at Richmond, Beach, Staten Island. The property is conservatively valued at \$2,000,000. While there is no specific reservation in the deed of gift, it is understood that the Sisters are to use it for the benefit of poor children of New York city.

GENERAL.
"All the Christian churches in England have only been able to raise \$10,000,000 this year," said the Bishop of Durham in a sermon at Westminster Abbey, "while \$700,000,000 have been spent in drink."

Rev. Evan Edwards, formerly pastor of a Baptist church at Upton, Wales, recently preached his seven thousand ninth hundred and eighth sermon, speaking from his old pulpit, without a note, at the age of ninety-four.

A simultaneous revival campaign among the Baptist churches of Nashville, Tenn., has had remarkable success. Six hundred conversions and four hundred additions to the fifteen churches have been reported. The city press pronounces it the most successful revival in point of results in the history of the community.

ary 5, on which occasion the prayer will be offered up by Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Deane, Bishop of Springfield. He will do so on the invitation of Hon. Daniel D. Mahoney of Holyoke, who is the oldest senator-elect, will call the members to order and preside until the election of a president.

Bishop Deane is the first Catholic prelate to be thus honored by either branch of the legislature of Massachusetts. Last year, at the opening of the house of representatives, the prayer was said by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Thomas Griffin, D. D., pastor of St. John's church, Worcester, at the invitation of Hon. James H. Mellen of that city.

Rt. Hon. Sidney Buxton, U. S. postmaster general, reports \$250,000 periodicals were forwarded to Canada during the year ending March 31.

Preachers do accomplish something in the way of practical reform sometimes, even though there is a widely accepted humor to the contrary. A certain young Methodist minister of Toronto convinced himself that a certain performance at a certain rather ill-favored theatre was indecent and immoral, by himself witnessing the performance. Then he appeared before the police magistrate and gave detailed and convincing evidence, a conviction and fine following. The minister's name is Rev. John Coburn, pastor of Parliament street church. And it is not the first time he has hit the devil of indecency on the head, nor does he propose to make it the last.

One of our contemporaries, referring to piety in the home, declares that "many a wife would need to go to the prayer meeting to learn that her husband enjoys entire satisfaction. Many a husband would be surprised could he hear the religious professions his wife makes, as only by the church records do the children know that mother and mother have renounced the world, the flesh and the devil." This may be putting it pretty strongly, and yet it would not hurt any of us to

The London Baptist tells us of a Baptist church in England which is older by a hundred years than the Established Church in the same place—St. Mary Magdalen—and therefore "claims precedence." It was at a camping place of Cromwell's army where many of the people of the neighborhood were attracted by the services of the "Palm-singing soldiers." When the army departed, one of the chaplains stayed behind and organized a Baptist church. That was several years after the Baptists of London put forth their declaration of faith.

An English syndicate is excavating at the Pool of Sion, near Jerusalem, with the object, it is understood, of discovering King Solomon's Temple, the Ark of the Covenant, Aaron's rod, the seven branched golden candle-brush or other treasures which, contrary to experts, some people believe to be buried in the neighborhood of the city. The moving spirit of the enterprise was in the first instance a Finnish engineer, who claimed to have found in the Taimud a cryptogram affording a clue to the hidden treasures of King Solomon's Temple. Having obtained the necessary permits from the Turkish government, who deputed two members of the Turkish parliament to act as supervisors, the syndicate started work about three months ago.

There remain unclaimed, it is estimated, \$2,000,000 in coin, \$6,000,000 in bonds and other securities and \$1,000,000 worth of jewels recovered from the ruins of Moesia. Besides this there is a further deposit of 100 strong boxes and 4,000 sealed packages, known to

question our own lives to see if we belong to this type. Possibly our religion is not quite as good as home as it is in church, yet the home is the real test.

Reginald Campbell's "New Theology" had a short career, as it deserved. It was merely tinged a corner of the pulpit and predictions that the whole church would be revolutionized, it failed to awaken more than a momentary interest. Now, when it is mentioned, a man is apt to reply, Oh, yes, now you speak of it, I recall it. It is Campbell trying to do anything with it, now. In a recent interview Rev. J. H. Jewett, the eminent English Congregational minister, said: "Campbellism has merely tinged a corner of the church, and Congregational ministers are almost altogether untouched by the recent utterances of the City Temple."

The women of the Methodist churches in this country have collected and disbursed \$1,900,000 for home and foreign missions during the past year. In addition to this they raised more than \$2,000,000 to be expended by other boards.

CORDWOOD COUNSEL FEE.
A Barton county farmer sought advice from a Golden City attorney about suing his wife for divorce. "The ground that she did not agree with me to a horse trade he had made," the attorney advised him, and the farmer agreed to pay him for it in cordwood. A few days later the wife and one of the little children were to town with the first installment of the wood and unloaded it in the lawyer's shed.—Kansas City North Star.

THE COLOR SCHEME.
"Why do some lawyers carry green bags?"
"In some instances they expect to bring that kind of game."—New York

contain valuable, which have not been opened, representing at least \$4,000,000. The total of \$13,000,000 does not include the treasures from the cathedral, churches and vaults of banks. The vaults were excavated and were in some instances found chipped in the dead hands of unidentified men and women.

A young preacher, who possessed none of the qualifications of a preacher, except confidence, perpetrated the following: "Yes, my friends, the mind of man is so expansive that it can soar from star to star, and from satoshelle to satoshelle, and from seraphim to seraphim; and from ethereal to ethereal, and from ethereal to ethereal. This is affectionately commended to the wandering stars of the pulpit."

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