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VICTORY FOR THE AEROPLANE

In French Army Manoeuvres the Heavier Than Air Machine Proves Its Greater Adaptability

OFFICIALS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER VALUE OF INVENTION

Each Morning Opposing Generals Have at Their Command Details of Adversaries' Dispositions

VILLIERS, France, Sept. 14.—President Fallieres, accompanied by the President-elect of Brazil, Marshal Hermes Fonseca, Premier Briand, and the foreign military attaches, witnessed the operations of the dirigible balloons and aeroplanes in the army manoeuvres today. Six dirigibles and aeroplanes, including those manned by the reservists Latham and Paulham, took part in the operations.

Aeroplanes from each side reconnoitered along the French frontier, making reports of the positions of the various units of the generals commanding.

Thus far the aeroplanes have given better results than the dirigibles, which, on Monday and Tuesday, were prevented from leaving their stations by high winds.

Army officials are enthusiastic over the accuracy of the aeroplane reconnoissances. General Picquart, commander of the 2nd corps, and General Meunier, commander of the 1st corps, each morning before 7 o'clock are in possession of an accurate description of the location and movements of each other's forces.

General's Hops Mumbled

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—Count Zeppelin's great airship, Zepplin VI, was destroyed by fire near the coast of Canada. The airship was a dirigible of the Zepplin type and was one of the largest air craft ever constructed.

The fire was caused by a terrific explosion while the craft was making a return trip to Hellborn, its headquarters. The flames shot skyward and the ship began to settle.

Although the ship fell a considerable distance, it settled lightly and only three of the crew received serious injury. No passengers were aboard. The vessel was completely destroyed.

This is the fourth serious accident to the Zepplin dirigibles. Two have been wrecked and another burned, before today's accident.

Five minutes after the fire started all that was left of the great ship was a twisted mass of framework and molten metal. The crew were landed when the ship settled to the earth before the fire had spread far.

Today's accident, coupled with three former mishaps to Count Zeppelin's dirigibles, has discredited thoroughly the "Zepplin" type of dirigible here. Whether or not it will affect the continuing of the German army's experi-

SHARP REBUKE FOR COMMANDER ROPER

Officer Who Defended Canadian Naval Policy is Severely Criticized by Dominion Government Organ

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 14.—The Free Press (Liberal), supporting the government, takes Commander Roper to task for his speech delivered at the luncheon yesterday of the directors of the Ottawa exhibition wherein he deprecated politicians and the press referring to the proposed Canadian navy as "tin pot." The Free Press says:

"It comes as a surprise that Commander Roper, one of the officers posted to Canada by the admiralty to assist the creation of the Dominion's navy, should have at the outset of his career in Canada committed the very mistake which called for discipline in the case of Lord Charles Bessborough. It matters not that the subject matter of the address was excellent. Indeed, we confess we agree with every word uttered by Commander Roper should be that the rebuke which he administered to the critics of the naval programme will be taken to heart by them. The principles involved in, however, so serious that Commander Roper should be told by his superior officers that the duty of a sailor is to keep his mouth closed. He entitled his own opinion on matters of political controversy like every other individual but he should understand that in Canada, as in Eng-

land, the person who should express the official opinions of the department is the ministerial head and not any of his advisors."

Crippen Murder Case.
LONDON, Sept. 14.—According to a published interview the line of defence to be followed by Mr. Arthur Newton, counsel for Dr. Crippen, accused of the murder of his wife, will be that the remains are not Belle Elmore's and that the strip of flesh showing an alleged operation scar cannot belong to the abdomen because of the absence of the umbilicus.

New Provincial Buildings.
WINNIPEG, Sept. 14.—Unconfirmed officially, but deemed substantially correct is the announcement made by a local paper that the Manitoba government has bought five hundred acres in St. Vital, fronting on the Red river, two and one-half miles from the city limits for \$176,000. The provincial agricultural college will be transferred there from its present location on the banks of the Assiniboine, which institution has much outgrown its umbilicus. The old buildings which were only erected a few years ago will be utilized for various provincial institutions notably the deaf and dumb institute. Further it is understood the government will proceed to erect on new property parliament buildings in keeping with the importance of the province of Manitoba in this respect being far behind the other three western provinces.

