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### DERIGIBLE WAS BLOWN OUT TO SEA

(Special to the Daily Mail by the  
British United Press)

Lakehurst, N. J., Jan. 5.—How a navy dirigible with a frozen gasoline line was blown helplessly for 20 miles out to sea was narrated here today by seven members of the crew of the J-3 after their resourcefulness finally brought the ship safely back.

Officers and men rushed to strategic points along the New Jersey coast when the ship was found to be in distress. By bucketing gasoline from a valve in one of the main tanks and transferring it to an emergency tank, the crew managed to feed the motors long enough to return to the naval air station here.

#### KIPLING CHARACTER DIES

Delhi, India, Jan. 4.—Charles de Russell, 85, whom Rudyard Kipling made famous as his character of "Pawa Must Run Sadhu of Monkey Temple" died at Simla. His body was cremated on top of Jakko Hill, the site of the temple, today.

### TONIGHT!

The anniversary exercises in connection with the Fredericton Auxiliary Bible Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Charlotte Street, this evening. An interesting program has been prepared and will no doubt prove satisfying. The address of the evening will be delivered by Right Reverend Bishop Richardson. The Choir of the Church will provide musical selections. Mr. J. W. Spurden, will take the chair at 8 o'clock. During the evening an offering will be received.

C. A. SAMPSON, Sec'y.

### DISCOVERY OF CIPHER BOOKS GIVES CLUES

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the  
British United Press)

Calcutta, Jan. 5.—Clues of a conspiracy throughout all India have been unearthed from the seizure of a cipher book, it was revealed today at the trial of twenty young men at Deoghar who were revolutionists. Twelve police raids resulted from the discovery of the cipher book which gave clues about the revolutionary work in all Ahabad, Chittagong, Calcutta, Comilla and elsewhere. Much ammunition, explosives, revolutionary literature and books on military training were taken.

### GENE TUNNEY MAKES SOME PREDICTIONS

(Special to the Daily Mail by the  
British United Press)

New York, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Six hundred millionaires and a host of dignitaries including two American ambassadors heard Gene Tunney predict \$5,000,000 boxing gates and generally defend the boxing at the world's champions dinner last night.

Several other sport champions were included in the gathering sponsored by Madison Square Garden and given at the Commodore Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilkens of Moncton is in the city today on a visit to some friends.

## NEW AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FORECASTED BY HON. LEWIS SMITH AT BANQUET LAST NIGHT

Formulation of some important new agricultural policies for New Brunswick was forecast at a dinner at which Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, entertained at a local hotel last evening the staffs of the Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture attending a two-day conference which opened here this morning.

While the conference will not be concluded until tomorrow afternoon, and until the committees report on the program at the concluding session no announcement will be made of the new policies which are being sponsored by Hon. Mr. Smith, some intimation of what is being done was given by C. F. Bailey, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station here, who spoke briefly following the dinner as the senior representative present from the Federal Department of Agriculture. He congratulated Hon. Mr. Smith on "the progressive steps being taken by the Provincial Department of Agriculture." Mr. Bailey said that in his opinion the new policies which he had heard out-lined at the conference are "just what is needed to put agriculture on the best possible basis in New Brunswick."

#### Progress Made.

Mr. Bailey said that he had been stationed in New Brunswick for the past six years and it had been pleasing to him to watch the steady march of agricultural progress in the province as shown by the activities of the Provincial and Federal Departments of Agriculture. He said he believed such conferences as the present one brought about a better understanding. He then made reference to the "progressive steps" and "new policies" of the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

ture which constituted the first public intimation that important announcements might be expected to follow the conclusion of the conference tomorrow.

#### Need of Co-operation.

Hon. Mr. Smith said he had enjoyed splendid co-operation from both the Federal and Provincial agricultural officials since assuming the administration of the New Brunswick department. All that had delayed the putting into effect of some new policies which had been under consideration for some time had been the province's financial situation and now he hoped the objective would soon be reached, he said.

Hon. Mr. Smith, presided at the dinner with Mr. Bailey, Hon. J. A. Murray, superintendent of immigration, J. D. Black, director of the bureau of provincial information and tourist travel, and James Bremner, field representative of the Jersey Breeders' Association in Eastern Canada, also at the head table, with Harvey Mitchell deputy minister, in the vice chair.

