

## BLERIOT'S GREAT FEAT

French Aeronaut's Own Story of Flight Over English Channel.

### DROPPED CRUTCHES TO DO IT.

Daring Aviator Lost His Way in the Air—Ten Minutes Out of Sight of Land, With No Guide but Machine's Direction—Outdistanced Swift Torpedo Boat and Landed Safely.

M. Louis Bleriot, one of the pioneers in French aviation, who recently crossed the English channel in his small monoplane from Les Baraques, near Calais, France, to the North Foreland meadow near Dover, England, in a little over thirty minutes, winning the London Daily Mail's prize of \$5,000, describes his remarkable flight as follows:

"I rose at 2:30 Sunday morning, July 25, and, finding that the conditions were favorable, ordered the torpedo boat destroyer Escopette, which had been placed at my disposal by the French government, to start. Then I went to the garage at Sangatte and found that the motor worked well. At 4 a. m. I took my seat in the aeroplane and made a trial flight around Calais of some fifteen kilometers (over nine miles), descending at the spot chosen for the start across the channel.

"Here I waited for the sun to come out, the conditions of the Daily Mail prize requiring that I fly between sunrise and sunset. At 4:30 daylight had come, but it was impossible to see the coast. A light breeze from the southwest was blowing the air clear, however, and everything was prepared.

"I was dressed in a khaki jacket lined with wool for warmth over my tweed clothes and beneath my engineer's suit of blue cotton overalls. A close fitting cap was fastened over my head and ears. I had neither eaten nor drunk anything since I rose. My thoughts were only upon the flight and my determination to accomplish it this morning.

**Flight Begun at 4:35.**  
"At 4:35 all's ready. My friend Le Blanc gives the signal, and in an instant I am in the air, my engine making 1,200 revolutions, almost its highest speed, in order that I may get quickly over the telegraph wires along the edge of the cliff. As soon as I am over the cliff I reduce speed. There is now no need to force the engine. I begin my flight, steady and sure, toward the coast of England. I have no apprehensions, no sensation—pas du tout—not at all.

"The Escopette has seen me. She is driving ahead at full speed. She makes perhaps forty-two kilometers (twenty-six miles) an hour. What matters it? I am making at least thirty-eight kilometers (over forty-two miles). Rapidly I overtake her, traveling at a height of eighty meters (260 feet). Below me is the surface of the sea, disturbed by the wind, which is now freshening. The motion of the waves beneath me is not pleasant. I drive on.

**Lost For Ten Minutes.**  
"Ten minutes are gone. I have passed the destroyer, and I turn my head to see whether I am proceeding in the right direction. I am amazed. There is nothing to be seen, neither the torpedo boat destroyer nor France nor England. I am alone; I can see nothing at all. For ten minutes I am lost. It is a strange position to be in, alone, guided without a compass in the air over the middle of the channel. I touch nothing. My hands and feet rest lightly on the levers. I let the aeroplane take its own course. I care not whether it goes.

**Sees England's Cliffs.**  
"For ten minutes I continue, neither rising nor falling nor turning, and then, twenty minutes after I have left the French coast, I see green cliffs and Dover castle and away to the west the spot where I had intended to land.

"What can I do? It is evident the wind has taken me out of my course. I am almost at St. Margaret's bay, going in the direction of Goodwin sands.

"Now it is time to attend to the steering. I press a lever with my foot and turn easily toward the west, reversing the direction in which I am traveling. Now I am in difficulties, for the wind here by the cliffs is much stronger and my speed is reduced as I fight against it, yet my beautiful aeroplane responds still steadily.

"I fly westward, chopping across the harbor, and reach Shakespeare cliff. I see an opening in the cliff. Although I am confident I can continue for an hour and a half, that I might, indeed, return to Calais, I cannot resist the opportunity to make a landing upon this green spot.

**Safe on England's Shore.**  
"Once more I turn my aeroplane and, describing a half circle, I enter the opening and find myself again over dry land. Avoiding the red buildings on my right, I attempt a landing, but the wind catches me and whirled me around two or three times. At once I stop my motor, and instantly my machine falls straight upon the ground from a height of twenty meters (seventy-five feet). In two or three seconds I am safe upon your shore.