FOSTERING THEIR HOME INDUSTRIES

Government of New South Wales Lets First Contract for Steel Rails to a Local Firm

MELBOURNE, Sept. 14.—The steel rails used for the construction and renewal of Australian railways are made here. The steel rails used for the construction and renewal of Australian railways are made here. The steel rails used for the construction and renewal of Australian railways are made here.

Domestic Servant Problem

The domestic servant problem is so acute here that the government has turned its attention to it. Domestic help is becoming scarcer every day, while at the same time the factories are crowded and piecework is being done outside at sweating rates. Good wages are offered, yet nothing seems to tempt girls to the discharge of household work. However, efforts are being made.

The government of the state of Victoria, after urgent representations on the question of "empty kitchens," has decided to include in its new education bill a special curriculum providing for the instruction of girls in household duties.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Arthur Griffin was killed, Mrs. Nettie Fernandez was seriously injured and a young man named Caloun suffered painful injuries in an automobile accident here.

Canadian Beats World's Champion
TORONTO, Sept. 14.—George Goulding, of the Central Y. M. C. A., Canada's premier walker, defeated E. J. Webb, of the Thornhill Harriers, the world's champion, by over ten yards in the mile race by the exhibition games Saturday. The time was 6:22 4-5.

Killed in Auto Crash.
NAHANT, Mass., Sept. 14.—Albert E. Hanna, aged 38, of Lowell, and Mrs. Pannie Reed, wife of Charles I. Reed, a resident of Nahant, were killed, and Herman Stigman, of Jamaica Plains was injured when an automobile in which they were riding crashed into an electric light pole on the Nahant road.

Slow to "Hobble" Skirt.
PARIS, Sept. 14.—A serious blow has been struck at the "hobble" skirt, French ladies who wear them are to be subjected to the scrutiny of the bawdy before they are admitted to Roman Catholic churches. In future, the news caused a sensation when it was circulated in Paris. The gorgeous bottle of the Madeleine and those of other prominent churches stated that they had received orders to refuse admission to ladies whose dresses were likely to distract the attention of other members of the congregation.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—When President C. M. Hays returns from his trip over G. T. E., he will be confronted with the aftermath of the strike. Delegations, representing the brakemen, switchmen and conductors will interview him to express dissatisfaction as many employees having been left out after the settlement.

CORONATION OF KING GEORGE

Premiers of Oversea Dominions Will be in Attendance at Impressive Ceremonial in Empire Capital

PREPARATIONS ARE ACTIVELY PROCEEDING

Question of Precedence in Procession to Westminster Abbey to be Decided by Lord Chamberlain's Office

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The coronation of King George is being organized on an improvised scale. Preparations are actively proceeding. The scheme for the decoration of great public buildings, monuments and streets is already in contemplation. Official invitations of course have not yet been thought of as the court is in mourning, but in outside circles the tentative arrangements are in progress.

A feature of the impressive ceremonial will be the presence of the premiers of the overseas dominions of the king. The chief ministers will be officially invited in accordance with the scheme approved by King George a month or two ago. The Lord Chamberlain's office will settle the question of precedence in the procession to and from Westminster Abbey.

ALCOHOL AND EFFICIENCY

Thunders' Conclusions as to Effect of Intemperance Upon Offspring

LONDON, Sept. 14.—For some time a controversy has raged in the columns of the Times on "alcohol and efficiency." The whole question at issue is how far it is justifiable or wise to generalize from the strictly limited inquiry into a group of children in Edinburgh and Manchester which formed the basis of the report drawn up by Prof. Karl Pearson and Miss Elderton. What is shown is summarized by the Times itself. The object of the investigation was to discover "whether or not the consumption of alcohol, even in quantities which are not considered as excessive, is discoverably harmful to offspring while they are still children," and the result of the investigation is briefly this:

"Within the limits of the actual inquiry, no sufficient evidence of such harmfulness has been obtained; and the investigation is chiefly of a negative character, even found to afford some color to the suggestion that intemperance is a vice of the strong rather than of the weak, and that hence it may be more frequently associated with a favorable than with an unfavorable inheritance. The one fact discovered against it is that of a higher rate of infant mortality among the children of the intemperate, a rate partly masked by greater apparent profructivity, and more marked among the casually or occasionally intemperate than among habitual drunkards, as if it might be largely a consequence of the accidents incidental to occasional periods of neglect."

Much recent evidence has tended to weaken the old idea about the curse of heredity. The notion that children are born with a taint appears largely to be superstitious. To a much larger extent than was formerly supposed, they appear to be born equal in the physical sense—i. e., without any discoverable breed of disease which need necessarily develop if after birth they can be brought up under good conditions.