#### Sessions Continue.

Following dinner the sessions of the conference which had gone on all morning and afternoon were continued. This afternoon the district representative service, the problems of creameries and cheese factories, the operations of the soils and crops discussion and short courses in agricultural schools and in the French speaking parishes were discussed. This evening Hon. J. A. Murray discussed immigration and the providing of advice and assistance for settlers and the larger number of immigrants who would be locating on farms in the province during the new year.

## FLEAS ARE NOT SO DARNED BRIGHT SAYS A PROFESSOR

(New York Sun)

In "Three Sisters" Tchekov has one of his characters speak to this effect: "When one is in prison the slightest movement of a bird outside his window is of utmost concern but upon release one never gives the birds a thought."

In most instances that is undoubtedly true, but the professor in charge of the flea circus on Forty-second street is an exception.

When he was in exile in a Siroitan prison he turned his attention to the study and training of fleas. It seems almost unbelievable that such insignificant mites would have brains enough to execute a chariot race, turn a merry-go-round, dance to the tune of a tiny music box or jump into a drinking glass. As a matter of fact they have no brains to speak of. It is only by force of habit that they manage to go through their performances.

History tells us of the patience of Job but one doubts whether that estimable ancient's virtue could surpass that of the professor. Training fleas is an art and a science. It takes ingenuity, concentration, infinite patience and careful manipulation.

In order to make a flea pull a merry-go-round it is necessary first to convince the flea that he can walk only in a circle. This is done by pasting a narrow strip of adhesive tape in a circle on the surface of a mirror. Since there is little traction on the mirror the flea cannot walk or jump about. He soon learns to follow the line of the adhesive tape. But in order to make the flea walk it is necessary to lead him by means of a shadow. The professor therefore places the end of an unsharpened pencil in front of the flea and then move it around the adhesive tape. The flea, attracted by the darkness, follows the pencil. After several weeks the flea having learned to walk in a circle, forgets how to walk otherwise and wherever he is placed he walks only in a circle. Hence after he is attached to a merry-go-round the flea becomes a willing servant.

The professor declares that one

of the most arduous tasks is that of placing the tiny gold chain around the flea's neck. It must be done with great care, otherwise the flea will strangle himself. The professor uses a high powered magnifying glass when harnessing his performers. The gold chain serves a two fold purpose. It makes it easier to find the flea and it prevents the flea from hopping away from his captor.

Teaching a flea to dance is a comparatively easy matter. The natural tendency of the creature is to hop. By using a heavy gold chain weighing perhaps one sixteenth of an ounce the flea's hop is cut down decidedly. The flea hopping continually gives the appearance of a dancer doing a waltz. The professor hit upon the idea of making the fleas wear dresses. The dresses add to their appearance and give them the semblance of microscopic human beings executing the latest dance number.

The technic of training fleas for the chariot race is similar to the merry-go-round system. Harnessed to tiny chariots the fleas hold an exciting race although there are no Ben Hurs lashing them on.

#### Councillors Entertained.

The new members of the York County Council were the hosts at an enjoyable oyster supper at Lindsay's restaurant last evening. The guests included members of the council, county officers and others. A number of speeches followed an eloquent repast.

#### Skating at Parks.

The skating at the different outdoor places is of the best today and many people are taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon's skating at an outdoor haunt. The lightly moderated weather makes it more convenient for skating outdoors.

"Christmas comes but once a year And when it does it brings good cheer!"

Here the salesgirl, weary blue, Gave a groan and cried "Sez who?"

## CLAIMS THAT WILD LANDS ARE BEING EXCESSIVELY TAXED

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Nair of Fredericton succeeded Mr. Kelley as secretary and had taken hold of the work with great energy. He (Whipple) felt that the convention had been a success, but the results achieved might not yet be apparent. Various matters were discussed by the union and with few exceptions the resolutions were adopted. The question of railway taxation was discussed and the claim was put forward that the Municipalities were entitled to a share of the amount collected from the C. N. R. Hon. Mr. Stewart, who was present, made out a good case on behalf of the government, and action was deferred. Taxation matters as affecting cities, towns and rural municipalities were also discussed, but no hard and fast conclusions were reached. He would recommend that membership in the Union of Municipalities be continued by the County.

#### The Feeble Minded.

Coun. Douglas said that the ground had been so well covered by Coun. Whipple that little remained for him to say. He had been impressed with the discussions in regard to the feeble minded and had been surprised to know the number of those unfortunates was on the increase. He hoped the county would continue its membership.

#### Praises the Union.

Coun. Ebbett had found the meeting of the Union very instructive and hoped the county would continue its membership. There had been considerable discussion on matters relating to the natural resources of the province. The committee in charge was to be congratulated in the manner in which the delegates had been entertained. He was sure all had carried away with them a good opinion of the City of Fredericton and County of York.

