

BRITISH BATTLE WITH TAUBE 2000 FEET IN AIR FOLLOWING ZEPPELINS' RAID ON LONDON

Taubes Bombard Two Towns in Latest Invasion—Dagenham, Within City Limits, Shelled by Airships Which Visit Twelve Places in Essex and Suffolk—Woman and Girl Injured and Several Fires Started.

The long-threatened Zeppelin raid on London has started. No sooner had the three Zeppelins which bombarded a dozen British towns early this morning disappeared than two Taubes were sighted off Margate. Faversham and Sittingbourne, 32 miles from London, were bombarded.

British aviators pursued the Taubes, and a battle 2000 feet in the air was witnessed by thousands. An unconfirmed report says one of the Taubes was brought to earth by a rifle shot. The raiders caused little damage.

In the morning raid, in which three Zeppelins engaged Dagenham, within the limits of Greater London, was shelled. The other towns under fire were in Essex and Suffolk. A woman and a girl were slightly injured, while fires, which caused \$150,000 damage, were started.

Count Zeppelin is reported in personal charge of the German air fleet at the aero base at Cuxhaven.

LONDON, April 16. For the third time within less than 40 hours German skyraiders have crossed the North Sea and bombarded English towns.

These dispatches declared a thrilling battle 2000 feet above the railway leading from Sittingbourne to Sheerness. The English aviators attempted to stop the Taube but were driven off by a machine gun fire after hurling one explosive in an orchard 200 yards from the camp.

The Taube that flew over Sittingbourne first dropped bombs from a great altitude. Then, swinging to the side, it descended to a height of 900 feet. One bomb fell in a stone quarry, but did no damage.

Three Zeppelins took part in the earlier raid. The English aviators were quickly detected and placed on exhibition in a zoo.

EX-DIRECTOR NORRIS SAYS ADIEU TO OFFICE FORCE



A veritable garden of flowers greeted the former Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries as he visited his office in the Bourse Building today, and in view of this surprise he spoke of his appreciation to the employees of the department.

"I have spent many happy hours in this department," he said. "The relations of those associated with me in my work as Director had always been pleasant. I leave the department in the best of hands, and am sure that harmony will continue and the same interest will be shown by my successor."

John Meigs, the new Director, is seen congratulating Mr. Norris. The new Director received many floral tributes.

SLAVS SWEEP BACK IN NEW GALICIAN FIGHT BY AUSTRIAN ADVANCE

Muscovite Menace on Cracow Removed and Passage to Dukla Halted. Kaiser's Offensive Renewed in North Poland.

While eminent men of two States eulogized the dead leader commerce and industry stood still. The management of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, not always a friend of Colonel Nelson's while he lived, halted all its cars for five minutes and the tens of thousands of passengers bowed their heads as if they were in church.

Governor Arthur Capper, of Kansas, publisher of the Topeka Capital, and Lieutenant Governor W. Y. Morgan, of Hutchinson, publisher of the Hutchinson News, closed their newspaper plants during the funeral hour.

For the day all but the noon editions of Colonel Nelson's evening newspaper, the Star, were annulled.

F. J. HEPPE STARTS BIG FUND FOR POOR

Head of Piano Firm Deposits \$50,000 as Foundation of \$500,000 Goal.

Florence J. Heppe, president of C. J. Heppe & Sons, piano merchants, 1115 Chestnut street, today deposited \$50,000 with the Girard Trust Company, which he said was a gift to the poor of Philadelphia.

The fund started by Mr. Heppe will be known as the Heppe Memorial Fund. In announcing his contribution, Mr. Heppe said that he wished to create a perpetual fund from which poverty-stricken Philadelphians could secure immediate aid.

BULLETINS

GAME BOUNTY BILL SIGNED HARRISBURG, Pa., April 16.—Governor Brumbaugh announced this afternoon that he had signed the new game bounty measure and has vetoed the Mearkle bill making it a misdemeanor to issue a check on a bank where there is not sufficient funds to the credit of the drawer to meet it and to refuse to make good the amount due.

At the same time he announced the veto of two other bills and the approval of seven measures in addition to the bounty bill.

CZAR'S CARPATHIAN CAMPAIGN FAILS; VIENNA SAYS VIENNA, April 16.—"The most gigantic battle in the history of the world has resulted in the complete defeat of the Russians attempting to cross the Carpathians," said an official statement from the Austrian War Office tonight.

