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GERMANY WINS BALLOON RACE

POMMERN BEATS FRENCH AIRSHIPS

American Aeronaut's Interesting Description of His Progress--Isle de France, Second.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23.—From an official measurement the German balloon Prommern has won the balloon race by a few miles, with Isle De France second.

Aeronaut's Story.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Capt. Chas. D. F. Chandler, of the signal corps, of the army, who accompanied Pilot J. C. McCoy, on the balloon America reached Washington to-day, coming direct from Patuxent, Md., where the balloon landed at 7:55 o'clock this morning. Mr. McCoy packed the balloon and went to New York.

The America was sailing almost due east, when Mr. McCoy decided to anchor. From the record made by the German balloon Pommern, it is clear that the America had no chance to win, but it kept on, for there was not land enough to the east for it to cover the difference had it gone on to a point near the Atlantic ocean.

Occupants of the America stood the trip well, although they felt the cold while crossing the Allegheny and Blue Ridge mountains and suffered somewhat from the need of sleep. The cold prevented sleep and they were compelled to remain awake practically the whole time they were in the air. Captain Chandler talked interestingly of the voyage. After the America started at 4:30 p. m. on Monday, it sailed northwest over the Missouri for a number of miles and then described a circle and crossed the Mississippi at Grafton, Ills. At that point McCoy used a megaphone to talk to a farmer and in that way got his bearings. After that only small towns were seen, and it is, therefore, impossible for the aeronauts to clearly describe their flight. They got their bearings again while crossing Indiana on Tuesday morning, and there they were treated to the stirring sight of three other balloons, one was to the north, and Capt. Chandler believes it was the German balloon Pommern. The others were far to the south and he thinks one was the English and the other a French balloon. All were travelling east. Practically all of Tuesday night was spent over the mountains. At 4:30 o'clock this morning the aeronauts passed over Harpers Ferry, and at sunrise they reached the highest altitude of the voyage. They were then about a mile and a half high. At 6 a. m. they made out Washington very distinctly and it was then they determined to alight without attempting to cross Chesapeake Bay. They regarded this as a precaution because of the scarcity of their ballast which would make the trip across the Bay hazardous and a safe landing on the narrow neck of land of the Maryland shore questionable.

Captain Chandler made his first balloon voyage a year ago. This voyage was his thirteenth. He will make an exhaustive report to the Signal Service corps, reporting his recent experiences in aerial navigation.

Second in Race.

Sandy Hook, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Superintendent of Life Savers Haven reports that the French balloon No. 4 landed at Hubertville, northwest of Point Pleasant at 1:10 o'clock this afternoon. The pilot with his balloon started for New York this evening. No. 1 is the balloon Isle de France, the last of the balloons starting from St. Louis to land.

Abercorn Lands.

St. Louis, Oct. 23.—A message received at the Aero Club headquarters states that the Abercorn (German) landed at Prince William, Manassas county, Virginia, at 7:10 a. m. to-day. The message was signed by Paul Meckel, pilot.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Canadian trade agents of the Dominion who are exclusively employed as such by the Dominion will in future be known as trade commissioners. Those who are only partly employed in this work will remain as trade agents.

INFANTS CREMATED.

Children Immured in Top Story of Burning House Are Forgotten.

Quebec, Oct. 23.—News reached here to-day of the burning to death of three children in a fire which destroyed their home at Quiatchan Falls, Lake St. John, on Sunday night last. The children were those of Mr. Senecal, and they were playing together in the top story of the house when the fire broke out. In the excitement they were forgotten by their parents, and it was too late when an attempt was made to rescue them. The house was reduced to ashes.

SHRUBB'S PLANS.

Champion Runner Intends Coming to the Coast Next Year.

Winnipeg, Oct. 24.—"I expect to sail for England about December 1st," said Alfred Schrubb. "I will put the winter through in training, as I intend taking another whirl at the running game next summer, but it will be my last year on the track. I have been running now for eleven years, and am about tired of it.

"When I come over next year I intend coming straight to Winnipeg, and after running here, will go as far west as Vancouver. I was sorry I could not get to the coast this year.

Schrubb races Marsh ten miles in the Arena rink on Friday.

BLACK EAGLE MINE.

Ontario Property Passes Into Hands of English Syndicate.

