

VISIT OF ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP TO BERLIN



All Berlin went mad with delight recently, when the airship Zeppelin III, 19 hours earlier, was in sight of the waiting thousands assembled on the Tempelhof parade ground...

STUDY OF BIRD LIFE

Campaign Started to Found University Devoted to Conservation.

Scientists Will Teach the People That Feathered Creatures That Eat Crop Destroyers Are Salvation of the Country.

New York.—To save the natural wealth of America by educating its people regarding the value of wild bird life, as the only sure check to the insect pests that are rapidly devastating the crops and woods of the country...

Broadening the educational work that is now being pushed by the Audubon workers is designed to be the main aim of the proposed national university...

On the children of the land the Audubon officials declare they must base their hopes for the spread of the gospel of conservation through the bird resources of the nation...

Nothing but the education of the American people on this subject can now avail to ward off the impending agricultural devastation...

DISLIKES A FARM DRUGGERY

Wife of Rich Washington Wheat Rancher Complains of Day's Schedule in Divorce Suit.

Spokane, Wash.—Mrs. Maries Mann, wife of John Lester Mann, a bonanza wheat rancher in Spokane county, shows in her petition for divorce...

Rise at four o'clock a. m. Exercise with a cross-cut saw on a pile of logs. Get breakfast for a threshing crew of 30 men, each possessed of a healthy appetite...

Evening at home: Darn socks, make bread and do other work till ten o'clock p. m.; bed on a pallet of straw on the floor of the cookhouse.

London.—"He is the laziest man in the world," said an inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children...

It was added that once the man went into the workhouse, but came out to go to bed. His wife chased him out of the house with a poker...

Reward for Rescuing Cat. Dublin.—The rescue of a cat which had fallen or been thrown into the Liffey was witnessed by a large crowd from the quay wall.

A laborer named Peter Kavanagh volunteered, and he was lowered from the bridge by two constables, and the cat was brought up in safety and taken to the Cats' home.

YOUNG WOMAN DEER-HUNTER

Miss of Twenty Summers Bags Sea-son's Limit on Single Trip in Southern California.

Los Angeles.—The Miss Mary Loomis, 20-year-old daughter of J. H. Loomis of Inglewood, has just closed a season's hunt for deer in the mountains near the head of the Colorado river...

This establishment is the only one in California. A buck without a killed deer but with a horn so large as known has ever killed two deer on one hunt...

The party has gone out two seasons, and last year Miss Loomis brought down her first deer, which weighed nearly as much as the larger one got this trip...

It was nearly a week after going into camp that the first buck was landed. From the first day plenty of deer signs were seen, but no animals were sighted.

The trail of the big buck was struck early in the morning by Miss Loomis, and, although she had frequent glimpses of him, she could not get within firing distance until she had trailed it five miles...

A two pointer was dropped a few days later when Miss Loomis and her father were hunting together. It was sighted from across a canyon and both fired at the same time and missed...

Besides the three deer they brought back nearly a dozen rattler skins. The girls are keen woods women and hunters and enjoy outdoor life immensely.

TRIAL OF BIG GUN

Breach-Loading Cannon Designed for Shooting Immense Shell.

It Will Have Extreme Range of 25 Miles and Can Penetrate Two Feet of Hardest Steel Armor.

Washington.—Advices have been received in Washington that the effect of the giant 14-inch breach-loading gun being built at the works of the McVale Steel Company at Paradise, Nev., for the navy department...

There is a great 14-inch gun at Sandy Hook proving grounds built under the auspices of the ordnance department of the army, about eight years ago, and from which only a few shots have been fired...

The shot projected from this new American 14-inch gun will weigh 530 pounds more than the most powerful 12-inch gun now in the service of the American fleet...

This new 14-inch gun will have an extreme range of 25 miles, although the range at which it would fire in actual battle would be about 9,000 yards, or five miles.

Guns were built accordingly. All heavy American naval guns are now built powerful enough to engage the enemy at five miles' distance. The 1,400 pound shell from this new gun will leave the muzzle of the weapon at the rate of 2,600 feet per second...

But this does not measure the full power of the gun for naval purposes, the muzzle penetration being merely a proving ground factor, for after the shot hurled from the 14-inch gun has traveled a distance of 3,000 yards it will still have the remaining velocity of 2,234 feet a second...

FASTS AND CURES HIMSELF

Cleveland Man Goes Without Food for Over Fifty Days, Drinking Nothing But Water.

Cleveland, O.—William H. Maire, a Cleveland man, who is at Battle Creek, Mich., has completed a fast of 50 1/2 days, according to information received by his relatives here...

Maire says the first eight days were trying, but after that he experienced little inconvenience. On completing the fast he drank a teaspoonful of milk. His second and third meals consisted of two and three teaspoonfuls of milk.

Stomach trouble, which puzzled physicians, caused Maire to try fasting as a cure. He says he is now in perfect health.

Wanderer Is Left \$25,000. Bounton, N. J.—Unless Charles A. Zabriskie returns to his family here within four years he will lose a legacy of \$25,000, according to the will of his father, which has been filed for probate...

Zabriskie disappeared two years ago, and subsequently was mentioned in a divorce action.

