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## AEROPLANE CROSSES CHANNEL.

Took Dover by Surprise. Sailors First to See Daring Frenchman Approach Like a Giant Bird. Machine Damaged in Landing.

Dover, July 25.—This sleepy seaport town experienced the keenest thrill known in a generation when, at sunrise this morning, a white-winged, bird-like machine with loudly humming motor swept out from the haze obscuring the sea toward the distant French coast and, circling twice above the high chalky cliffs, alighted on English soil. A calm Frenchman, Louis Bleriot, a portly and red mustached man of 37, descended from the saddle, limping on a bandaged foot, which had been burned on his previous overland flight.

Immediately two compatriots, who had been waving a big tricolor flag as a signal for the landing place, fell upon him enthusiastically, embracing him, shouting and pounding him on the back. They, with a few sailors and others who happened by chance to be on the scene, were the only persons to witness the finish of the remarkable feat of an aeroplane crossing the English channel.

Bleriot left Les Baraques, three miles from Calais, about 4:30 A. M. on one of the smallest monoplanes ever used. He crossed the channel in a little less than half an hour, twice as swiftly as the fastest mail boat. His speed averaged more than 45 miles an hour, sometimes approximately 60 miles. He kept about 250 feet above sea level and for 10 minutes, while about midchannel, was out of sight of both coasts and the French torpedo destroyer, which followed him with his wife and friends aboard.

The wind was blowing about 20 miles an hour and the sea was choppy. The aviator was swathed in a single garment of drilling, impervious to the wind, which covered him from the top of his head to his feet, only his face showing. He wore also a cork life belt.

By his achievement today Bleriot won the prize of \$5,000 offered by the London Daily Mail for the first flight across the English Channel and stole a march on his rivals, Hubert Latham and Count de Lambert, both of whom had hoped to make the attempt today.

Bleriot, who speaks a little English described his remarkable flight very modestly.

"I arose at 3 o'clock," he said, "and went to the aeroplane shed. Finding everything in order on the trial spin, I decided to make the flight. The French torpedo destroyer in attendance was signaled and put out about four miles. Then I rose in the air and pointed directly to Dover.

"The machine dipped toward the water several times. I put on more petrol once. I estimate that the propellers were going from 1,200 to 1,400 revolutions a minute. The first objects I saw were ships off the English coast; then I observed Deal and discovered that the wind, which was southwest, was carrying me thither. I veered to the southward to Dover Castle, and then saw friends flourishing a flag in a valley suitable for landing. I made two circles while lessening the speed and then dived down, but I came in contact with the ground sooner than I expected. Both the machine and myself were badly shaken. A few persons quickly assembled, and I was helped out, as my injured foot was painful."

## QUINTUPLETS BORN IN NEWARK.

One Malformed and Dead; The Others Die Soon.

Newark, N. J., July 25.—Mrs. Thos. Renwick, 35 years old, and already the mother of three children, gave birth today to five infants, four living and perfectly formed, though very weak, the fifth malformed and dead. None lived more than fifteen minutes.

Twins are said to run in her mother's family.

William Swigler, aged 85, who had been married four times, and Mrs. Sarah L. Hawkins, aged 65, who had been married three times, were married in Mason City, Ia., July 7.

The Indian population of this country on reservations at the end of last year was 300,412.

## THE NEWS IN FOUR OAKS.

Local and Personal Matters Briefly Told for Herald Readers by Our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. A. T. Sater, the wellknown violinist, is spending this week with his daughters, Mrs. C. H. and Mrs. R. S. Wellons.

Mrs. J. W. Hollowell, of Selma, is spending this week here with relatives and friends.

Mr. Hugh Sater, of Richmond, Va., is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. S. Wellons.

Mr. John W. Hollowell, of Selma, was in town today.

Miss Sue McNeil, of Fayetteville, is spending this week with Miss Floy Johnson, near town.