Kenora, Ont., Oct. 24.—The Black Eagle mine has recently been sold to an English syndicate for $100,000. The returns have been remarkably good and developments on a very large scale will be started next spring. New machinery has been ordered for the treating of large quantities of ore.

COURT SCANDAL IN GERMANY

GRAVE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST VON MOLTKE

Editor Says Nephew of Great Field Marshall Is of Abnormal Temperaments and Habits.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—The libel action brought by Gen. Count Kuno Von Moltke against Maximilian Harden, editor of the Die Zukunft, began yesterday. Von Moltke is an intimate friend of Prince Philip Zu Eulenberg, the ex-German ambassador to Vienna and a kinsman of the present chief of the general staff, Lieut.-Gen. Count Helmuth Von Moltke, and of the governor of the province of East Prussia, Frederick Von Moltke. These three Von Moltkes are nephews of the late great Field Marshal Moltke.

Harden began last November to assert that Prince Zu Fulenberg was the head of a group at court that sought to influence the Emperor in political actions by subtle, indirect suggestions. Count Zu Eulenberg, Count Kuno Von Moltke and Gen. Count William Von Hohenau, one of the Emperor's adjutants, were mentioned by Harden as members of the so-called Caramilla, or round table, and he further alleged that they were spiritualists and of abnormal temperaments and habits.

After the clerk of the court had read of Herr Harden's articles on the subject, the defendant said: "I have followed political aims along in my articles, and in so doing have been compelled to mention Count Von Moltke's name. I did not say he had practised disgraceful vices, but said that he was abnormal in temperament. Count Von Moltke had sought to influence Emperor William's political action often in a sense contrary to the views of his constitutional advisors."

Herr Harden declined to withdraw anything he had written, but admitted frankly that he had twice been imprisoned for insults to the sovereign, each time for six months, and that he had been fined several times for the same offence. Harden said he did not accuse Von Moltke of criminal acts, but he regarded his friendship with Prince Zu Eulenburg as erratic in character, for the plaintiff, he said, had once pressed the Prince's handkerchief to his lips and cried, "Phili, my Phili," and in writing a letter to him had made use of terms, "My soul and my beloved."

Frau Von Elb, the divorced wife of Kuno Von Moltke, testified to the epigrams that her former husband applied to married life. She then described the handkerchief incident, which she said she saw from an adjacent room. Referring to her divorce, she said she had asked Von Moltke, "What did his Majesty say to our divorce?"

To this question Von Moltke replied, "His Majesty only hears what I allow him to know."

These words created a great sensation in the court room.

NEW PORTFOLIO.

Manitoba to Have a Minister of Telephones and Telegraphs.

Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—One of the acts which will be passed by the local legislature at the next session will be that creating a portfolio of telephones and telegraphs, of which Hon. J. H. Howden will be the minister. At the present time Mr. Howden is commissioner of railways and has charge of the telephone and telegraph work. Formerly, before Mr. Howden entered the cabinet, the minister of public works had charge of telephone and telegraph matters, and the minister of agriculture was also commissioner of railways.

THE WEATHER OUTLOOK.

"No water, Lubbe, and the glass not falling."
"No, Joe, the only things that seem to be falling are lake levels."

GOOD TEMPLARS IN SESSION.

Officers for Forthcoming Year Selected at Vancouver Yesterday.

Vancouver, Oct. 24.—The B. C. Grand Lodge of Good Templars in session here selected the following officers yesterday: Grand Chief Templar, Rev. G. P. Hicks, Victoria; grand councillor, Rev. Thos. Gladstone, Victoria; grand secretary, J. R. Matthew, Vancouver; grand treasurer, S. Gough, Nanaimo; marshal, F. Hopkins, Nelson; chaplain Rev. C. W. Whittaker, Phoenix; guard, Bro. Wilkes, Victoria; sentinel, Bro. Robinson, Somenos; past chief grand, Dr. Lewis Hall, Victoria.

SASKATOON CANADIAN CLUB.

Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 24.—At a meeting of the board of trade a vote was unanimously carried, having as its object the formation of a Canadian Club at Saskatoon, and it is expected that the organization will assume definite shape in a few days.

