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CELEBRATED AVIATOR IS NEAR DEATH

Vedrine, Noted French Birdman, Was Fatally Hurt Today

SOUGHT NEW RECORD

Was to Fly From Brussels to Madrid in 24 Hours—Accounts Differ as to Nature of Accident, But His Skull is Fractured

Paris, April 28.—Julius Vedrine, the most famous and most popular aviator of France, is probably fatally injured as a result of a fall with his monoplane this morning at St. Denis, a suburb of Paris, while flying from Douai in the department of the Nord, to Madrid.

Vedrine was ambitious of creating a new aerial record by flying from Brussels, Belgium, to Madrid, Spain, in twenty-four hours. He started from Paris last Thursday in his Dependable monoplane but, owing to motor troubles, declined not to proceed farther than Douai, a distance of about 117 miles, which he completed in one hour and forty minutes. This morning he had succeeded in getting his motor into proper working order again and decided to start on his flight from Douai to Madrid, where the population was preparing a great reception for him. He was seen flying over St. Denis, a northeastern suburb of Paris, where he made a rapid descent from a height of 800 feet.

Accounts differ as to the cause of the accident. Some of the spectators say that the monoplane struck telegraph wires along the railroad track and that Vedrine was thrown out of the machine onto the rails. According to another account, a passing train hit the monoplane, which was about to land to refuel a defect in his motor.

The aviator was found to have sustained a fractured skull. He was placed on a train and conveyed to Paris, where he was taken to a hospital and the operation of trepanning the skull was immediately performed but his condition is believed to be hopeless.

IT LOOKED LIKE VERY BAD FIRE IN MILTOWN

Three Houses Burned and Church and Five Others Catch

St. Stephen, N. B., April 28.—(Special)—What at one time threatened to be a disastrous fire occurred in Miltown this morning about ten o'clock. Two houses and a barn belonging to the Wellington Rose estate and Mrs. A. E. Dow's house in Church street were destroyed and five other houses and the Presbyterian church caught from flying cinders.

All the fire departments on the St. Croix responded and the fire was under control. The loss probably is \$3,000, with little insurance.

DALHOUSIE BABE BITTEN BY DOG; LIKELY TO DIE

Belliveau, N. B., April 28.—(Special)—The four months' old child of Alphonse Beliveau, while in its cradle, was so badly bitten by a neighbor's dog today that the little one is not expected to live. The dog was killed at once with an axe by a boy.

FUNERAL TRAIN TO PASS THROUGH HERE

Arrangements are being made for a couple of special trains which will be unique in the history of railroading in this country. They will be made up at Halifax to convey the bodies of the victims of the steamer Titanic to their last resting place. The two trains will pass through St. John and will probably go right through to New York.

The body of C. M. Hays, the late president of the Grand Trunk Railway will be conveyed to Montreal by a special train over the I. C. E. W. B. Howard, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., will leave tonight for Halifax to supervise the arrangements for the funeral trains.

THE WEATHER

Maritime Probabilities—Fresh north-west winds, fair and showery; in eastern districts Tuesday north and east winds, cold.

LECTURE ON SATURDAY. At a meeting of the executive of the Women's Canadian Club this morning at the home of the president, Mrs. E. A. Smith final arrangements were made for the lecture to be delivered on Saturday evening next by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, ex-minister of labor, who will speak on "Labor and Its Relation to the State." The lecture is to be given in Keith's.

Mrs. A. E. Williams and family, and her sister, Miss Dunbar, left Montreal last week for Quebec to spend the summer with Mrs. Williams' parents.

WELSH BILL LEAVES PROPERTY IN HANDS OF CHURCH AUTHORITIES

Terms of Disestablishment—One Effect Will Be to Unseat Four Spiritual Peers in House of Lords

London, April 28.—The Welsh disestablishment bill, which has passed its first reading, is not so drastic after all. It abolishes the connection between church and state and nullifies the ecclesiastical law in Wales but, differing from the French law, it leaves the cathedrals, churches, episcopal palaces and parsonages to the church, with all their money endowments since 1602 which have an income of \$80,000 a year, and also \$300,000 a year from the ecclesiastical commissioners and Queen Anne's bounty.