Miss Alma Coats, of Smithfield, spent Tuesday afternoon and night with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders.

Mr. W. E. Barber and sister, Miss Neva, attended the Sunday School picnic at Oakland Presbyterian church last Saturday and report a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stanley are visiting relatives in Princeton this week.

Dr. Tommie Person, of Selma, was in town Sunday night.

A number of our boys attended the interesting ball game between Dunn and Smithfield at the latter place Monday afternoon.

We regret to note that Mr. J. T. Cole is confined to his bed with rheumatism.

Mrs. Caesar Gusbuhler passed away to the Great Unknown Monday morning about two o'clock.

The Four Oaks Singing Class attended the close of Blackman's Grove singing school and report a very pleasant time, although it rained and rained.

We regret to note the continued illness of Mrs. J. W. Langdon. We hope to see her out again soon.

Mr. Brad Lee, our clever blacksmith, has accepted a position at Smith with Mr. Jim Johnson.

Four Oaks, July 28.

## Bad Fight Near Clayton.

Last Sunday afternoon a bad fight took place about three miles from Clayton in the Baptist Centre neighborhood between Jesse Harrison and his cousin, Ichabod Harrison, who lives on his land. It is said they were both drunk on cider and were in Clayton together earlier in the day and were drunk when there. Ichabod and his wife had gone to Jesse's home to spend the day. The two men got into a dispute over the title to some land. Jesse, it is said, went into his house and took down his breech-loading shot gun and taking several extra shells went back to the door and shot Ichabod in the left side of the face, and besides putting several shot in his face, tore up the left ear badly. After this they got together and had a hard fight for a long while. One report says they fought forty minutes. One person tried to part them, but failed and they fought until Mr. Louis Branham, who lives about half a mile away, was sent for and came to help separate them. Jesse's face and neck are badly scratched. He came to Smithfield Monday and employed two lawyers. Tuesday he went to Clayton before Justice M. G. Gulley and, waiving examination, was bound over to September court, giving a four hundred dollar bond. The man who was shot will be discharged perhaps for life, but he is not expected to die from the lead shot into his face.

## Cotton Condition 71.7.

Memphis, Tenn., July 28.—The crop condition report on cotton, up to July 25, was issued this afternoon by the National Ginners Association. It gives the general average as 71.7. "This is the lowest condition ever known at this season of the year and indicates a crop of around 11,000,000 and unless good rains fall in the next week, throughout almost the entire belt, but more especially in Texas, southern and western Oklahoma and Mississippi, the crop will be under that figure."

"Formerly, when I had played cards or done wrong, I used to tell my wife. But I had to quit it."

"Why?"

"She kept raising the price of forgiveness."—Kansas City Journal.

## THE WEEK'S NEWS AT CLAYTON

School Election to be Held Soon—Tobacco Market to Open—Personal and Local Matters Told by Our Regular Correspondent.

Clayton, July 28.—Miss Bertha Griffin spent Monday night with her parents in Selma.

Dr. Battle A. Hocutt made a business trip to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. L. Barnes and daughter, Miss Madge, returned Tuesday from a visit to Raleigh.

Mr. Hugh A. Page returned Friday from a visit to relatives and friends at Roxboro and Durham.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Raleigh, filled Pastor Starling's pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday. Mr. Starling is at Oxford assisting Rev. A. S. Barnes in a revival service.

Dr. J. A. Griffin left Tuesday night for White Sulphur Springs, Va., where his wife has been for some time. Mrs. Griffin's health is much improved and she will return home this week.

Messrs. J. W. Barnes and J. W. Woodell passed through here Tuesday on their way to Raleigh.

Mr. Chas. W. Horne has recently installed a new gin plant at the Fowle place near here. All the machinery is new and up-to-date. We are also informed that he has secured the services of Mr. John Irvin Barnes to run the gin the coming season. Mr. Barnes is well known to the Clayton people and has several years experience in the ginning business.