SEARCHING FOR HER LOST LOVER

Wealthy Lady Traversing the Mountain Wilds of Idaho on Romantic Quest

Spokane, Oct. 23.—Out among the hills in the wilds of Northern Idaho, searching the lumber and mining camps for her fiance, who has been missing since last spring, is Miss Nettie Williams, daughter of a prominent merchant of Providence, R. I., who declares that she will not give up until she finds the man she loves and can share with him the life he must lead in trying to recoup his fortune in the Pacific Northwest.

Miss Williams declines to give the name of her fiance, nor will she divulge any information other than that her husband-to-be was a well-to-do farmer in Rhode Island until a little more than a year ago, when the mining fever got into his blood and he went to Mexico, sinking his life's earnings in property, which turned out a poor venture and was forced to toil at ordinary labor.

Too proud to return to his old home and admit his fortune, he wrote a brief letter, in which he explained his circumstances, telling his promised bride that he would leave Mexico and begin again and she would not hear from him until he had again built up a fortune, as he could not think of asking her to share his poverty with him.

Upon receiving the letter, the plucky young woman, who is said to be of a rich family, started for Mexico with the determination of finding the man she loved, regardless of the fact that his fortune had been swept away. She reached Mexico only to find he had gone to Wyoming. Then she traced him to several camps there, each time to learn he had become dissatisfied and left.

Prospectors and timber cruisers in the mining camps and forests, east of Spokane, are giving Miss Williams every assistance possible. They have provided saddle and pack horses for her to make the journey to various camps, but so far she has been unable to obtain only meagre clues.

WILL OPERATE STEAM PLANT

ARRANGEMENT MADE BETWEEN COMPANIES

It Is Expected Tram Service Will be Supplied from Store Street Station To-Morrow

(From Thursday's Daily.)

An arrangement has been reached between the Esquimalt Water Works Company and the B. C. Electric Company whereby the steam plant of the latter corporation is to be brought into use in order to relieve the water situation at Goldstream.

Mr Sperling in a letter to T. Lubbe, of the Esquimalt company, submitted the following as a basis for operating the steam plant:

That our company operate the car and motor service with power from our steam plant until further notice from our company, your company paying our company's actual cost of operating the steam plant, subject to the following conditions, viz.:

That if the steam plant is at any time insufficient to operate the car and motor service, that then the water power may be used to make up any insufficiency, if sufficient water be available.

That the water power plant may be used to operate the car and motor service at any time should it become necessary to shut down the steam plant temporarily for repairs, provided sufficient water be available.

That our company during the period of the operation of the steam plant, pay only for the amount of water actually used by us at Goldstream.

That the use of the steam plant shall not in any way prejudice the present existing rights of either party.

That the arrangement shall cease to exist in the event of the present water supply ceasing to be sufficient to supply the electric lighting needs of our company.

This was agreed to by Mr. Lubbe and the difficulty has thus been overcome.

The intention of the electric company was to have started their steam plant this morning. A start was made, but through some hitch in connection with the machinery, the company had to fall back again on the water power at Goldstream, after a short interference on the lines.

By to-morrow it is expected that the steam plant will be running satisfactorily and will be used for the tram service.

CANADA'S ENVOY COMING.

Hon. R. Lemieux Leaves on His Way to Japan via Victoria.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, minister of labor and postmaster general, who is going to Japan as special envoy of the Canadian government in reference to Japanese immigration into Canada, left to-night for Vancouver, en route for the Orient. A large number of his friends gathered at the Windsor street station to bid the Canadian envoy and Mrs. Lemieux farewell.

MOROCCO SITUATION.

Pretender Says If France Wishes Protection to Property She Must Remain Neutral.

Paris, Oct. 24.—Mulai Hafid, sultan of the south, is reported in an interview as insisting that he had not declared a holy war against the foreigners, but against his brother sultan, Abd-El-Aziz, who, he added, was ruining the country and gradually delivering it over to foreign elements.

Continuing, Mulai Hafid is quoted as saying: "If France wishes security for property in Morocco she must remain neutral."

PENALTY OF CRIME.

Gowland Sentenced to Death for Murder of Georgina Brown at Killarney.

Morden, Man., Oct. 24.—The jury empanelled to try Lawrence Gowland, charged with the murder of Georgina Brown at Killarney, brought in a verdict of guilty. Judge Phippen sentenced him to be hanged on December 13th.

