WON THE $30,000 AVIATION PRIZE

Frenchman Flew Six Hundred Miles From Paris to Madrid.

Crossed a Pass at an Elevation of Nearly 5,000 Feet.

Met With Great Reception When He Reached Madrid.

Paris, May 29.—Pierre Vedrine, the French aviator, arrived at the Spanish capital from Burgois at 8.06 o'clock this morning, being the first contestant to complete the third stage of the Paris-to-Madrid aviation race. He covered the distance of 140 miles between Madrid and Burgois, where he landed yesterday from San Sebastian, in two hours and forty-five minutes. Gilbert and Garrios are still stalled in the mountain fastnesses, and it is not thought probable that they will be able to finish within the time limit.

Vedrine, on landing at the Getafe aerodrome, was so tired after his voyage he jumped from his aeroplane and flung himself on the ground to rest. A frantic crowd soon rushed up, however, and bore the victorious aviator on their shoulders to the judges. On reaching the judges' platform he was showered with roses and kissed repeatedly by the women.

Later, on complaining that he was still numb from his flight, he was removed to an infirmary, where he received medical attention and a short but much needed rest. On reappearing at the aerodrome the Frenchman smilingly delivered the messages which he had brought with him from Paris, and was congratulated on his magnificent flight by the civil governor of Madrid on behalf of King Alfonso.

Vedrine left the suburbs of Burgos in ideal weather this morning, and flew over Aranda de Duero, 48 miles south of Burgos, at a good height ond at a great speed.

At Bocquillas, where the airman was greeted by a great crowd of wildly shouting peasants, Vedrine buckled down to the task of crossing the dreaded Somosierra Pass, which is 4,900 feet high. Higher and higher he climbed until he had attained an altitude of 6,500 feet. The bird man then, straight as an arrow, flew over the crags and snow-capped peaks until he reached the immense plains of San Augustin. Having left the mountain ranges behind him, Vedrine dropped closer to the earth and finally reached the aerodrome at Getafe, where he alighted with the greatest ease amid the plaudits of thousands of enthusiastic spectators.

The Paris-to-Madrid race was begun on May 21 under the auspices of the Petit Parisien, which offered a prize of $20,000. In addition the Spanish Aero Club gave prizes amounting to $10,000 and King Alfonso offered a special prize for the fastest speed over the Spanish section. The journey was divided into three stages, Paris to Angouleme, Angouleme to San Sebastian and San Sebastian to Madrid, a total distance of about 600 miles.

Twenty machines were entered for the race, but as a result of the tragic accident when the start was made from the Issy Les Moulineaux aviation field, which resulted in the death of M. Berteaux, the French Minister of War, and in serious injury to Premier Monis, all but three of the aviators withdrew. Of these three Pierre Vedrine, who reached the Spanish capital this morning, was the favorite. He covered the first stage of the contest, 279 miles, in 3 hours and 39 minutes, breaking all records for a long distance country flight. The running time of the southern express between Paris and Angouleme was beaten by Vedrine by one hour and 39 minutes.

NO LIQUOR.

Such Is the Order From Brigadier-General Cotton.

Notwithstanding the fact that Major-General Sir Percy Lake recommended last year in his interim report that the sale of malt liquors under strict supervision be allowed in the militia camps, standing orders for the Niagara camp, issued this week by Brigadier-General Cotton, state positively that no liquor of any sort is to be allowed in any officers' mess, canteen or other regimental institution within the camp.

The division of the camp into two parts this year, commencing on June 5 and 19, respectively, will relieve to a great extent the congestion which has been so noticeable in the last few years on the Niagara common. The infantry brigades will occupy their usual position on the old grounds, and during the first camp grounds will be fenced off and kept fresh for the troops which will attend during the following two weeks. The desire which was expressed by General Lake that the new camping grounds recently acquired by the Government on the lake shore should be used by the infantry, and the old grounds reserved entirely for the cavalry, will not materialize this year, owing principally to difficulty in securing suitable drinking water on the new grounds.

BODY FOUND IN BUSH.