We regret to note that Mr. Riley R. Gulley is on the sick list this week.

The watermelon industry is fast becoming one of the principal crops of our farmers. Wagon after wagon loaded with the luscious melons are brought here every day to be shipped.

Let every one remember that the registration books for the school election close Saturday night. Unless you register you cannot vote. To carry this election means to educate the boys and girls, for the future. It means that Clayton's prosperity will be an enlightened people with the ability to meet and grapple successfully with the gravest of life's problems. To lose this election means that we can not give the masses of the children the education that they ought to have. Clayton is justly proud of its record along other lines. It boasts the best cotton market for miles and miles, and expects to make as good a tobacco market as any neighboring town has.

It boasts of some of the most influential private citizens in our county and many other things that bring it to the front ranks and yet our school system is not exactly what we wish it to be. Let's vote this special tax and bring Clayton's school record up to the front and prepare our boys and girls to meet life's battle bravely and when gray hairs shall crown our heads and life's journey is almost run they will rise up and bless us for thus aiding them now.

The opening sale days for Clayton's Tobacco market are Thursday and Friday, August 12 and 13, 1909. We have two very nice warehouses, well lighted and equipped with all modern warehouse conveniences and will be run by experienced warehousemen. We will also have an able corps of buyers and other assistants to look after the farmer's interest and welfare. Clayton's record as a cotton market is too well known for comment and its future as a tobacco market is already assured. Mr. R. C. Harrison, buyer for the American Tobacco Company, at this place, was here last week making arrangements for the opening sale. Mr. Harrison is one of the American Tobacco Company's most trusted buyers having just recently returned from India, Europe and other foreign countries where he went in the American Tobacco Co.'s interest. While here Mr. Harrison arranged for a large prize house to store the large quantity of tobacco which he expects to buy here this season. He also arranged with the progressive firm of J. I. Barnes & Bro., to furnish hogheads for the tobacco market.

Samuel M. Seibert, aged 93, and Mrs. Seibert, aged 82, of Indianapolis, have been married 69 years and both are active as they were half a century ago.

## NEWS NOTES FROM KENLY.

Personal, Local and Baseball Matters Briefly Told by Our Regular Correspondent.

Kenly, July 26.—Mrs. Wade Hughes of Camden, S. C., came today to spend a few days with her parents, Misses Lillian and Cora Adams, of Linden, are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Beulah Bailey left for Wilson today.

Miss Francis Hales returned today from Goldsboro.

Miss Eva High left Monday for Smithfield to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton went to Richmond yesterday.

Mrs. R. E. Townsend, of Wilson, recently spent a few days here with Mrs. J. H. Kirby.

Misses Lillian Edgerton and Marie Kirby gave a party at Mr. J. H. Kirby's Monday night in honor of the visiting young ladies in town.

Work on the dormitory is being pushed right along.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sasser and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Sasser's father, Mr. A. Sasser, of near Princeton.

The Free Will Baptists are making some improvements on the interior of their church.

We continue to have big rains and from what we hear we are not alone.

Mr. Brigham Howell, of Mount Olive, spent Tuesday night here with Mr. D. B. Sasser.

The family of Mr. H. F. Edgerton are moving into their handsome residence which has just been completed on Maxwelton Heights.

The generous and big hearted Mr. W. Morris, of Benson, representative of the International Harvester Co., gave our town a call today, and to the delight of his many friends, brought a wagon load of watermelons and treated everybody that would participate.

Kenly added another victory to their long list today by defeating Selma to the tune of 9 to 0 in a five-inning game. The game was called on account of rain. The Selma boys could not find Hedgpeeth for but two hits, while Baker and Etheredge were touched for eight. Batteries: Selma, Baker, Etheredge and Whitley; Kenly Hedgpeeth and Jones.