"Soldiers in khaki run up and policemen. Two of my compatriots are on the spot. They kiss my cheeks. The conclusion of my flight overwhelms me.

"Thus ended my flight across the channel—a flight which could easily be done again. Shall I do it? I think not. I have promised my wife that

after a race for which I have already entered I will fly no more."

M. Louis Bleriot is one of the oldest and most popular aviators in France and is the winner of the Osiris prize of \$20,000 in conjunction with Gabriel Voisin, the aeroplane manufacturer, for their contributions to the progress of aviation. Only recently he was decorated with the Legion of Honor. He is a graduate of the celebrated Technical school of France. He is the inventor of a searchlight for automobiles and became interested in the problems of aviation in 1900. He sold out his factory in Orleans and came to Paris. Since then he has devoted his time to aviation and made countless experiments, crippling his resources to a great extent.

**Bleriot's Recklessness Notorious.**  
Throughout his career Bleriot has displayed such reckless daring that his friends have all predicted that he would be killed. He has had numerous accidents and broken a dozen machines, but has never been dismayed by misfortune. He made his first cross country flight from Tourny to Arthenay, made a flight of one hour at Doue, and on July 13 made a new record for cross country from Etampes to Orleans.

After Latham failed in his attempt to cross the channel Bleriot hurried to Calais to try his luck, announcing subsequently that he intended to make a cross country flight of 100 kilometers (sixty-two miles) from Evreux to Orleans without a stop. M. Bleriot is exceedingly cool and has always maintained that a man that kept his head could not be seriously injured. "In case of accident," he has said, "I throw myself on one of the wings; that breaks the wing, but it saves me."

When M. Bleriot flew away from the shores of France he left behind a pair of crutches on which he had been hobbling about up to the moment of taking his seat in his monoplane and a group of spectators filled with admiration at the man's daring, but fearful of his fate.

### WOMEN PEACEMAKERS.

Movement in England to Stop Anglo-German Bickerings.

A woman's Anglo-German entente committee, with the object of striving to put an end to the incessant bickerings between the two nations, was recently organized at the residence in London of David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer. The meeting was addressed by a number of members of parliament as well as by several influential women, and a letter was read from Count Paul Wolff-Meternich, the German ambassador to Great Britain, expressing keen interest in the movement and wishing it every success.

Mr. Lloyd-George attributed what he called the "snarling and barking" now going on in England and Germany to a misunderstanding. "Some of you remember," he said, "the prejudices, jealousies and animosities that formerly dictated our relations with America, while now not the wildest person or yellowest of yellow journals on either side of the Atlantic ever suggests that war is within the realms of possibility. Then followed the constant quarrels with France, but now the warmest friendship prevails. Why should not Germany be included in that feeling? There is absolutely no reason for a quarrel with Germany."

Among the members of the committee are Mrs. Asquith, wife of the premier; Mrs. Lloyd-George, Mrs. Winston Spencer Churchill, wife of the president of the board of trade, and Lady Brassey.

### LIGHTS ON BABY CARTS.

Los Angeles Council Includes All Vehicles in New Speed Ordinance.

Baby carriages and wheelbarrows are included in an amended speed ordinance passed by the Los Angeles (Cal.) city council the other afternoon, which provides that all vehicles of every sort shall display red lights at the rear end and white lights in front. Mr. Reeves, the city prosecutor, pointed out immediately the ridiculous feature of the measure, but the ordinance was not changed. The object of the ordinance is to extend the state automobile law to include heavy wagons in the city limits.

Mr. Reeves said after the ordinance was passed: "Fathers and mothers need not worry over the requirements of the new law. We shall not prosecute them if they do not put lights on their baby carriages. The danger of the law is that some officious policeman will make trouble for inoffensive persons who do not obey the new ordinance."

### NOVEL RECORD IN BASEBALL.

Sager Plays in 506 Consecutive Games For the Evansville (Ind.) Club.

James Sager, third baseman of the Evansville (Ind.) Central league team, holds a record that no other ball player has probably ever earned since the introduction of the game. Since joining the Evansville squad he has played in 506 consecutive games.

Sager was traded by South Bend, Ind., to Evansville in 1906 and has never missed a game since becoming a member of the nine. During the last four seasons he has never spoken harshly to an umpire, has never suffered a bruise or an injury and has never known a sick day.