Free Foreign Meat
VIENNA, Sept. 12.—The Austrian government, in spite of the high protectionist system of this country, has resolved to open the frontier to meat from Argentina, Roumania and Servia. This measure has been forced upon the government by the enormous rise in the price of meat. The state railways and the municipality have reduced the railway tariffs and Octroi duties for meat by half their former amount for the next three months. Similar agitation in France, Germany and Italy may have similar results.

Two Killed on Great Northern.
SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—Two men were killed near the Wellington tunnel on the Great Northern railroad today when fifteen heavily laden freight cars broke away from the hauling locomotive and dashed down the steep incline toward Seattle. Hot springs, where scores lost their lives in the snowdrifts last winter. William Richardson, 55 years old, a track-walker, saw the cars coming, and in attempting to get out of their way, he stumbled and fell to the bottom of the incline, hundreds of feet below. Nearly every bone in his body was broken, and he died in a few minutes. The cars crashed into a cabin near the tracks and killed William Johnson, the occupant.

WHEAT YIELD ABOVE AVERAGE

This Year's World Crop, However, Will be Short of High Record of Last Year—Figures Given

ACREAGE SOWN IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Review of Situation in European Countries Not as Inspiring as Previous Estimates of Results

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14.—While this year's world acreage sown to wheat was doubtless the largest in history—235,000,000 acres—it is not unlikely, according to experts of the department of agriculture that the world's yield of wheat will be short of the high record of last year, 2,524,000,000 bushels, yet the crop is reasonably certain to go down in history as a record of the department to-day says in part: "On the continent of Europe, where last the statistically known wheat area of the world is situated, harvests, though on the whole good, have apparently not realized the expected abundance. The harvests are pretty general in causing downward revisions of pre-harvest estimates; in countries where anticipated quantities is materially good, complaints are numerous of deficient quality resulting from lodged grain and storm damaged harvests."

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ESTIMATE SHOWS AN IMPROVEMENT

Bulletin for August Issued by Dominion Officials an Improvement Over That for July

OVERDUE BIOGRAPHY

Life of Lord Beaconsfield, Long in Preparation, Will Soon See Light

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RESIGNATION OF MR. ALYESWORTH

Retirement of Minister of Justice on Return From Europe Indicated—Mr. Mabee, Perhaps, Successor

MAY SUE ROOSEVELT

Member of Legislature Acquitted on Charge of Bribery May Seek Redress

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Lee O'Neil Brown, acquitted on a charge of legislative bribery in connection with the election of United States Senator Lorimer, refused to confirm or deny a report that he will sue Co. Roosevelt for libel because of Roosevelt's statements concerning the legislative hearings and trial resulting from the Chicago Tribune's expose of the alleged bribery in the legislature.

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Winnipeg Grain Exchange
WINNIPEG, Sept. 14.—At the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange this afternoon, Mr. A. D. Chisholm was elected President, Mr. Morrison vice president and Mr. C. N. Bell re-elected secretary-treasurer. Count announced the establishing of a terminal warehouse and receipts registration office by the exchange. The report was notable for the declaration of the objection of the exchange to affiliation with the United States Federation of Grain Exchanges.

Storage of Explosives
OTTAWA, Sept. 14.—The Department of Mines is issuing invitations to a conference to be held in Ottawa on Sept. 23, to be held over by Mr. William Templeman, Minister of Mines, and which will discuss the whole question of the storage of explosives.

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CAMPAIGN FOR RECIPROcity

President Taft to Make First Move in Opening Negotiations Between United States and Canada

ENCOURAGED BY SIR WILFRID'S SPEECHES

Trade Arrangement to be Carried Out Directly Between Two Countries Without British Intervention

BEVERLEY, Mass., Sept. 14.—Negotiations for the arrangements for a reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, will be opened next month. It was learned in Beverley today that the negotiations shall be carried on directly between Canada and the United States.

It is the hope of President Taft that before the end of October representatives of both countries will come to an agreement.

The Canadian premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has declared in favor of the proposed agreement, and it is felt that the negotiations will be carried through to a satisfactory conclusion.

First Move in Campaign

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Consent of the mutual wish for reciprocity between Canada and the United States, President Taft at the coming session of the United States cabinet, will encourage movement from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's recent speeches on reciprocity.

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