## Mr. D. Albert Bizzell Dead.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. D. Albert Bizzell, of Boon Hill township, which occurred at his home Tuesday morning of this week. He had been in bad health for some time. He went to Pine Level last Saturday but soon after became so weak he had to stay in bed.

Monday night he was taken worse off and soon it was seen that death was approaching. The burial took place Wednesday afternoon at the Monroe Whitley graveyard near Mr. C. C. Lynch's place. The funeral was preached by Rev. W. H. Pucket to a large congregation. He was a man of high ideals and honor and would have accomplished much more had he not continued so long in poor health. Many will hear of his death with regret.

Messrs. J. D. Underwood, W. S. Stevens, J. A. Wellons and F. H. Brooks, of this place, attended the burial.

## The Divorce Evil.

America has more divorces than all the rest of the Christian world put together, and they are increasing two and a half times to three times as fast as the population increases. According to the United States census bulletin, there was one divorce in Kansas City, Mo., in 1903 to every four marriages; and in San Francisco, one to every three marriages. There were a million divorces from 1887 to 1906. Divorce is four times as prevalent among childless couples as among those who have children. Divorce occurs one and one-half times as frequently in the city as in the country; and, finally, two-thirds of all divorces are granted upon demand of the wife. There is something radically wrong in our social, ethical, economic and educational life when such results can be recorded.—Journal of Agriculture.

It was estimated that there were 11,000,000 acres of irrigated land in this country at the end of 1907.

## ADAM TRULL MEETS SAD DEATH

Sat Down on Railroad Track at Clayton, Went to Sleep and Had His Life Crushed Out by a Southern Freight Train. His Home Was in Greensboro.

Clayton, N. C., July 26. (Regular Correspondence.) Adam Trull, of Greensboro, was killed by an east-bound Southern freight train on the main line in front of the Clayton Oil Mills Sunday night between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock.

The facts are about as follows: Adam Trull, 19 years of age, and Foy Murray, aged 16, left the cotton mills in Greensboro about a month ago for Richmond, Va., seeking better employment. They had failed to get employment and were returning home via Selma. Being out of money they walked from Wilson's Mills Sunday to Clayton. They got their supper from the hotel manager and also some from Mr. W. E. Stallings' residence. About nine o'clock that night they went up the railroad about 150 yards from the depot and sat down on the track. Murray remarked that they had better move off the track as they might fall asleep and a train would run over them, and accordingly moved over on the embankment side of the track and lay down. Trull did not get up, being in a reclining position, and Murray cautioned him about going to sleep on the track, and yet he did not move off. After this Murray went to sleep and did not wake up until some belated pedestrian, going home about eleven o'clock, stepped on his foot and woke him. He arose and looked for Trull, but could only find his hat. He went to the watchman at the oil mills and also to the depot and made inquiries about him but no one had seen him. So he slept on a truck at the depot for the remainder of the night.

About dawn Monday morning he went to the place where they sat down on the track and found Trull lying on the side of the embankment dead. His head was bruised and broken badly, with blood and brains oozing out. Lying face downward he was a ghastly sight. His left leg was cut off and thrown several feet from his body. His right leg was broken in two or three places. Several other bruises on his body showed how terrible the tragedy was. Dr. Noble, County Coroner, arrived from Selma about noon and immediately empanelled the following jury: E. R. McBryde, L. H. Yarborough, W. E. Stallings, F. L. Jones, Hezzie Pool and W. L. Stancil. After making an examination of the body, conducted by Dr. Noble, the jury brought in the following verdict:

"Adam Trull came to his death by sitting down on the tracks of the Southern Railway and being run over by an east-bound Southern freight train between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock on Sunday night, July 25th, 1909."

The remains were prepared for burial by John I. Barnes & Brother, undertakers, and sent to Greensboro on the 3:29 afternoon train.