RUSSIAN CONSUL SLAIN BY PERSIANS CONSTANTINOPLE, April 16.—The Russian Consul at Kirmanshah has been murdered by Persians, according to advices received.

BRYAN LET PAPERS ASSERTING SWOBODA'S INNOCENCE WASHINGTON, April 16.—R. K. McLea, Secretary to Secretary Bryan today documents he said proved Raymond Swoboda innocent of attempting to destroy the liner La Touraine, as charged. Bryan agreed to forward the information to Ambassador Sharp.

LATE BARON ROTHSCHILD LEFT \$12,500,000 LONDON, April 16.—The late Nathan Mayer (Baron Rothschild) left an estate of \$12,500,000, according to a professional estimate sworn to today.

FRENCH CRUISER DESTROYS TURKISH BRIDGE PARIS, April 16.—Ship of the Anglo-French fleet, that are attacking Turkish forts are their operations. The following official announcement was given out by the Ministry of Marine today: "Yesterday morning a French cruiser destroyed the bridge connecting the interior railroad of Syria with the town of St. John of Acre."

OLD MAN FALLS DEAD FROM HEART DISEASE George Brown, 60 years old, of 2018 Monmouth street, fell dead today, at Trenton avenue and Huntingdon street. The body was found by Sergeant Murdoch, of the Trenton avenue and Delphin street station, and taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where Doctor Crews said death was caused by heart failure. Brown is survived by a wife and three daughters.

MUNITION MAKERS MAY STRIKE TO END WAR NEW YORK, April 16.—A general strike of munition makers, urged at a big mass-meeting at Cooper Union today, was the subject of considerable discussion in labor circles. The meeting adopted a resolution favoring the authorization of a committee of three to visit labor centers of the belligerents to confer on methods of ending the war.

RUNAWAY HORSE INJURES BABY Joseph Chester, 21 months old, of 1545 South 26th street, is in a critical condition in the Polyclinic Hospital today, as the result of being struck by a runaway horse. He is suffering from a fractured right leg and internal injuries.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY SEEKS DEATH IN OCEAN ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 16.—Homeless and despondent, Russell Pennington, 17 years old, of Buffalo, tried to end his troubles by plunging into the ocean at Tennessee avenue last night. He was brought ashore after a fight and sent to jail. When restored, Pennington said the attempt had been his third effort to die and that he will make no more.

ERECT WIRELESS STATION IN FOUR MINUTES Many visitors at the Philadelphia Navy Yard today saw 200 marines, comprising the 1st and 2d Regiments, inspected by the brigade commander, Colonel Waller. The men marched upon the parade ground of the Navy Yard. Each member carried equipment weighing almost 100 pounds. Four men carried a complete wireless outfit. The wireless station was erected in four minutes on the ground during the drill that followed.

PAINTINGS STOLEN FROM HOME OF OSWALD CHEW Valuable oil paintings, it became known today, have been stolen from the home of Oswald Chew, at Radnor. The thieves forced an entrance into the house by breaking the lock of the street door while the members of the family were out. Among the paintings taken was a portrait of Benjamin Chew mounted on a polo pony. The other paintings stolen were those of Robert Louis Stevenson and Richard Harding Davis.

LIGHTED CIGARETTE BRINGS 12 FIRE ENGINES A lighted cigarette dropped in a pile of oily waste in a tool shed in the rear of the Bradley Chair Works, Beach street and Susquehanna avenue, this morning brought 12 fire engines to the scene in response to a box call turned in by an unidentified person. The damage from the fire was slight.

MOVIE ACTOR BUNNY NEAR DEATH NEW YORK, April 16.—John Bunny, whose corpulent body and facile physiognomy is known to millions of movie fans, was very low today. His physicians fear he cannot last the day. One of his friends heard that he was dead and notified newspaper offices to this effect, but the rumor was unfounded.

THIRTY FREIGHT CARS PASS OVER WORKMAN'S BODY "Jimmy" Gallagher, foreman for the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, was killed by a heading freight train today while hurrying across the tracks to work, at York and American streets. Thirty freight cars passed over him. He was a few minutes late and failed to see the train approaching. He was 37 years old and lived at Phillip and York streets.

SWEDISH SHIP BLOWN UP; NINE PERISH ABERDEEN, April 16.—Nine persons are believed to have perished when the Swedish steamship Folke was sunk off Peterhead Wednesday night by a mine or torpedo. Seven members of the crew were landed here last night by the trawler Fieber Prince, but the captain, seven sailors and stewards, who were in another boat, are still missing. The ship sank two hours after she was blown up.