The total revenue to be administered by the parish, county or national ecclesiastical council of the amount taken from the church is \$805,000 a year, but moderate regard is paid to the rights of the church in Wales, where the vast majority are non-conformists. Included in the bill is the reform of the House of Lords by unseating four spiritual peers.

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TEN MILLIONS LOSS BY FIRE

Great Bazaar Quarters in Damascus Swept by Flames and Several People Killed

Constantinople, April 28.—The great bazaar quarters in Damascus have been destroyed by fire. Several people were killed and many injured, and the damage is estimated at \$10,000,000. The fire began at midnight on Friday and lasted until late on Saturday night.

Damascus, one of the holy cities of the Mohammedans, capital of the Vilayet of Syria, is noted among other things, for its numerous bazars. These are designated by the name of some particular trade or commodity. The bazaar quarters comprise long streets covered in with high network and lined with shops, villas, warehouses and cafes.

The Great bazaar, one of the largest, was rebuilt after its destruction by fire in 1892. In the middle of the bazaar is the house of Arafat Pasha, one of the handsomest in Damascus. There are many miles of these bazars, all of which are accurately fitted up.

J. S. ARMSTRONG IS ONE OF THE DELEGATES

Will Represent Canada at Congress on Navigation in Philadelphia

Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—(Special)—J. Simpson Armstrong of Fredericton, N. B., a member of the House of Commons, has been named as a delegate to the international congress on navigation at Philadelphia. The delegates will go over the Canadian canal after the American meetings.

PLANS OF BOARD OF TRADE ARE FRUSTRATED BY OFFICIALS OF UNION

Plymouth, Eng., April 28.—One hundred and sixty-seven survivors of the crew of the Titanic disembarked from the S. S. Lapland here on Sunday. Crowds of people on the docks and heights around the town witnessed the arrival of the steamer, and the landing of the small contingent that remained of the crew which had manned the great steamer of the White Star line.

The plans of the board of trade officials to detain the crew in barracks until the statements of all could be formally taken were frustrated through the action of President Lewis and other officials of the British Seafarers' union, the same organization which counselled the strike of the Olympic's crew. They advised the seamen that the board of trade had no power to confine them and that they should not submit to such treatment. After a few hours' detention, the men were given their liberty, although confined to the port.

TABLET IN MEMORY OF MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN

Ottawa, April 28.—With the Duke of Connaught officiating, a memorial tablet to the memory of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava was unveiled in St. Bartholomew's church on Sunday. The governor-general made a short speech. Rev. Canon Harrington was the officiating clergyman.

THE NEW SYSTEM

Some complaints arise under the new system of collecting of tickets by special men on the C. P. R. express trains between St. John and Halifax, instead of the work being done by the conductors as was formerly the case. A Times reporter was told today of three people who came to Halifax from abroad and had tickets via the Grand Trunk west. Instead of going north from Moncton they came to St. John and via C. P. R., getting as far as Fredericton Junction and thence being returned here. The same thing, it was reported, occurred on Friday last when three or four passengers ticketed Grand Trunk found themselves at McAdam.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROTEST AGAINST THE CHAIRMAN'S METHODS

Titanic Investigators Say They Will Resign Unless Smith Changes His Course

Death Ship Will Not Reach Halifax Until Tomorrow Morning—Coroner Has Certificates All Ready for Filling in of Names—Fund for Captain Smith's Widow and Daughter

(Canadian Press) New York, April 28.—A Washington dispatch to the New York Times says: "It became known today that the Titanic investigation committee's dissatisfaction with its chairman, Senator Smith, has risen to such a point that yesterday several members discussed offering their resignations from the committee."

This plan was abandoned because the discontented felt that Senator Smith is putting them in a false and ridiculous position before the world. It was first discussed among them on Friday. They decided that they would wait until the week was out and that if there had been no improvement in Senator Smith's methods, they would visit him in a body and resign, telling candidly why they were doing it.

The discontented senators who participated in this discussion are Burton, of Ohio, Bourne of Oregon, and Fletcher of Florida. None of the other senators, however, is at all pleased with the chairman's course, and the senators believe that their resignations would be followed by that of others.