LAYING PLANS FOR THE NEW SMELTER

H. Cecil Will Soon Leave for London With Detailed Information on the Subject.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

It was intimated some time ago that a new smelter was in prospect on Vancouver Island, to be operated in connection with the copper deposits owned by the Southern Cross Mining Company, on the Alberni canal.

For some weeks past H. Cecil, who is interested in this enterprise, and who recently returned from an extended visit to London, Eng., has been occupied on the company's property, going over the ground with engineers and developing the necessary information as to the plans and cost of the proposed smelter, to lay before the directors of the company in London. He arrived in Victoria this morning, and will leave for the Old Country in the near future. Roughly speaking the smelter will cost about $140,000, and will have a capacity for treating about 200 tons of ore a day. Mr. Cecil has already obtained estimates on the erection of the plant, and it is understood that tenders for the work will be called shortly after his arrival in London.

The new smelter will be located on Uclucklesut harbor, in proximity to the company's property, which already possesses a good wharf and shipping facilities. The management is pushing development on the property with three shafts, and, it is said, has a good body of ore blocked out. A small shipment has been made from the mine this year, and operations will probably be more energetically pushed, following the installation of the smelter plant. The Southern Cross group consists of five claims, the Southern Cross, Ballarat, Little Dipper Fraction, Constance Fraction and North Star. The work, thus far, has all been done on the Southern Cross.

In the United Kingdom 46 per 100,000 inhabitants are in prison. This average compares favorably with other countries. In the United States 132 per 100,000 are in prison on any given day, in Italy 217, and in Cape Colony 316.

GIRL ABDUCTED.

Thirteen-Year-Old Spirited From Bellingham to Milltown, B. C.

Spirited away in contempt of an order of the Bellingham Superior court, commanding her to appear for trial last Saturday, Ethel Thomas, the 13-year-old incorrigible, was taken to Milltown, B. C., last week, and is now being held on Canadian soil. That the girl was abducted from Bellingham and carried away in secret is the opinion of the officers who have been working on the case ever since the child failed to appear in court.

After vainly searching the girl's home and looking through her usual haunts, the officers were baffled entirely. By questioning the girl's friends they learned hints of her being carried away, and on communicating with the border and Canadian authorities, finally located her in Milltown, B. C. The girl is in that city, living under the close surveillance of the person who spirited her from the jurisdiction of the local court.

Whether an attempt will be made to have the Canadian authorities turn the girl over to the sheriff's office at Bellingham has not yet been decided. As affairs stand now, both the girl and the person who took her away are in contempt of court, and if they go back to Bellingham, or are brought back to that city, a severe penalty awaits them. It is possible, however, that if the girl makes no attempt to return to Bellingham the entire matter will be dropped.

ISLAND COAL IS ATTRACTIVE

MANY COMPANIES ARE DEVELOPING MINES

Shipments Are Already Being Made by Some New Propositions to Victoria.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

During the past few months there has been wonderful activity in coal prospects on Vancouver Island. For many years the operators were confined to the two large corporations, the Wellington Colliery Company and the New Vancouver Coal Company, which later became the Western Fuel Company.

The increasing demand for coal has led to the formation of a number of smaller concerns for the supply of coal.

Some of these are already in a position to put coal on the market. Of these the syndicate represented by Mr. Gilfinnan which includes several Vancouver men has made the greatest progress and already coal is being sold from their mine in Victoria and Vancouver. The mine is located at Wellington and is being worked as a slope.

Mr. Gilfinnan tells an amusing incident in connection with the opening up of his mine. After purchasing the land from the original owner he went to the place where the slope was opened and in a few hours had uncovered the coal bringing samples home with him.

At the present time the miners are working in a vein over seven feet thick. Although it is only a few weeks since work began the company could mine 500 tons a day. Shipments are being made to Victoria, Burt Bros. acting as the agents for the company.

The property at South Wellington, owned by John Arbuthnot and E. Hodgson, has already about 50 tons on the dump. As soon as a switch is put in from the E & N. line to the mine, shipping will begin.

The intention of the company is to sack the coal right at the mine and ship it in that shape to Victoria where it will be disposed of.

The work on the prospects at Malcolm Island are progressing very favorably. Mr. Arbuthnot is also interested in these measures. The drilling is progressing very well and coal has been located.