Cornwall, Ont., despatch: The body of John Kinnear, aged 80 years, was found about a half a mile from his residence in the fourth concession of Roxborough, yesterday. He had been missing for three days and had evidently gone out to trim up some cedar trees. The coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary, as the old man had died from natural causes.

FOR AVIATORS.

Bill in Parliament to Provide Against Disasters.

London, May 29.—Learning a lesson from the atroplane disaster that caused the death of the French Minister of War, Winston Churchill yesterday introduced an aerial bill empowering the Home Secretary to make regulations for defining and closing certain areas over which it is thought to be dangerous for air craft to pass.

The bill is a temporary measure brought in with the special view of safeguarding the public who will withnes the coronation ceremonies from reckless aviation. It is preliminary to a more comprehencive measure. Fines proposed for contravention of the regulations are heavy; on indictment, two years' imprisonment or a fine of £500; on summary convictions three months' imprisonment or a fine of £100.

YOUNG BRITONS

Will Introduce Drill Corps—Ne Temere Decree Condemned.

St. Thomas despatch: The Grand Lodge of the Orange Young Britons of Ontario, at the annual session here to-day, unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Grand Lodge unreservedly condemns the ne temere decree, and places itself on record as also opposed to any interference by any Church or society with the civil marriage laws of Canada."

It was decided to take immediate steps to introduce drill corps throughout the Province. Addresses of welcome were given the delegates by Messrs. McCormack, County Master; E. W. Trump for the local lodges, and Major Guest.

Grand Secretary Hornshaw reported two hundred lodges in the Dominion with a membership of 14,000, one thousand of whom are in Toronto.

The following officers were elected: Grand Master, Gordon Black, Toronto (by acclamation). Deputy Grand Master, W. J. Lowrie, Russell. Junior Deputy Grand Master, W. J. Blair, Toronto. Grand Chaplain, J. J. Young, Hamilton. Grand Secretary, Shelton Hornshaw, Toronto (re-elected). Grand Treasurer, T. A. Carscadden, Russell (re-elected). Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. J. Tissack, Ottawa. Grand Lecturer, J. A. Dickson, Dundas (re-elected). Deputy Grand Chaplain, B. Wing, Brockville. Deputy Grand Secretary, S. A. Moffatt, Toronto. Deputy Grand Treasurer, A. J. McDonald, Hamilton. Deputy Grand Lecturers, B. Harcourt, West Toronto, and J. Biers, North Bay. Grand Auditors, Thos. Patterson, Hamilton, and Alex. McHam, Toronto.

TO BUILD HOMES.

St. Catharines Manufacturers Take Action—A Centenarian.

St. Catharines despatch: Representatives of the larger manufacturing plants in the city this evening held a meeting at which plans for the organization of a club with the object of building homes for merchants were further advanced. Although the records in the city clerk's office show that over fifty houses were constructed this year already, the congestion has not yet been relieved.

John Winney, aged one hundred and one years, has taken up his residence at the County Industrial Home at his own request. He was born in England in 1810, but resided in Grimsby for years. Two weeks ago Reeve William Mitchell sent him to Muskoka, where he once lived, but the old man returned a few days ago, saying he could not live in the north, the conditions had so changed. The old man has a son seventy-five years, and two grandsons both over fifty years, living in Grimsby.

Farmers of Louth and Grantham townships have appointed a committee consisting of Robert Thompson, W. C. McCalla, John Scott, J. H. Broderick, W. Oliver, Lewis Haynes and Adam Craise, to formulate an appeal to Hon. R. Lemieux, postmaster-general, for rural free mail delivery throughout the Niagara district fruit belt. Other townships in the belt are likely to join in the movement.

FAVOR PEACE.

Commercial Organizations At Lake Mohonk Wire Taft.

Mohonk Lake, N.Y., May 29.—The representatives of fifty-one commercial organizations attending the seventeenth anual meeting of the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration, to-day sent telegrams to President Taft and Senator Cullom, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, saying that they "heartily endorse treaties of unlimited arbitration with Great Britain, France and other countries, and wish speedy success with such treaties."

Oscar S. Straus, member of The Hague court and former ambassador to Turkey, adressed the conference on "Business and International Arbitration."

THE TELEGRAPHERS' CASE.