Halifax, April 28.—The Mackay-Bennett death ship, "Irene" that will not dock until Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, as the weather is bad.

Documents giving details of "fundamental death" have been prepared in readiness for the coroner's jury which will inspect the bodies of the Titanic victims. The documents of the drowned will be filed in later, in cases where names can be ascertained.

Documents which will be used to identify the bodies of those bodies identified or unidentified, which will be buried in the cemetery. These headstones will bear a few words telling how the names were determined.

With feverish haste, White Star officials and their assistants this morning struggled to have everything in readiness for the arrival of the Mackay-Bennett with the Titanic bodies. The procession of the bodies on Saturday to take the bodies, went on unceasingly during the night and day, while at the docks, to which the Mackay-Bennett was ordered to tie up, preparations in the shape of temporary coffins for the bodies had not been established were installed.

A Matter of Expenses. Considerable animus was displayed against the White Star by a number of people here on the issue of directions to people how they could arrange for payment of the shipping charges for the bodies. It was stated to Manager Mitchell that this was not in line with the policy outlined by the board of trade, which the transportation of all bodies would be paid for by the White Star line. Mr. Mitchell said that the notice was issued here solely for the guidance of the crew, and that he had already said that they would take over the shipment of the bodies themselves.

Yesterday a message was received from Captain Carter of the Minis, which seemed to clear up a point as to whether the body of Charles M. Hays was being brought in on the Mackay-Bennett or not. Captain Carter sent a message confirming the previous report that his man had picked up the body of the president of the Grand Trunk. Howard G. Kelly, who is one of the party to claim Mr. Hays' body, said that he would wait here until the Minis arrived. In the meantime a special car is being appropriately draped. This car will carry back to Montreal the bodies of Mr. Hays and H. J. Allison, and those of Quigley Baxter, Thornton Davison and Victor Payne, if they are recovered.

The holding of indignation meetings of American citizens now seems to have degenerated into a means of passing away the time, which naturally hangs heavily upon their heads. Last night the relatives gathered in the Halifax Hotel, and during the general conversation, somebody asked what was to be done about the jewelry and money found in the clothes of the Titanic's dead. It was announced that in many cases the wealthy men on the ship might have been carrying thousands of dollars in their pockets.

When this point came up a query was addressed to the White Star Line officials, who said that all money and valuables would be taken care of by the company and handed over to the administrator of wills of the province of Nova Scotia, and when a proper claimant of the money was established it would be handed over by him. Applications for personal trunks etc. were made and refused. The indignation visitors then agreed that the company was acting too harshly. In vain the White Star officials urged that the private law must be respected. Criticism was heaped upon them until it was time for the visitors to retire for the night, one of them doing so expressing the opinion that he had spent a pleasant evening. The Nova Scotia government has promised to open negotiations with Washington with a view to a quick surrender to relatives of all valuables and money found on the bodies of United States citizens.

Last One to See Titanic. Long ago the captain of the Furness Line steamer Rappahannock, from Halifax, reports that his vessel was in the vicinity of the Titanic. This was on the night of April 13, when the deep noise of the liner's whistle caused him to stop and give her berth more room. There was a rain squall prevailing at the time and when it cleared up the Rappahannock found herself alone of the Titanic.

The Rappahannock reports that she ran into the ice and suffered considerable damage. Her rudder was twisted, her bows dented and she suffered other injuries. The captain says it is astonishing that Captain Smith of the Titanic should have struck the ice pack if he were eight or ten miles in advance of her.

Women's Tribute to Men of Titanic. Washington, April 28.—Mrs. William H. Taft, has given the first dollar to a woman's Titanic memorial which is proposed to be established in Washington to commemorate the men who went down with the ship. It is estimated that all states have been named, and no contributions will be accepted from men. Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. John Hay Hammon and others are interested.

Tablet for Marconi. New York, April 28.—A feature of the Titanic memorial is a tablet to be given to the Metropolitan Opera House this evening, for the benefit of the families of the Titanic musicians, will be the presentation of a handsome gold watch, which was given to the orchestra by the board of trade, which is in commemoration of the part played by wireless telegraphy in the rescue of the survivors. It will be presented to Wm. Marconi.

