

The Evening Times Star

PAGES NINE TO SIXTEEN

ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1919

SIXTEEN PAGES

Flaming Dirigible Falls On Chicago Bank; Eleven Killed and 26 Are Injured

Four Jump From Balloon and Two Land Safely in Street; Fearful Scene as Firey Mass Crashes in Upon 200 Bank Employees, Mostly Girls

Chicago, July 22—Eleven persons were killed and twenty-six injured when a large dirigible balloon on its test flight caught fire and fell 500 feet, crashing through the glass roof of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank at Jackson Boulevard and La Salle street at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Most of the dead were employees of the bank, trapped and burned to death in a fire caused by the explosion of the balloon's gasoline tanks as they hit the floor of the bank rotunda where more than 200 bookkeepers and clerks, nearly all girls, were working.

The balloon, owned by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, had been flying above the city for several hours. When approximately 500 feet above the bank a spurt of flame was seen to shoot from the top of the gas bag near the centre. The crowd gathered in the streets to watch the flight saw the machine buckle and quiver as it started on its fatal plunge.

Four of its occupants jumped, and two landed safely in the streets as the blimp, a unit of flame, struck the roof of the bank with a crash audible throughout the downtown district.

There was nothing to warn the hundreds of employees of the institution of the coming tragedy. A shadow passed over the marble rotunda, where 150 were busy, and a crash followed. The bank's closing hour for patrons had passed but the clerks were still at work in the various departments of the bank.

It seemed, according to the survivors, that the entire bank was on fire. Breaking through the iron supports holding the glass overhead, the fuselage of the balloon with two heavy rotary engines and several gasoline tanks smashed to the floor.

Instantly the tanks exploded, scattering a wave of flaming gas over the rotunda for a radius of fifty feet. A panic ensued. There were only two exits through which they could leave the wreckage which surrounded the rotunda. Men and girls with clothing flaming fought their way through the exits. Girls on the second floor ran screaming to the windows and several jumped to the street.

In an instant the marble rotunda was cleared except for the dead, whose bodies were buried under the mass of debris, and the dying, who crawled away from the scorching fire, their clothes burning off.

The intense heat made rescue work difficult until after the fire department arrived. It was thirty minutes before the bodies under the fuselage of the craft could be dragged out.

The cause of the fire which brought the flaming gas bag down is not definitely known.

Official inquiry was started today by the state attorney to fix responsibility for the disaster. An assistant United States attorney was also assigned to attend the coroner's inquest set for today.

Seventeen employees of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, owners of the airship, have been detained pending a decision as to whether or not charges of criminal carelessness should be filed against them. Among those detained are Jack Boettner, pilot of the dirigible, who escaped by jumping with a parachute, and W. C. Young, in charge of the aeronautic department of the Goodyear Company.

The Dead
Of the eleven dead, nine were employees of the bank, and two passengers in the airship. Five persons were in the airship and three escaped. When the balloon crashed through the skylight fire broke out.

The balloon with its five passengers was making its maiden trip above the city in the interest of an amusement park. According to witnesses, a spurt of flame appeared at the stern, above the engine. In a moment there was a puff of smoke and the flames attacked the big egg-shaped gas bag. Almost simultaneously four parachutes leaped from the airship. Three got clear of the burning craft, but the fourth was caught in the falling balloon and burned. Its passenger, Carl Weaver, mechanic, of Akron, Ohio, plunged to death. Earl Davenport, publicity man for the amusement park, and one time sporting writer, did not jump from the machine. His body was hurled through the bank and burned to a crisp.

Alive But Back Broken
Harry W. Acker, Akron, Ohio, chief mechanic of the dirigible, was one of those who came down alive. His back

A SCHOOL FOR WOMEN VOTERS

New Hampshire College Gives Citizenship Course — Expect More Students Next Year

Durham, N. H., July 22—Plans already are well under way for another session next year of the school for citizenship of New Hampshire College, the first session of which closed last week and which was attended by about 200 women from all parts of the state. Mrs. Mary I. Wood, who presided, says that the number will be greatly increased another year, when the women of the state realize that the purpose of the undertaking is to crystallize their thought and to afford an opportunity for consideration before enrolling in a political party.

Assistance for the undertaking from Dartmouth College has been pledged by Prof. James Richardson, who spoke at the morning and evening sessions on Friday. Professor Richardson's topic was national problems, in which he included the League of Nations, federal control versus state rights, reform in the election of a president of the United States, the power of the court to declare as to the constitutionality of laws. The problem to which he devoted the greatest amount of time was congress and he recommended radical changes ranging from election of representatives to their procedure when elected.

Women are not entitled to exemption from jury duty, declared Mrs. Ellis Meredith of Colorado, who called the attention of the women to their duties in regard to the courts. "A district attorney," she said, "is not re-elected because he has mercy and truth and walks justly, but because of the number of convictions he secures. Anyone at all familiar with the criminal courts knows that evidence is sometimes invented at the behest of the state to hang a man who is a citizen of the state. The county jails are the most disgraceful institutions we have. They are often the cells of county court-houses and usually are most inadequate in size. They provide no employment. A sentence in one of them is usually the preliminary to a post-graduate course in jails."