Toronto despatch: A secret conference was held this morning between the Government board of conciliation and representatives of the telegraphers employed by the G. N. W. When the conference adjourned the parties interested declined to make known what was discussed. It was learned from another source, however, that the terms of a settlement were under discussion.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Hunting of River Beavers Prohibited In Russia.

Immigration Offices For C. P. R. Opened In Manchuria.

Former Mayor of North Toronto at Point of Death.

Dr. Conboy, at Toronto, advised the establishment of a separate school for defectives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Forfar, of Scarboro, celebrated their golden wedding on May 24.

A. M. Todd has disposed of his interest in the Goderich Star, and will shortly become a resident of Toronto.

The board of visitors of the Royal Military College, Kingston, are on their annual inspection, and will remain a week.

John Fisher, who was Mayor of North Toronto from 1896 to 1908, lies at the point of death in the Toronto General hospital.

The Russian Douma has adopted a bill prohibiting forever the hunting of river beavers and aurochs, and for three years the trapping of sables.

An aviation pupil named Benson was killed at Hendon, England. An aeroplane which he was piloting capsized while he was attempting to make a turn.

Alfred Jackson, who has been living in Toronto for some days, was arrested by Detective Wallace. He is wanted in Prince Albert, Sask., on a charge of forging a cheque.

J. W. Conger, aged 72, a veteran newspaper man, died at Picton, Ont., after a lingering illness. Dropsy caused his death. Mr. Conger was for fifty-two years part owner of the Picton Gazette.

Rev. Herbert Ben-Oliel, who has been assistant to Rev. Canon Spragge, of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, for the past two years, has tendered his resignation, to take effect the first of June. Rev. Mr. Ben-Oliel will go to Lakefield.

Under the terms of the five-year agreement in May, 1907, between the Allied Printing Trades Union and the employers in Toronto job printing offices the men will receive an increase of wages dating from June 1 averaging $1 per week.

Immigration offices have been opened by the Canadian Pacific Railway at Danly and Harbin, Manchuria, by means of which the company believes it will be able to induce large numbers of Russian peasants of a very desirable class to come to dwell in Canada.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Ottawa despatch: In a fire near Fort Coulonge, Que., yesterday, which destroyed the home occupied by two families named Ladouceur and Kingsbury, a daughter of the former, aged three years, perished. The fire had made good headway when it was discovered and all the inmates of the building save two small children, a boy and a girl, made their escape. The boy was rescued by one of the men in the house, but it was impossible to reach the other child. Her charred remains were found in the ruins after the fire, which was caused by lightning.

BALLOON LOST IN LAKE.

Sandusky, Ohio, May 29.—A balloon apparently in distress and drifting northward over Lake Erie was seen late yesterday to drop into the water about ten miles off shore. Watchers with field glasses declared they saw a man in the basket. For a time the balloon would rise in the air and then drop to within a few feet of the water. Suddenly it went down out of sight. Searching parties in launches have returned here without finding any trace of the air craft.

DYNAMITING HYDRO.

Toronto despatch: Lying under the sidewalk close to a Hydro-Electric light pole, some men of the Hydro-Electric system discovered a large stick of dynamite this morning, and a cap and some wires, ready to adjust at any time. It is thought that this may have been an attempt to partly disable the system, as the dynamite had not been there longer than Tuesday. The men are now examining the neighborhood for some more explosives.

SABBATH SCHOOL DOING WELL.

Toronto, May 29.—Canada's Presbyterian Sabbath schools are evidently looking up. Officials at the church's headquarters are just compiling the figures for the past twelve months, and the chief items appear as follows: Total number of schools, 3,402; increase over previous year, 75; total enrolment, including officers, teachers and scholars, 251,218; increase, 6,984; received into full church membership, 7,731; increase, 353; total missionary givings, $67,908; increase, $5,777.

DIAMOND SCULLS.

Toronto, Ont., May 29.—The Argonaut Rowing Club will not this year be represented in contest for the diamond scull trophy at Henley regatta in England. The big crew will not go. Butler, the Canadian champion sculler, who was the hope of the colonies, will not go at all.

MAY EAT MEAT THAT FRIDAY.