On his obituary side the tablet represents the Titanic leading toward an immense iceberg on the side of which is the figure of a kneeling woman with her arms outstretched in agony. On the reverse is designed the head of Mr. Marconi, heretofore passenger.

Twice as Safe First Class as Third. New York, April 28.—In a summary of the lessons of the Titanic disaster, Lawrence Reesley, a University of Cambridge lecturer here, was in agony. "What was the relative chance of escape for a first-class passenger and a steerage passenger?" His answer is as follows: "I have worked out the percentage of the saved of the four classes, and find it as follows:—First class, 63.6 per cent; second class, 39 per cent; steerage, 26.7 per cent; officers and crew, 22.3 per cent. They are instructive, those figures. The payment of about \$75 of first over third gives you more than twice the chance of your life being saved."

Major Pouchen to England. Toronto, April 28.—The World says: "Major Arthur Pouchen, it is understood, intends to go to England to appear before the special court appointed by the House of Commons, of which Lord Mersey is chairman, which will investigate the Titanic disaster. It is said that Major Pouchen has received a cable from London asking him to appear at the special court to tell his story. He will leave probably in a few days."

RING IN HIS BOOT

Mr. Heatt Left Pair to Be Shined and Gem Was Recovered

When, on Saturday evening E. J. Heatt left with Filimon Mercurio in the latter's shoe-shining parlor in Mill street, a pair of shoes to be polished, he little thought that they contained a piece of jewelry worth valued by him, but such was the case, for in the toe of one of the boots was a gold, diamond ring.

Mr. Heatt remained but a few moments intending to get the shoes later when they were returned to him. He was surprised to find the appearance with his striped tunic. When he picked them up the ring fell to the floor. Before it was moved by the owner, the honest court Greese had returned it to its accustomed place on the finger of Mr. Heatt.

DIED SUDDELY. The death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Day occurred this morning suddenly at the age of sixty-eight years. She is survived by one son, Mortimer L. Day, of Hammond street, three sisters, and one brother. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon at half past two o'clock.

WAS WITH PEARY TO THE POLE; IS DROWNED IN LONG ISLAND SOUND

George Borup and Sam Winslip Case Lost When Sea Overtakes Power Canoe

Chesoot Beach, Conn., April 28.—George Borup, of New York, who was with Peary in his successful dash to the North Pole, and Sam Winslip, of Norwich, Conn., both graduates students of Yale University, were drowned in Long Island Sound on Sunday afternoon, when their power canoe was suddenly overtaken by a heavy sea.

FOR SECTION OF VALLEY LINE

Contract Awarded to John McMartin—Two Houses at Sheffield Destroyed by Fire

Fredericton, N. B., April 28.—(Special)—It is understood that the contract for construction of the Fredericton-Woodstock section of the Valley Railway has been awarded to John McMartin, and that papers will be signed in time to allow him to begin work on May 1. Location surveys give the distance from Smythe street, Fredericton, to the Trotting park in Woodstock at 62.1 miles.

The St. John and Quebec Railway Company will, this week, remove their offices to the Shakerby building in Queen street. A survey party which has been working on the Valley Railway near Gagetown has been obliged to abandon operations in that vicinity, and on Thursday of this week will start surveying north of Centreville.

The dwelling houses of Doctor Camp and Wilcox Chase at Sheffield were destroyed by fire during a gale on Sunday morning. They were situated two miles apart, but caught simultaneously. Doctor Camp's loss is \$3,000, and Mr. Chase's about \$1,000. Neither had any insurance.

Thirty-seven boxes of bank logs belonging to James M. Scott reached Spryhill on Saturday, and a large number of rats came in today.

NEW YORK WORKERS ON STEAMERS WILL DEMAND PROTECTION

Union Men Will Not Ship on Vessels Not Fully Equipped

New York, April 28.—The New York Waterfront Federation, the central organization of the unions of coastwise seamen, cooks, marine firemen, longshoremen and other waterfront workers, has ordered its members to refuse to ship on steamers which have not the proper life-saving apparatus, and have not an adequate equipment of life boats.