## For Women Who Smoke.

The Great White Way in New York City is to have the additional glare of a dining palace, to be opened next fall, and to cost the tidy investment of \$2,500,000. One novel feature of its luxury is to be a woman's smoking room, the furnishings and decorations of which are to cost \$75,000. That is the metropolitan way of measuring luxury by the dollar mark. It is further the metropolitan way that the necessity for such a smoking room should be recognized and bravely exploited. It is further appropriate to be assured that the furnishings will be Assyrian; that the attendants will be clad in the garb of Babylonian days and that the "fair smokers" will be served with rare bronze caskets filled with the costliest cigarettes. This is enough to disturb the spirit of Belshazzar.

Some good women may think that it is also enough to cause lament that luxury should lapse into vulgarity, and that social civilization should project itself into gilded barbarity.—The Washington Herald.

Twenty million dollars' worth of business was handled by the New York Post Office last year without a hitch.

## 24 CARS IN NEUSE RIVER.

Bad Freight Wreck Occurred Friday on A. C. L. Near Goldsboro. No One Injured in Wreck.

The through freight on the Atlantic Coast Line going north today at 1:30 o'clock, with some forty loaded cars, had one of its cars to jump the track as the train was approaching Neuse river, and the consequence is that one of the worst material wrecks ever seen in this territory is now piled up at Neuse river.

The engine and some twelve cars got safely across the river, but the derailed car took to the river, off the high iron bridge, and twenty-four other cars followed it, piling themselves one upon another over the bridge and into the river, and the scene at this hour is something appalling to look upon.

The steel bridge has given way under the fearful strain and, while fortunately no lives were lost the damage will be very heavy upon the railroad company.

A great number of the cars were loaded with lumber, which is now piled up, pell mell in the river and vicinity.—Goldsboro Argus, Friday.

## A Remarkable Case.

The most remarkable case to which our attention has ever been called is that of Mr. Thomas McLamb, who lives a few miles from town.

Mr. McLamb was one among the first to respond to his State's call to arms at the opening of the civil war. He enlisted in company K, 30th N. C., C. S. A. At the battle of Galley's Ford in November '63 when Rodes' division, of which the 30th N. C. was a part engaged a division of Federal artillery, Mr. McLamb was struck between the eyes by a fragment of a bomb shell.—The bridge of his nose was shattered and his right eye blinded. The fragment remained in his head, giving him very little trouble, for 45 years until Thursday of last week; when it worked out through the roof of his mouth. The next day he brought the fragment to town and found that it weighed 1 3/4 ounces.

Mr. McLamb is now 71 years of age and is still a hale, hearty old gentleman who can match his strength against that of many a younger man.—The Benson Spokesman.

## Who Pays?

The Protectionist argument for high duties used to be: "The foreigner pays the tax." But that old-time whopper no longer finds harborage or credence even in the back woods. The established practice of the tariff-favored Trusts of selling their wares dear to their helpless countrymen, and, at the same time, selling the like wares for less money to foreigners, is known of all men. Even Aldrich has not the gall to deny it.

It is a shame and a crime that our tariff laws are so drafted that Europeans, Asiatics, Africans and all other outside populations, continental or insular, can buy our protected stuffs for less money than ourselves, but there is no denying the fact. The tariff scheme now under consideration in Congress—whether the Aldrich bill or the Payne bill or a blend of the two measures shall be finally adopted—will enlarge the opportunity of the Trusts to squeeze the home purchaser to the limit while dumping their surplus in foreign markets at competitive prices.

As long as the Trusts prepare the schedules of our tariffs there will be a steady and proportionate gain in the cost of living of the home householder and in the unearned profits of pampered monopolies.—Philadelphia Record.

## Cotton Lice Bad in Sampson.

In Mingo township, Sampson county, the farmers are having much trouble from lice in their cotton fields. The land being light the lice have played havoc with the cotton. They have both the root lice and the leaf lice. The conditions grew so bad that last week they arranged for a visit by an expert from the department of agriculture at Raleigh to look into the matter.