London, May 29.—The Pope has issued a dispensation for Roman Catholics of the British Empire that they will not be compelled to abstain from eating meat on Friday, June 23, when King George, after his Coronation on the day before, will make his Royal progress through London Town.

SUED FOR $13,000.

Contractor Says This Amount is Due Him By Hon. Adam Beck.

London, May 29.—Suit has been entered against the Hon. Adam Beck by Ben V. Hole, a contractor, who had charge of a part of the work on the pumping station at Springbank. Mr. Hole claims that there is a sum of money approximating $13,000 due him for his services, while Mr. Beck and his engineer, Mr. Glaubitz, contend that this amount was held back because of failure on the part of Mr. Hole to live up to the contract.

Notice has been served that the action will be entered at the fall assizes and a warm legal battle is expected. Evidence is being prepared by both sides. Mr. T. G. Meredith, K. C., will act for Mr. Beck, while the plaintiff is represented by Sir George Gibbons.

PRES. DE LA BARRA

Provisional Head of Mexico Takes the Oath of Office.

Madero to Send Expedition Against Lower California Socialists.

Mexico City, May 29.—Francisco Leon de la Barra, the Mexican Foreign Minister, took the oath of office as Provisional President of the republic to-day. He will act as the chief executive in succession to Portfirio Diaz, who resigned yesterday, until a general election can be held.

Order prevailed throughout the capital last night. Senor de la Barra was escorted from the National Palace to the Chamber of Deputies, where the oath of office was administered by the members of the staff of former President Diaz.

The staff officials had resigned days ago, bua had asked permission to escort the provisional president to the scene of his inauguration. The new chief executive was accompanied by Gen. E. Pascon, who took the oath of Minister of War earlier in the day.

Most of the distinguished personages in the capital were present, including the diplomatic corps, in full regalia.

TO SILENCE SOCIALISTS.

Juarez, Mexico, May 29.—Senor Madero to-day anounced that his brother, Major Raoul Madero, and General Viljoen, a veteran of the Boer war, would lead an expedition to Lower California next week to silence the Socialists there. About 700 men and artillery will be taken.

OFFICERS RAIDED

Establishment Lately Conducted by Lady Duff-Gordon.

New York, May 29.—Lucille, Limited, successor to the dressmaking establishment recently conducted by Lady Duff-Gordon, was raided late yesterday by United States deputy marshals. Thomas J. Duggan, the manager, was arrested and held in $5,000 bail for examination on June 6.

Duggan and Abraham Merritt, who is down in the corporation directory as secretary of the concern, are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government of duties upon gowns and fabrics for women's wearing apparel by means of false invoices.

Lady Duff-Gordon, who is named as President of Lucille, Limited, by the corporation directory, declined to be interviewed. At the raided establishment, it was said, that the concern of which she was president was taken over by Lucille, Limited, several months ago, and that she was no longer the head of the corporation.

MANY PRISONERS.

Record List Faced Recorder Dupuis in Montreal This Morning.

Montreal despatch: When Mr. Recorder Dupuis took his seat on the bench in the recorder's court to-day he found in front of him a record list of prisoners.

He will have to deal with all those arrested since the court adjourned on Tuesday, except a few who will appear in the police court for criminal offences. There will be a special list containing the names of 32 boys under the age of 16, who will have to be dealt with separately from the other prisoners taken into custody by the police during the past couple of days. With one or two exceptions the youngsters are charged with violating the civic by-law in regard to fireworks.

There were 103 names on the general list late last night, and the reports from the different districts throughout the city, which will be sent to the city hall during the day, will probably swell the list to 150.

The majority of those on the list are charged with minor offences.

GUELPH RAILWAY CONTRACT LET.

Guelph, May 29.—P. H. Secord & Sons, Limited, of Brantford, are the successful tenderers for the construction of the St. Patrick's Ward extension of the Radial Railway Company. Their tender was the lowest and is within the estimates. They will start operations at once, and will put the road in condition to run, with the exception of the overhead work, which will be done by the company itself.

The truth is always the strongest argument.—Sophocles.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT DIAZ

Mexican Chamber of Deputies Accepted His Resignation.