Coun. Greenlaw congratulated the delegates on the excellent reports presented. He thought the proposal to circularize the various municipal councils prior to the July meeting and have them suggest subjects for discussion at the next meeting of the Union would work out well and increase the usefulness of the organization. He moved that the council continue its membership in the Union of Municipalities.

#### Mayor Clark Praised.

Coun. Dobie added a word of praise to the work accomplished by the Union at its last meeting in Fredericton. He thought they were fortunate in having a Fredericton man appointed as secretary. Much of the success of the late convention had been due to the untiring efforts of Mayor Clark of Fredericton. He was in favor of a four year term for municipal representatives as it would give them a chance to become efficient in their work. The delegates to the Union convention had returned home well pleased.

Warden Seymour here read a communication from Secretary J. B. McNair, enclosing a copy of a resolution of thanks adopted by the Union of Municipalities at its closing session.

Coun. McMullin urged the appointment of a committee to urge upon the Provincial Government the necessity of providing a home for the feeble minded of the province.

Coun. Douglas deplored the increase of feeble minded in the province and thought something should be done to check it. He did not think that people should be permitted to marry without first obtaining a doctor's certificate. Coun. Whipple said he did not gather from what was said at the convention that the number of feeble minded in the province was increasing. What was urged was that steps should be taken to provide better care for them.

#### Conditions in Stanley.

Coun. McDonald said he thought that many cases of feeble mindedness was in most cases due to intermarriages. He knew of many cases in his county where whole families were domiciled during the winter months in one or two rooms of a shack. That sort of thing had been going on in his parish for years. There were monstrosities born in such families, but thank God they seldom lived. Such a condition of affairs in a civilized community was shameful. He had heard of cases where families were often without food on the table except perhaps a turnip and that uncooked. The problem of the feeble

minded was a serious one and would have to be grappled with by the authorities. He cited a case where three children were living in a home three miles from a school. They seldom saw a preacher and their grandmother had told him that it was impossible for her to properly clothe them. The number of mentally deficient must be kept down in the interests of the community. He was glad that the Union of Municipalities was giving this important matter consideration.

The junior Councillor for Stanley spoke with great sincerity and was heartily applauded on resuming his seat.

On motion of Coun. McMullin the Council separated until two p. m.

## LOCAL W.C.T.U. HELD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. M. Burns. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Chas. McQuarrie. Miss Faith Saunders, a returned missionary gave a bible reading and an address on prayer which was greatly enjoyed. This was followed by special prayers by a number of members in behalf of the Temperance cause and for individuals.

The president Mrs. W. R. Wiggins was in the chair and at the roll-call each member responded with a scripture verse bearing on prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. G. W. Kilburn read a letter of good cheer from Mrs. Effie Bruce of Campbellton, provincial president.

The president read a card from Mrs. Mary Burr, the eldest member on Managing Expressions of Good Wishes for Christmas. She also expressed her good wishes for the coming year.

Mrs. J. N. Ferguson reported on giving plants at Christmas.

Mrs. Harvey True reported that she had visited the gaol both at Christmas and New Years taking baskets of food, fruit and candy to the inmates. She also placed a scriptural calendar in each cell. Four ladies were admitted to membership and signed the pledge.

Mrs. Fred Hanson rendered a solo and the meeting closed with the aronic benediction.

## DR. G. A. INCH A SUCCESSFUL POULTRY RAISER

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estimates that last year he had a substantial profit of \$4 per bird and expects to do fully as well if not better this year.

The doctor has three separate poultry houses in his back yard and has attached to each a scratch shed with a glass covering. The birds have free range to these during the winter months, and if they see fit they can roam about the garden as he keeps the doors open during the day time. The care of his sixty birds requires a lot of attention, but he derives a lot of pleasure from it.

As another sideline the doctor maintains several colonies of bees, and his annual crop of honey is quite an extensive one. While he is now out of the teaching profession he is still able to teach a large percentage of the farmers of New Brunswick how to make money from poultry and bees.

#### Weather Variable

The weather which we are getting lately is of every variety. Early this morning a light snowfall occurred lasting for about an hour; at about two o'clock this afternoon a blustery wind and snow storm made things real wintry for about an hour. A bright sun cleared everything up once again and at four o'clock it was a clear pleasant day.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Davis of Hampton are in the city today on a visit to relatives.