Near Courtenay in the Comox valley, another discovery of coal has been made. Hodkson, representing Vancouver capitalists, has located coal at a depth of about 1800 feet. The drilling is still progressing, the object being to locate the lower seam which is expected to be reached at about 200 feet lower. The second seam is expected to be superior to the upper one, being much thicker.

HINDUS REPLACE JAPS.

Independence of Nipponese Leads to V., V. & E. Dismissing Brown Men.

New Westminster, Oct. 23.—The V., V. & E. railway, on construction work near Abbotsford, has recently dismissed all Japanese in its employ, replacing the Nipponese with Hindus.

The reason advanced by the contractors is that the Japanese have become too independent of late, and now refuse to obey orders with anything like promptness. The Hindus, although less experienced at the work, are better plodders, and grind mechanically along until told to quit by the foreman. The wages paid are the same.

SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND

REASSURING REPORTS OF FINANCIAL CRISIS

London Paper Says Roosevelt's Anti-Trust Campaign Has Shattered Confidence in U. S.

New York, Oct. 24.—All the over-night developments in the financial situation were reassuring. The series of conferences last night, participated in by Secretary Cortelyou, J. Pierpont Morgan and other bankers and men of affairs, resulted in an agreement in the opinion that the banking situation is well in hand, and that the government deposits to be made by Secretary Cortelyou to-day, there will not only be enough cash on hand, but even more than might be needed to meet safely any emergency.

The run on the Trust Company of America was continued this morning. As early as 6 o'clock little knots of persons had gathered in front of the company's main banking house in Wall street, and by 8 o'clock their number had been augmented until about 150 were in line. At the company's branch at Broadway and Ann street, there were 50 or 75 persons in line at 8 o'clock

Hamilton Suspends.

New York, Oct. 24.—The Hamilton Bank in West 125th street suspended payment to depositors to-day. A notice on the door this morning announced that the bank was solvent, but in justice to its depositors payment had been suspended until public confidence in the banking institution was restored.

Due to Anti-Trust Campaign.

London, Oct. 24.—The financial writers express continued confidence to-day, and the editorial writers do likewise, that the British public will not be greatly affected by the financial crisis in the United States unless it should lead to a drain of gold to New York, and in this connection there is considerable interest, as to whether or not the directors of the Bank of England will raise the bank rate of discount to-day.

The Daily Telegraph says editorially that President Roosevelt's anti-trust campaign has done much to shatter confidence in the United States. "The President's object is beyond reproach," the paper says, "but is it absolutely necessary that the sky should be dragged down in order to catch the few larks the President is bent upon netting. Could not the guilty parties be brought to book without involving thousands of investors in their punishment. We fear," the Daily Telegraph says in conclusion, "that the innocent will suffer more seriously than the guilty."

The Standard reflects more the general opinion, and thinks that a crash was inevitable sooner or later, and that the action of the American government did not more than precipitate it. This paper says that probably President Roosevelt was justified in declaring that he had "only turned the light on."

Bank Rate Unchanged.

London, Oct. 24.—The rate of discount on the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 4½ per cent.

London Market Buoyant.

London, Oct. 24.—Trading on the stock exchange opened with a cheerful tone. Americans started at 1 point above parity. Buying orders from New York and the covering of local bears steadily drove quotations upward, and by noon Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific were 3 points over the New York equivalent, while Southern Pacific and United Steel received considerable attention at over 1 point advance.

Announcement that there would be no change in the Bank of England rate of discount, which it was feared in some quarters might be raised as a result of the situation in New York, improved the tone of the market and caused a rise of ½ for consols.

AFRAID TO TELL.

Mother Last Seen Accompanied by Her Son is Discovered Murdered.

New York, Oct. 24.—Mrs. James Scott, of a farming settlement near Norwich, Chenango county, went riding with her son last Friday. She did not return with her son, who said she had remained at the house of a friend. His stories did not correspond, and yesterday he was arrested. A search was kept up for the woman and to-day the son was taken with the searchers. The woman's body was found in some woods with a bullet in the back of the head.

Young Scott has been in the Elmira reformatory, and came out a few months ago on parole. He declares that he saw a man shoot his mother and says he was too frightened to tell about it.

In the days of James VI. Scotland had 51 dierent clans, of which 34 belonged to the Highlands.