Text of Letter of Resignation Somewart Pathetic Affair.

Madero's Personal Representative Assumes Military Control.

Mexico City, May 29.—President Porfirio Diaz, in a letter read by the President of the Chamber of Deputies, this afternoon resigned the Presidency of the Republic of Mexico, and at 4.54 o'clock the acceptance of the resignation by the Deputies was announced. Vice-President Ramon Corrals' resignation was also accepted, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Francisco Leon de la Barra was chosen provisional President to serve until a general election can be held.

Everyone had expected an uproar when the announcements should be made, but within the Chamber the words announcing the event were followed by silence. In the streets, black with people, the news that Diaz was no longer the President was the signal for wild shouting and manifestations. There was no violence.

Of scarcely less popular interest than the resignations was the assumption of military control of the Federal district by Alfredo Robles Dominguez, Madero's personal representative, insuring the handling of popular demonstrations by a leader of the new regime.

Personally, Dominguez commands only a small body of local rebels, but the Federal garrison is under orders to make no move whatever without his approval. Senor Dominguez said that he could bring 5,000 organized rebels troops into the city within three hours.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The President's letter of resignation read as follows:

"Sir,—The Mexican people, who generously have covered me with honors, who proclaimed me as their leader during the international war, who patriotically assisted me in all works undertaken to develop industry and the commerce of the republic, establish its credit, gain for it the respect of the world and obtain for it an honorable position in the concert of nations; that same people, sir, has revolted in armed military bands, stating that my presence in the exercise of the supreme executive power is the cause of this insurrection.

"I do not know of any fact imputable to me, which could have caused this social phenomenon, but permitting, though not admitting, that I may be unwittingly culpable, such a possibility makes me the least able to reason out and decide my own culpability. Therefore, respecting as I have always respected the will of the people, and in accordance with article 82 of the federal constitution, I come before the supreme representatives of the nation in order to resign, unreservedly, the office of constitutional President of the Republic, with which the national vote honored me, which I do with all the more reason, since in order to continue in office, it would be necessary to shed Mexican blood, endangering the credit of the country, dissipating its wealth, exhausting its resources and exposing its policy to international complications.

"I hope, gentlemen, that when the passions, which are inherent to all revolutions, have been calmed, a more conscientious and justified study will bring out in the national mind a correct acknowledgment, which will allow me to die, carrying engraved in my soul a just impression of the estimation of my life, which throughout I have devoted and will devote to my countrymen.

"With all respect."

Provisional President de la Barra, President-elect, acknowledged his elevation to that high office in an open letter to the Mexican people to-night. He declared he would not be a candidate for either President or Vice-President, when a general election should be called.

MAN DROWNED.

Fell From Tug While Asleep, Brother Unaware of Tragedy.

Welland, Ont., despatch: Edward Vandervere, a fisherman, aged twenty-seven years, was drowned in Lake Erie, off Windmill Point, under peculiar circumstances on the afternoon of Victoria Day. At the time of the accident he was with his brother Aaron on a gasoline fishing boat. He was sitting on the rail. His brother thinks he fell into a doze and dropped into the water. He is said to have been a good swimmer.

The two men left Port Colborne harbor at noon with a cargo of fish for the Bufalo market. They had sold their cargo and were returning home shortly after 4 o'clock. Aaron was attending to the engine and Edward was sitting on the rail, steering.

Aaron made the following statement: "I noticed that the boat was following her own way and, looking up, saw that Ed. was asleep. I wakened him up, and then I turned to work on the canvas. It might have been half an hour afterward that I noticed the boat drifting again and, looking back, I saw that he was gone. I seized the tiller, and turned her over so hard I broke the shoe off her. I cruised around for over an hour in the hope of picking him up, but saw no trace. Quite a sea was running, but not nearly so heavy as we have often been out in."

The young man was in his 27th year and leaves a widow and three children.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Dominion Employment Agents Authorized to Secure Situations.

The Canadian Government's employment agents in the counties in this part of the Province of Ontario are authorized to secure, free of charge, situations as farm help or domestic servants, in their localities, for all immigrants desiring such positions. They are:

Brant—Gilbert Hanmer, Burford and Robert E. Featherstone, Paris.