"We have hung on to prisoners, starved them, bolted them in oil, burned them—everything but stopped making them. In some states the women vote they are now exempted from jury duty. They must serve on juries. The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Colorado has gone a step farther. The docket is watched and whenever a woman or child is to be tried, delegates women to sit through the trial."

Mrs. Wood presented the topic of New Hampshire's need of her women citizens, paying tribute to the treatment of the women of the state by the men voters and asking the women to take into their new citizenship, four aims, entrance to public life by individual women only after their homes have been made right, honest consideration of the other person's point of view, destruction of dividing lines between groups of women, mutual faith.

Mrs. Dwight Hall of Dover, one of the four women appointed in April to membership of a state board, outlined her work and Mrs. McDuffie of Alton, vice-president of the State Parent-Teachers' Association, made a plea for activity by the women in educational matters.

Mrs. William Z. Ripley, vice-president of the Boston Woman's Trade Union League and chairman of the industrial committee of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, presented the problems of the woman in industry, stating that political democracy is a step toward industrial democracy.

ST. JOHN MERCHANT BRINGS FAMOUS PRESCRIPTION FOR STOMACH TROUBLE
Some years ago a well known King street merchant went to London to consult a specialist in stomach trouble. With other treatment prescribed the medicine that is now known as Wasson's Stomach Tonic. This medicine cured the local man so effectively that he recommended it to all his friends who were dyspeptic. Wasson's Stomach Tonic is curing scores of persons all over the country. It sells for 60c and \$1 at Wasson's Main street.

Thirty or forty years ago visitors to New York used to climb to the top of the Trinity Church tower to see the city, which lay at their feet.

CARTIER MONUMENT



Handsome memorial to the late Sir George Etienne Cartier, one of the Fathers of Confederation, which will be unveiled by the Prince of Wales in August. It is located on Fletcher's Field, Montreal, just on the eastern slope of Mount Royal.

BRAVES' OWNER WAITING PATIENTLY FOR RESULTS

New York, July 17—George Stallings has a contract for \$12,500 a year as manager of the Boston Braves, and it does not expire until a year from next October. Yet Stallings is handling a second-division team, which has no chance to get out of the mire. President Grant of the Braves is patiently waiting for results. Stallings told him early in the campaign that if Outfielder Cruise could be obtained from the Cardinals the Boston team would rush to the front, so Grant bought the release of Cruise and eagerly awaited developments.

The Braves, with Cruise in the lineup, did not improve and the attendance at the Boston Park continued to dwindle. Stallings finally was persuaded by his employer to get rid of Pitcher Bill James, who had been drawing a salary since 1914 in spite of a lame arm, that made him totally useless.

Will the Braves have another manager when Stallings' contract expires or will Grant decide to make a change before the end of the season. Grant is a smart baseball man. He does not jump at conclusions, but it is safe to say that he is beginning to wonder whether Stallings is worth a salary of \$12,500 a year.

ROPE OF PEARLS SELLS FOR \$207,500 AT AUCTION

London, June 29—(Correspondent of Associated Press)—Jewels are commanding particularly high prices in auctions here. Today a rope of 315 graduated pearls brought \$207,500, and three other ropes an additional \$200,000, making the total sales for the brief auction almost a record.

SYDNEY PLANS RECEPTION FOR RETURNED MEN

Sydney, N. S., July 21—A fitting reception to all returned men in the city is planned for the near future. During the war it was felt that because the men were returning in small numbers almost every day it would be inadvisable to arrange a reception on a large scale and it was decided to postpone it until this summer when all the troops would be home.

By Fall N. W. M. P. Stronger Than Ever

Ottawa, July 21—Before the summer is over the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Force, it is said, will be numerically stronger than ever before. The recruiting campaign opened in May is progressing favorably. The objective is a force of between twenty-six and twenty-seven hundred and Commissioner McLean, when questioned in regard to the matter today, expressed the opinion that the men required would be secured before the end of the summer.

C. B. S. Brewer of Millriver, Mass., has just completed his haying, using the same scythe that he has used for the last fifty-six years.

SPORTS FOR THE VETERANS

Rowing, Baseball and Football Among Activities Planned by C. W. V. A. Meeting Last Evening

At the regular meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association last evening, N. P. McLeod, the president, occupied the chair and there was a good attendance. Many matters of interest were dealt with.

The delegate to the dominion convention, L. F. Duffy, gave a report upon his trip and the work of the gathering explaining some of the resolutions passed regarding vocational training, pensions and gratuities.