**"Living Flag" to Greet G. A. R.**

One of the features of the Grand Army of the Republic encampment to be held at Salt Lake City in August will be a living flag composed of 1,248 children in costume. Of this number 544 will be dressed in red, 450 in white and 254 in blue.

## THE COMING RELIGION

Dr. Eliot Says Neither Creed Nor Dogma Will Bind It.

### PREVENTION ITS WATCHWORD

Cornerstone of New Belief, Says Harvard's President Emeritus, Will Be Love of God and Service to Fellow Men—Skillful Surgeon to Be One of Its Ministers.

Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, outlined in an address before the Harvard Summer School of Theology at Cambridge, Mass., the other afternoon his idea of the new religion—that of the twentieth century—a religion not based upon authority or dealing in promises of future compensations, a religion among whose ministers would be the skillful surgeon, whose aim would be prevention, not consolation.

"You have been studying this year," said Dr. Eliot, "about changed views of religion and increased knowledge, new ideas of God as seen along many lines. You have learned that social progress has been modified and that energy is being conserved. From these and other indications you must believe that religion is not fixed, but fluent, and that it changes from century to century. Such, indeed, has been the case.

"The progress in the nineteenth century far outstripped that of similar periods, and it is fair to assume that the progress of the twentieth century will bring about what I call the new religion. First, I shall tell you what this new religion will not be, and, second, what it will be.

**Its Faith Not to Be Racial or Tribal.**

"The new religion will not be based upon authority, either spiritual or temporal. The present generation is ready to be led, but not driven. As a rule, the older Christian churches have relied on authority. But there is now a tendency toward liberty and progress, and among educated men this feeling is irresistible. In the new religion there will be no personification of natural objects. There will be no deification of remarkable human beings, and the faith will not be racial or tribal.

"The new religion will not afford safety primarily to the individual; it will think first of the common good and will not teach that character can be changed quickly.

"The new religion will not think of God as a large and glorified man or as a king or a patriarch. It will not deal chiefly with sorrow and death, but with joy and life. It will believe in no malignant powers, and it will attack quickly all forms of evil.

"A new thought of God will be its characteristic. The twentieth century religion accepts literally St. Paul's statement, 'In him we live and move and have our being.' This new religion will be thoroughly monotheistic. God will be so imminent that no intermediary will be needed. For every man God will be a multiplication of infinities. A humane and worthy idea of God then will be the central thought of the new religion.

"This religion rejects the idea that man is alien or a fallen being who is hopelessly wicked. It finds such beliefs inconsistent with a worthy idea of God. Man has always attributed to man a spirit associated with but independent of the body. This spirit is shown in a man's habits, in his appearance and actions—in short, it is his personality; it is the most effective part of every human being. In the crisis of a battle it is a superior soul that rallies the troops, and it appeals to souls, not to bodies.

**Will Reduce Need of Consolation.**

"The new religion will admit no sacraments, except natural, hallowed customs, and it will deal with natural interpretations of such rites. Its priests will strive to improve social and industrial conditions. It will not attempt to reconcile people to present ills by the promise of future compensation. I believe the advent of just freedom for mankind has been delayed for centuries by such promises. Prevention will be the watchword of the new religion, and a skillful surgeon will be one of its ministers. It cannot supply consolation as offered by old religions, but it will reduce the need of consolation.

**Limitless Field of Action.**

"The new religion will laud God's love and will not teach condemnation for the mass of mankind. The true end of all religions and philosophy is to teach man to serve his fellow man, and this religion will do this increasingly. It will not be bound by dogma or creed. Its workings will be simple, but its field of action limitless. Its discipline will be the training in the development of co-operative good will.

"Again and again different bodies of people, such as spiritualists and Christian Scientists, have set up new cults. But the mass of people stay by the church. Since there will be undoubtedly more freedom in this century it may be argued that it will be difficult to unite various religions under this new head, but such unity, I believe, can be accomplished on this basis—the love of God and service to one's fellow man. There are already many signs of extensive co-operation—democracy, individualism, idealism, a tendency to welcome the new, and preventive medicine. Finally, I believe, the new religion will make Christ's revelation seem more wonderful than ever to us."

With the humble there is perpetual peace.—Shakespeare.

## BRAND'S RAPID RISE.

New French Premier Is a Socialist and a Man of S. J. Adious Habits.

