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Fate of European Scientists is Still Wrapped in Mystery

All Reports Agree That the Balloon Came Down in the Tyrolean Alps, But It Is Not Known Whether Piccard and Kipfer Are Dead or Alive—Had Broken Record.

The fate of Auguste Piccard and Chas. Kipfer, who left Augsburg, Bavaria, yesterday for the outer atmosphere of the earth in a balloon was uncertain today.

Conflicting reports came from the Tyrol, where the balloon wandered after its descent from the skies. All reports agreed that the balloon had come down in the Tyrolean Alps but were not definite on whether the men were dead or alive. Airplane observers reported sighting the wrecked balloon on a mountain peak, but no signs of life. A news agency dispatch to Berlin otherwise unconfirmed, said the two scientists were both alive and had met a party of rescuers, announcing that they had risen ten miles above the earth, a height never before achieved by man.

TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AT HOME CRUEL

Startling Evidence Was Brought Out at Probe Being Conducted by the Attorney-General at Moncton.

Moncton, N. B., May 28—Investigation of charges of mistreatment of boys and girls in the Children's Home here was begun in the Supreme Court chambers at Moncton this morning before R. P. Hartley, deputy attorney general for New Brunswick.

The charges were preferred by Loyal Orange Lodge No. 62, Moncton. H. Murray Lambert, of Moncton, appeared as counsel for the lodge. James Friel, K. C., Moncton, is appearing for the Children's Aid Society, and J. C. Sherren is counsel for the matron, Miss Wilson.

Witnesses examined today, said children had been beaten and placed, for punishment, in cold shower baths and in tubs filled with ice. B. A. Keating, Moncton barber, told of having six boys come to him at different times for haircuts and noticing their ears torn. A little girl from the home had her hair cut at his shop, he testified, and a portion of the hair on top of the scalp was missing.

Had Been Beaten

Mrs. Sadie Bishop, the first witness called by Mr. Lambert, said she had been in the Home for a year or so and had left eight years ago. She was beaten several times by Miss Wilson, the matron, as were her sisters and brothers, she said. When she left the Home, to go to the home of Mrs. Olsen, of Bayfield, Westmorland county, there were black and blue marks on her body. These, she claimed, were caused by a strap wielded by the matron. She said she had been beaten several times, severely on two or three occasions. She saw other children beaten by Miss Wilson for what she thought only slight misdemeanors, she said.

The food was "not of the best," she claimed. Mrs. Bishop said she had heard of children being put in a tub of cold water for punishment. She, herself, had given a boy a cold shower bath on instructions from the matron.

OLD KALE, A RACING FAN, PASSES AWAY

London, Eng., May 28—Kathleen McNell, known merely as "Old Kate" to racing enthusiasts is dead at the age of 88.

For nearly three quarters of a century she sold race cards at the tracks and was a familiar figure to tens of thousands. King George and Queen Mary both knew "Old Kate" and frequently had stopped to chat with her.

GENEVA BREAD AT PRE-WAR LEVEL

Geneva, May 28—For the first time since the war bread has just reached its pre-war price level in Switzerland where it is now cheaper than in most of the other European countries. A kilogram of bread in Switzerland now costs 37 Swiss centimes, in comparison with 38 centimes at London, 45 centimes at Berlin, 48 centimes at London and 53 centimes at Milan.

Used Boxing Glove

Mrs. Mary Taylor on the stand this afternoon, said she had worked for two short periods at the Home Miss Wilson had used a boxing glove on two boys who had irritated her (the matron), she claimed. She did not see her use the glove but saw the boys when they came from the room. She said that one was covered with blood, which was coming from his nose and mouth. "Miss Wilson told me she used the boxing glove on them," she stated, and she said she heard the matron tell the boys she heard the matron tell the boys she would give the boys three minutes to clean the blood in the room. While witness was in the next room she heard what appeared to be blows and take that."

"A little girl was beaten until her nose was swollen and lips bleeding," Mrs. Taylor asserted. The matron had given the beating and used a strap, she said.

Miss Wilson was at one time matron of the School for the Deaf, at Halifax.