CHILI WILLING TO ACCEPT BRITAIN'S APOLOGY SANTIAGO, Chile, April 16.—Official announcement was made today that the Chilean Government would accept the apology of England for sinking the German cruiser Dresden in Chilean waters and that the incident was closed.

BANDITS SHOOT SALOONKEEPER AND GET LOOT Chicago, April 16.—Two automobile bandits entered the saloon of Joseph Balchunas today, shot and seriously wounded Balchunas when he refused to obey their order to hold up his hands, took \$40 from the cash drawer and escaped.

JITNEYS COST P. R. T. YEARLY REVENUE LOSS EXCEEDING \$250,000

The ubiquitous jitney apparently has come to stay—that is, of course, if Councils, at the instigation of the P. R. T., or the taxicab companies, do not adopt an innocent-looking measure which will drive it from the streets.

While the Rapid Transit Company is keeping tabs on the jitneys by inspector-stations stationed at shady corners with pad and pencil, and while the taxi companies profess to treat the little cars with contempt, and at the same time are aware of their exact number and earnings, the jitney drivers have consolidated themselves into a permanent organization, adopted bylaws, appointed a committee to consult with the police department on traffic regulation, adopted a uniform system of charges, mapped definite routes and are planning a complete system of automobile transit to reach all important sections of the city.

They have "barned" women drivers and adopted a pennant, which can easily be seen.

NELSON W. ALDRICH DIES OF APOPLEXY IN NEW YORK HOME

NEW YORK, April 16.—Ex-Senator Nelson Winthrop Aldrich, of Rhode Island, died today at his home here, 908 8th avenue, following a stroke of apoplexy. He had not been in good health for a number of months. He was 74 years old, and was born at Foster, R. I., November 4, 1841. His home was at Warwick, R. I.

Mr. Aldrich suffered the stroke yesterday afternoon, but it was thought he was recovering. The stroke was preceded by an attack of indigestion. Dr. John S. Thatcher and Harlan M. Thomas responded hurriedly to calls from the family, and succeeded in making Mr. Aldrich temporarily comfortable. He passed a fairly favorable night, but died suddenly at 10 o'clock today, just after Doctor Thatcher had left the residence.

With Mr. Aldrich when the end came were his wife, his daughter, Miss Lucy T. Aldrich, and his son, Winthrop. His other daughter, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was hastily summoned, but did not reach the bedside. It is stated, until after her father had died.

Senator Aldrich retired from the Senate March 3, 1901, after serving in Congress from Rhode Island in both Senate and House for many years. He was celebrated principally for his part in financial reform as the author of the Aldrich-Vreeland currency act and as the co-author of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. He was one of the foremost students of financial and economic affairs the United States has ever produced. During his long term in public office he was identified with many important political issues, the chief of which were the tariff and monetary reforms.

Mr. Aldrich had been made chairman of the Finance Commission.

STATE TO PROSECUTE IN ABDUCTION PLOT

Postal Authorities to Testify Against Woman, Who Promises Sensation.

Federal prosecution of Mrs. Frances Groce, of West Chester, for plotting the abduction of Mrs. Robert Butler, was dropped today at a conference of Assistant District Attorney J. H. Hall and Chief Postal Inspector Cortelyou. Assistant Inspectors Wynne, Hawksworth and Kernan attended at the conference.

GEMS DAZZLE GIRL; "CAN'T RESIST THEM"

Helen Hendrie, 13 Years Old, Tells Magistrate of Taking Them—Father Is Held.

"I just couldn't resist those diamonds," sobbed 13-year-old Helen Hendrie, in the midst of a station house crowd that was entirely sympathetic, including her accuser, today.

VILLA LOSES 14,000 IN CELAYA BATTLE

Obregon, Carranza Leader, Reports Complete Rout of "Pancho's" Troops.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Complete rout of General Villa, with a loss of 11,000 killed, wounded and prisoners, in a two-day battle at Celaya was reported today to the Constitutional agency here by General Obregon.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy. These days of far-off azure skies and sun that shines so warm fill us with deep and pained surprise. And make us wish for storm.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; much change in temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

Observations at Philadelphia

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On the Pacific Coast

Table with columns for Date, Time, and weather observations for the Pacific Coast.

Almanac of the Day

Table with columns for Date, Time, and various almanac data.

Lamps to be Lighted

Table with columns for Date, Time, and locations for lamps to be lighted.

The Tides

Table with columns for Date, Time, and tide information.