Haldimand—G. H. Harris, Caledonia; Alex. Mitchell, Cayuga; Andrew Rogers, Jarvis.

Halton—John C. Campbell, Burlington; Robert Milligan, Georgetown; David Hartley, Milton.

Lincoln—John Scott, St. Catharines.

Norfolk—Thomas E. Alton, Port Rowan; John Allego, Simcoe; C. R. Smith, Waterford.

Oxford—George Law, Drumbo; Jas. Stirton, Ingersoll; H. Van Valkenburg, Norwich; C. H. Denton, Tillsonburg; Pierce Irving, Woodstock.

Peel—James Stark, Bolton.

Welland—Leslie V. Garner, Welland.

Wellington—William Petlerkin, Arthur; Scott Corvan, Palmerston; Wm. Young, Guelph; Harry Catley, Mount Forest.

Wentworth—T. H. Corman, Stoney Creek.

AGAINST SCHOOLS

Commission Appointed At London to Probe Mrs. Thornley's Charge.

London despatch: At the adjourned meeting of citizens called to discuss the charges made some time ago by Mrs. May R. Thornley regarding the morality of children of school age in this city held in St. Andrew's Hall, a resolution asking Mayor Beattie to name a commission to investigate the charges was passed after a long and somewhat heated discussion. The motion passed was as follows:

"Resolved, That we, representing the City Council, Board of Education, Medical Association, Ministerial Alliance, Teachers' Association, Mothers' Clubs, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Women's Council, Children's Aid Society, Charities Organization, Y. M. C. A., the press, together with a number of representative citizens in all to the number of about one hundred residents of the City of London, having discussed the moral condition of our city, particularly among the young, we feel that question is of sufficient gravity to justify us in requesting his worship the Mayor to appoint a commission, consisting of men and women who command the respect and confidence of the public at large, to investigate the whole question, to report, and if the conditions warrant, to advise a remedy."

A commission, consisting of Rev. Dr. Ross, Principal Waller, Inspector Edwards, Mrs. Duncan and Miss Stella Macklin, was named to present the resolution to Mayor Beattie.

VICE IN THE WEST

War Cry Editor Snocked by Depravity of Young Girls.

Calgary, Alberta, May 29.—"Your Western country gives my nerves a jar, when I look over the population and see the startling number of depraved young women in your midst."

This was the praise that Brigadier Graves, of the Salvation Army, editor of the War Cry, used in an interview today. "Young girls below the age of 16 become mothers, and upon investigation I find that it is not thoughtless boys who are responsible, but men who should be punished with the maximum penalty."

The subject mentioned above was not prompted by the reporter, but during the short time that the Salvation Army editor was talking he found it impossible to forget the most startling conditions that he found in the great west.

"It was an awful thing to see the juvenile falling into the pit of disgrace," he continued, "but when you see so much as you see here in the west I cannot help mentioning the facts, even if you do not wish to publish it. Western Canada juvenile girls are falling in greater numbers than those of the East in this respect."

He will leave to-morrow for Vancouver and will return in a few weeks to Moosejaw and Regina.

PHILANTHROPIST DEAD.

Scranton, Pa., despatch: Dr. Isaiah F. Everhart, philanthropist and naturalist, died at his home here to-day. He was 71 years old. Among his gifts to the city are Lake Everhart and the Everhart Museum of Natural History, the building and its collection being valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars. He also gave the museum an endowment of $100,000.

PAY FOR THE G. T. R. STRIKES.

St. Thomas despatch says: Mr. T. G. Thompson, local delegate to the B. of R. T. convention in Harrisburg, Pa., returned to-day, and reports that on his initiative a resolution was passed by the convention making provision to pay all of the men who lost their positions in the Grand Trunk strike $40 per month until they return to their old positions or secure new ones.

VANCOUVR TRADE TROUBLE.

Vancouver, B. C., May 29.—E. P. Pettipiece, speaking to-day for organized labor unions, announced that a plan was about completed for calling a general strike June 5th for all unions. There are 52 affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council. The plan is to tie up the town in its street railway and lighting and power systems, printers all to quit, definitely, etc.