TO APPROVE THE POLICIES OF MR. BRIAND

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Paris, May 28—Threatening over throw of the Cabinet, the important radical socialist group now comprising 125 deputies decided today to approve the policies of Aristide Briand as foreign minister but to refuse to indicate confidence in the government. They expected to join the right center in an effort to overthrow Premier Pierre Laval.

ROBT. D. FORBES, WELL KNOWN CONTRACTOR, PASSED AWAY IN BOSTON LAST NIGHT

Left for That City on Monday to Consult a Specialist—News of His Passing Causes Deep Regret—Was a Well-Known and Popular Contractor.

A telegram from Boston this morning conveyed the sad intelligence that Robert D. Forbes the well known contractor of South Devon had passed away in the Massachusetts General Hospital. Mr. Forbes, who had not enjoyed good health for several years, left here on Monday last for Boston in company with Mrs. Forbes and their son, C. Hedley Forbes, to consult a specialist. Nothing was heard from them until the message came this morning announcing the death of Mr. Forbes, but soon afterwards a letter was received from his daughter May, stating that her father had stood the journey fairly well. It is needless to say that the news of Mr. Forbes' passing was received with great sorrow in this and the adjoining community and was a leading topic for conversation. The body is expected to arrive here at noon tomorrow and will be taken to the former home of the deceased at South Devon. The hour of the funeral will be announced later.

Native of Cross Creek

The late Mr. Forbes was a native of Cross Creek, York County, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Forbes. In his boyhood days he worked on the farm and in the lumber woods along the Nashwaak, gathering an experience which was destined to prove very useful in after life. Some years ago he took up his abode at South Devon where he raised and educated his family.

His First Contract

Near the close of the great war, in conjunction with William J. Scott of this city he was awarded a contract for erecting a number of large wooden buildings on old government house grounds, which were afterwards used as a hospital for returned soldiers. Later on he formed a partnership with Clarence Brown and engaged in a general contracting business. They constructed permanent roads and bridges in different parts of the province. They were also the contractors for the first Canadian Bank of Commerce building which was destroyed by fire over two years ago. They were also the builders of the splendid structures which have been added to the U.N.B. plant, one being used as a library and the other for the classes in forestry and mineralogy. Last year they were awarded the contract for the new Provincial Normal School, which is now nearing completion. This structure will cost close to \$400,000, and is undoubtedly one of the finest public buildings in the province.

Highly Esteemed

Mr. Forbes' work brought him into contact with a great many people, who held him in the highest esteem. He was a man who will be greatly missed, especially in his home town of Devon.

The late Mr. Forbes was a life long Conservative in politics and was an active and influential worker on behalf of his party—in season and out of season. He was a man of great energy, possessed a genial disposition and knew how to make friends and keep them.

The deceased was twice married, and is survived by a widow and family of five daughters and three sons. One son Alexander by his first wife is a resident of New Maryland. The other children are C. Hedley Forbes, manager of the Ross Drug Company stores here, Robert of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, North Devon, Miss May Forbes, R. N. of Lowell, who was with her father when the end came, Margaret an employee of the N. B. Telephone Company; Mrs. T. W. Sansom of this city, Doris of the staff of Shute & Co., and Etta, employed by the Liquor Control Board.

The deceased was a member of Alexander Lodge F. & A.M. of Devon and the funeral will likely be under Masonic Auspices.

The Premier's Tribute

Hon. C. D. Richards, Premier of New Brunswick, in a brief interview this morning said: "I have learned of the death of Robert D. Forbes with the deepest regret. He was a close personal friend and an outstanding supporter of the Conservative Party in the County of York and his assistance and advice were highly prized by the representatives of the constituency. The town of Devon has lost a very worthy citizen, who was active at all times in promoting its best interests, and he proved himself a warm friend of the working man. As you know the late Mr. Forbes and his partner Clarence Brown, were the contractors for the library and forestry buildings at our university and also for the splendid new Normal School building, now approaching completion. We all have every reason to be proud of their work. The widow and family of the late Mr. Forbes have my heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement."