The strike on the Olympic for more and better lifeboats, says a statement given out by the president of the federation, has again intensified. It has been the custom of His Holiness to walk to the audience chamber, but for a long time, his physicians have suggested that he permit himself to be carried with a view to sparing his strength.

CONSERVING POPE'S STRENGTH

His Holiness Carried on Sedan Chair to Audience Chamber

Rome, April 28.—The Pope yesterday conducted his audience seated in a sedan chair. This gave rise to a report that he was again indisposed. It has been the custom of His Holiness to walk to the audience chamber, but for a long time, his physicians have suggested that he permit himself to be carried with a view to sparing his strength.

QUEBEC TOWN SAID TO BE FIRE SWEEP

Shertbrooke, Que., April 28.—A report received here states that the town of Plesserville was almost wiped out by fire on Saturday.

DIED IN NEWTON

Word received this morning told of the death of a former resident of St. John, Harry G. Reid, at his home in Newton, Mass., where he had lived for some time. He was forty-four years of age, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Duane Carmichael, also formerly of this city, but now of Boston, as well as by his wife and five children. Mr. Reid, who was a native of Albert county, had been successful in the states, and was very well known. He was head of the Reid, Conant Leather Co. of Boston, with factories in Williamsport, Mercurburg, and Hanover, Pa., and he had many friends in St. John and other maritime province centres who will learn of his death with regret. He was brother of the late P. P. Reid of Moncton. The telegram this morning telling of his death was received by Mrs. W. A. Jamieson, of Rockland Road, who will leave this evening for Newton to attend the funeral.

THE MAYORALTY

No definite announcement has yet been made with regard to an application by T. H. Bullock for a recount of the ballots in the mayoralty contest.

AUTO STILL BARRED FROM P. E. ISLAND

Bill to Open Country to Motor Cars Dies in Legislature

TAX ON LIQUOR TRAVELERS

It is a Government Measure and Likely to Be Put Through House—Premier Matheson to Deliver Budget Speech Tonight

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 28.—(Special)—The hopes of the automobile people that the bill prohibiting the running of automobiles in this province would be repealed were rudely dashed to earth last week when the legislature killed a measure incorporating the Imperial Motor Company, Limited, to manufacture automobiles.

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FRED. C. COLBORNE AND MISS ELDERKIN WED

Ceremony in Cathedral This Afternoon—Honeymoon Trip to Nova Scotia

A nuptial event of much popular interest was solemnized this afternoon at three o'clock in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, when two well-known young people, Frederick C. Colborne, night chief operator with the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, Prince William street, and Miss E. Elderkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Elderkin of this city. The wedding was performed by Rev. A. W. Meade with a large number of friends and relatives witnessing the ceremony.

The bride who was given in marriage by her uncle, John Hannab, was assisted by Miss C. Evelyn Walsh, while J. Percy Lannoy supported the groom. The brides were: C. O. Morris and R. L. Colborne.

Miss Elderkin was becomingly attired in a pretty costume of blue brocade, trimmed with braiding of black satin, and wore a hat of correspond. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid was nicely gowned in pongee silk, with trimmings of green, and wore a black picture hat. She carried a basket of pink carnations.

After the wedding, luncheon was served at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hannab, 9 Goodrich street, and this evening Mr. and Mrs. Colborne will leave on a honeymoon trip through Nova Scotia.

The bride's traveling suit is a dainty costume of tan whipcord. They received many handsome remembrances from a large number of friends, including silverware, cut glass and a valuable assortment of other articles, among which was a handsome cut glass water set from the groom's employer, with whom he is deservingly popular.

Writing Paper to Be Dearer

Holyoke, Mass., April 28.—A radical increase in the prices of all grades of writing paper is to be announced next month by New England mills. Unofficially it is said that the increase will range from five to twenty per cent.

AT CITY HALL

The board of public safety will hold its next meeting in City Hall at eight o'clock this evening. The board of public works will meet tomorrow night, the water and sewerage board on Wednesday and the mayoralty board on Thursday.