The rise of Aristide Briand, the new premier of France, has been so rapid that the biographical dictionaries have not had time to notice him. The most recorded outside of France about him is contained in newspaper clippings, which feature his work on the legislation separating the church and state in France and, most talked about of all, his declaration for trial marriages, divorce by mutual agreement and free love.

The latest edition of the French "Who's Who" says that M. Briand was born in Nantes on March 28, 1862, and that he attended school in that city. There is no mention of university training, but he became a lawyer. He was elected to represent the Loire in the chamber of deputies. Five years ago he was known only among his own party, the Socialists.

He was appointed reporter of the church and state separation bill and soon became recognized as a high authority on the subject. He aimed to draw up a bill broadly liberal in spirit, but devoid of fanaticism, and designed to assure freedom of worship and conscience. For his work on that bill he was elevated to the post of minister of public instruction and worship in 1906.

During the church and state troubles he acted, with firmness and moderation, and after the death of M. Guyot-Dessaigne on Dec. 31, 1907, he was appointed minister of justice, retaining also the ministry of worship.

It was last year that his name got in the newspapers as one who favored trial marriages, divorce by mutual agreement and free love. Early in the year Paul Bourget's play, "Un Divorce," presented at the Vaudeville in Paris, caused a sensation. It dealt with the divorce question, holding that marriage was a sacrament and fulfilling against the idea of divorce.

Though the Bourget play preached against the ideas of the minister of justice last year, votes taken every night in the very theater in which it was produced were overwhelmingly in favor of M. Briand's ideas as against those of M. Bourget.

M. Briand is a man of studious disposition and early won a reputation among his associates as a scholar. He adopted the doctrines of the Revolutionary Socialists early in life and is the author of "The Separation of the Church and the State," published in 1906.

### TEST OF JAP RAILROAD TIES.

Santa Fe to Try Coca-bola Shipment Near Great Bend, Kan.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road is making arrangements for a series of experiments with a new kind of railroad ties which will be observed with interest by every railroad in the United States.

The Santa Fe has purchased a large shipment in Japan of coca-bola and Japanese oak ties, which were recently landed in California and are now being prepared for use on the Santa Fe tracks in Kansas. The experiments are to be conducted at Great Bend, Kan. This wood from Japan when delivered in California costs the railroad about \$1.15 a tie, or a little more than is paid for American ties. The wood is so hard that it is said to be almost impossible to drive a spike into it, and it is expected to be capable of twenty-five to thirty years' wear. Holes will have to be bored into the wood, and screw spikes will be used. When laid the cost of the ties will be in the neighborhood of \$2 each. The shipment received contains 170,000 ties.

When the ties are placed in position new rails will be laid and the track will be rebalanced, so that it will afford an accurate medium for observation and tests. It is claimed that it will then be one of the finest pieces of railroad track in the world.

**Experiment With Milking Machines.**

The Nebraska experiment station of the department of agriculture at Washington is experimenting with milking machines. A preliminary report on the progress of the investigation, recently issued by the department, contains this information:

"It has been found that most of the cows yield their milk as freely and fully when milked with a machine as by hand, but with some individual cows the use of the machine is not entirely successful. Heifers accustomed to the machines from the first appear to do better than older cows which have been milked by hand."

**Girl Police.**

The president of the National Woman's Suffrage association said in the course of a speech at Minneapolis that women should be on the police force, as criminals need "mothering."

When the gentlemanly burglar Executes a boyish prank, Such as stealing fifty thousand From a safety vault or bank, It is wrong for us to jail him. Unmolested he should walk. With a girl policeman giving Him a sweet maternal talk.

When a grafter is discovered We should raise no hue and cry. Rather should we take his promise To do better by and by. We should never prosecute him When he promises to stop. We should simply have him scolded By a sweet faced lady cop.

When a murder's been committed And the killer flees in haste, It's unkind of us to shoot him Or to even have him chased. There's no need for great detectives. He'll come back if we will wait. Let a sweet young girl policeman Write to him and make a date.

All this talk of inefficient Cops at once would disappear. And of footpads or of sneak thieves We no longer would have fear. For they'd want to be arrested, And they'd fight against release, And they'd stay in jail forever If we had a girl police! —Arthur Roche in New York World.



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