CHAPLIN HAS AN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT

Has Accepted An Offer From the British Government

WILL DIRECT TALKING MOVIE

He Recently Refused to Appear at Command Performance

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

London, May 28—Charles Spencer Chaplin who recently refused to participate in a "command performance" before King George, has accepted an offer from the British Government to devise and direct a British talking motion picture, the Daily Sketch said today.

The Daily Sketch said the acceptance was a result of conversations among Chaplin and representatives of the Foreign Office in Paris recently.

Great Northern Express was Hit By Freak Tornado

Eleven Passenger Coaches Were Hurlled From the Rails in Minnesota—Two Men Were Killed and Thirty Injured.—United States Has Billion Dollar Deficit.

MOORHEAD, Minn., May 28—Death, suffering and property damage marked today the zig-zag trail of a freak tornado which swooped down upon a fast Great Northern train near here and hurled eleven passenger coaches from the rails. One man was killed and more than thirty persons injured when the twister flipped the train from the tracks. A few minutes later another man was crushed to death when the tornado descended against a point eighteen miles away.

U. S. Has a High Deficit

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28—The Treasury deficit has passed the billion dollar mark, the Treasury records show today.

The Treasury daily statement, issued today, showed that the deficit reached the billion mark on May 26, standing on that day at \$1,000,792,430.88.

SERIOUS FIRE AT TRACADIE ON WEDNESDAY

Tracadie, N. B., May 27—Fire ravaged this picturesque Gloucester County village this afternoon and caused damage estimated at \$175,000 with partial insurance. The flames originated in a barn owned by A. L. Simard and spread quickly, destroying the barn, Simard's store and residence. The blaze is thought to have started in the hay loft.

As the fire obtained a firm grip and spread from building to building, it was feared that the hospital and convent conducted by the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu would be destroyed. This was narrowly averted, the fire fighters managing to get control of the outbreak before it approached that area.

Made 50-Mile Run

Had it not been for the prompt arrival and good work of the Chatham fire department, the flames would probably have swept a much wider area. When it became apparent that the fire could not be stopped at the imard property, a call for assistance was sent to Chatham. Chief W. A. Skidd and his men brought their apparatus here, a distance of 50 miles, in record time and soon had the pumper at work, obtaining water from the Miramichi river.

The Bathurst fire department also asked to send help, loaded apparatus on a flat car and were on the way to the scene by train, when word was received they would not be needed.

DEATH TOLL IN SPANISH RIOTS

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

San Sebastian, Spain, May 28—Martial law was enforced in San Sebastian today after sanguinary riots in which striking fishermen and civil guards clashed. The death toll was placed at six while 22 persons were wounded, three seriously.

A physician says that success depends upon the functioning of the glands. The sweat glands?

FIRST LADY NAMED AS HON. PRESIDENT

Announcement that Lady Bessborough had accepted the office of Honorary National President of the King's Daughters of the Dominion of Canada, was made last night by Miss M. L. Ross, of Vancouver, at the annual convention of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, being held in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church.

Lady Bessborough succeeds Lady Willingdon, who resigned when she left the Dominion with the Earl of Willingdon, who is now viceroy of India.

Delegates from all parts of Canada, more than 100 in number, registered at the opening of the convention. Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, the Dominion president, was in the chair.

A flag procession marked the formal start of the three day meeting. This was followed by the introduction of hostesses and conveners. The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock yesterday, Miss A. M. Brown, of Toronto, led the devotional period, and the interim minutes were read by Miss Ross.

A warm welcome was extended to visiting delegates by Mrs. B. E. Foster, of Fredericton. Mrs. R. S. Logan, of Montreal, member of the Central Council of the Order, responded to this.

The major item on the agenda this afternoon was the presentation of the report of the secretary, Miss Ross.

"The work of the Order in Canada," she stated, "shows nothing spectacular. We have carried on along the usual lines. I regret that I still have to report that in only six of our provinces is the work organized. I have tried to create contacts in two of the unorganized provinces, Alberta and Manitoba.

No Change

No change was reported this afternoon from the Victoria Hospital on the condition of J. Douglas Black, publicity director, who is seriously ill, following a delayed operation for appendicitis.