Two presentations were gratefully acknowledged, one a handsome silver cup, presented by Sergt. Norman Brindle for competition in football, the other an attractive glass door-plate, bearing the veterans' crest, given by E. A. Schofield. Much interest was taken in the report of the sports committee that they were negotiating for shells in order to take part in the water sports in August on the harbor. An invitation was received from the Veterans' Association of St. Stephen for the local body to send entries to their meet on August 9, and it was announced that a baseball team would be sent.

REvolutionary MOVEMENT SAID TO BE AFOOT

Washington, July 21—Declaring that there was a movement afoot to depose the government, the president of Honduras in council of ministers last Friday issued a decree declaring the existence of a state of war, according to a despatch received at the State Department today from Tegucigalpa. As the despatch gave no details the department has called for further information.

By making 2100 doughnuts in a single day, Mrs. John C. Smith of Milwaukee, Wis., and brigadier in the Salvation Army, won the international doughnut championship.

SHELL RACING SHOULD BOOM THIS SUMMER

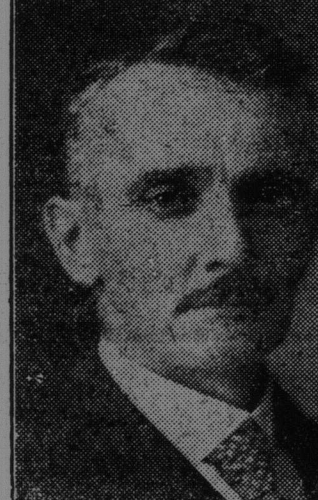
Young Men Have Opportunity to Become Oarsmen; Coaches and Shells Available

For the first time in many years young men of this city desiring to become oarsmen have an opportunity to have the ambition gratified. J. Fred Belyea of West St. John is leaving nothing undone to revive one of the greatest sports ever enjoyed in these parts and wants young men interested to see him and he will arrange for shells, coaching, etc. All that is necessary is to be able to swim and have a good constitution and he will do the rest. He is also anxious to have those who formerly participated in races lend a hand and assist in the revival.

Shell racing in these parts should boom this summer for there is talk of bringing in crews from outside points to compete with local talent. There are a large number of young men in this city who have the necessary qualifications to become good oarsmen and they are competent coaches, shells, etc., available they now have an opportunity. Members of clubs at Fair Vale and Renforth are taking an interest in rowing races and if others in the city will come forward and take advantage of the opportunity available they would soon be able to compete with these clubs and a series of races could be arranged. They could be run in heats or in any way that the members desire.

There are several young men already at work and in the evenings they may be seen practising in the harbor. Mr. Belyea has several shells and will secure more if necessary.

A CABINET POSSIBILITY



Donald Sutherland, M. P. for South Oxford, whose name is mentioned as a possible nominee for the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture vacated by T. A. Czerar.

"I'm all in the dark," said Mr. Hardup, "about how those bills are to be paid."

"Well, Henry," said she, as she pulled out a colored one and laid it on the pile, "you will be if you don't pay that one, for it's the gas bill."

swim and have a good constitution and he will do the rest. He is also anxious to have those who formerly participated in races lend a hand and assist in the revival.

Shell racing in these parts should boom this summer for there is talk of bringing in crews from outside points to compete with local talent. There are a large number of young men in this city who have the necessary qualifications to become good oarsmen and they are competent coaches, shells, etc., available they now have an opportunity.

Members of clubs at Fair Vale and Renforth are taking an interest in rowing races and if others in the city will come forward and take advantage of the opportunity available they would soon be able to compete with these clubs and a series of races could be arranged. They could be run in heats or in any way that the members desire.

There are several young men already at work and in the evenings they may be seen practising in the harbor. Mr. Belyea has several shells and will secure more if necessary.

There are several young men already at work and in the evenings they may be seen practising in the harbor. Mr. Belyea has several shells and will secure more if necessary.

Chautauqua Week

We Cordially Invite You to Make
Our Store Your Headquarters
and a Meeting Place for Your
Friends While in Town

A GAIN this store of Courteous Service heads the call from all who, intent upon looking and feeling at their best during "Chautauqua Week," will turn this way, naturally, for the best in dress. Providing, as we have at this time yearly, the necessities and luxuries that the Summer Event Demands, we are now equipped through experience to meet the season's requirements more satisfactorily than ever before. All departments respond with superior stocks and refreshingly low prices that will gratify and satisfy.

Let the necessity or luxury be large or small, you will certainly find it here and at a decided saving.

Daniel

London House

Head of King Street

Chautauqua Begins Tomorrow

A SEASON TICKET MEANS 2 THINGS:

1. You Will Enjoy a Magnificent Programme—20 Events. 7 Concerts, 8 Lectures, 1 Opera, 1 Drama, 1 Animal Entertainment, 1 Pageant, 1 Impersonation Recital.
2. You Will Back Up the Public-Spirited Men Who Are Backing Chautauqua — You Will Get the "Pull-Together" Spirit Which is the Most Valuable Asset of Any Community.

No Season Tickets
Sold After the
Opening