UNTANGLE NAMED OF GRAPES

Movement Is on Foot for a Revision and Simplification of Nomenclature of California Grapes.

San Francisco.—Bulletin received from the department of agriculture of the State University at Davis, Cal., that a movement is on foot to revise and simplify the nomenclature of grapes in California...

Some varieties, such as the 'Muscat of Alexandria' and the 'Pineapple', are not known as such in California, but are known by other names...

The Washington experts will endeavor to simplify many of the designations. The Muscat of Alexandria, the principal variety of the French district, will officially hereafter be known as 'Alexandria'...

There are some new varieties lately developed which give much promise. 'Pine' and 'Goodhue' are new varieties of black table grapes which are expected to grow in favor...

There are now 11 experimental stations in this state directed by government experts. The largest and most important being at Oakville in Napa county. There are two at Fresno, one at Cucamonga in the San Bernardino district...

GRASSHOPPERS HIT VERMONT

Much Damage Is Done to the Crops in Northern and Central Parts of the State.

Montpelier, Vt.—The farming sections of northern and central Vermont are infested with swarms of grasshoppers. They have caused much damage to crops during the last fortnight and their ravages continue still...

The grasshoppers come in swarms descending upon fields rich in high grass and luxuriant grain, within a few hours their havoc has undone nature's development of months. Then they move to new pastures and repeat the ravages...

Occasionally an irate farmer wades into an army of grasshoppers with chance spade or other farming implements, and, swinging right and left, takes a small measure of satisfaction for his loss in a miniature slaughter of the insects...

BRITONS HANDLE LESS MAIL

London Postal Official Learns Some Things Here and Acknowledges United States' Supremacy.

Chicago.—Postal service of the United States is of high order, and England has much to learn from your system.

This was the statement of C. H. Cooke, representing the London postal service, who is visiting the large postoffices of the United States.

"In London we employ 21,000 people," said Mr. Cooke. "We have but 6,000 employees," said Mr. Galbraith, "and we have four times the amount of tonnage at the Chicago postoffice that is handled by the London service."

Mr. Cooke will submit a report to Comptroller Robert Bruce of the London postal service.

Curious Point in Dog Law. London.—Before sentencing a man at the London sessions to 18 months imprisonment for stealing a dog the chairman said if he had stolen the collar, which was less valuable, he could have been sent to penal servitude. There were 21 previous convictions against him, all for stealing dogs.

Sea Gulls Driven Inland. Pine Bluff, Ark.—Hundreds of sea gulls, driven here from the gulf by the hurricane, the first ever seen in this section, are attracting much attention on the Arkansas river at this point.

POISON WILD PLANTS

Farmers Should Fertilize Themselves With the So-Called Weeds.

Some Varieties of Plants Should Be Destroyed as Soon as Discovered—Facts About Many That Are Dangerous.

It is a common mistake to suppose that weeds are harmless. Many of them are not only poisonous to man and animals, but they also contain substances which are of great value to the farmer...

Some of the most common weeds are the 'Pineapple' and the 'Muscat of Alexandria'. These are not only poisonous, but they also contain substances which are of great value to the farmer...

There are two large plants that greatly resemble mushrooms. They are known as the 'Flycatcher' and the 'Toadstool'. The latter can be distinguished from the common mushrooms by its white gills and spots, and by its growing in woods instead of in meadows...

American false hellebore (known as 'Ich' woods) is poisonous, the seed being especially poisonous to poultry. Horses have been known to be poisoned by eating the leaves, yet sheep seem to resist it and eat it with apparent impunity.

Pokeberry is a well known plant that has many household uses, but some chemical or mechanical manipulation seems necessary to prevent it from being eaten. The root and the alcoholic extract of the fruit are quite commonly used as a household remedy for the itch and other skin diseases and for rheumatism.

Corn cockle is generally known as 'single cockle'. Its great stem and showy, white-red flowers and pods full of black, long-grained seed are familiar in all grain-growing states.

Black cherry, known commonly as wild cherry, which is sometimes cultivated as an ornamental shade tree, is also a poisonous quality. The fruit is rather agreeable, being but slightly bitter and astringent in taste. It is also used as a bitter liquor being poured on the berries in bottles. Poisoning is frequently caused by cattle eating the wild leaves from branches brown carelessly within their reach or ignorantly offered as food. Children occasionally die from eating the kernels of the seed or from swallowing the fruit whole.

The writer some years ago had quite a heavy loss among his young geese from eating shoots of wild cherry trees that sprang up around an old tree that was in an enclosure where the geese were kept. As soon as the cause was discovered the remaining geese were changed to new quarters, and there were no more deaths. Strange to say that while these green leaves poisoned the geese, the general poultry seemed immune. Chickens not only ate the leaves but picked up the fallen fruit with apparently no bad effect.

Rattlebox, also known as wild pea, is native in low, sandy soils from the Atlantic westward to Minnesota and eastern Kansas. It is common in Connecticut, New Jersey and North Carolina. The poisonous constituent is unknown, but it lies both in the leaves and the seed. Horses and sometimes cattle are killed by eating grass or meadow hay mixed with the plant.

Poison oak, also known as California poison sumac, swamp sumac, thunderwood, etc. affects the skin the same way as poison ivy, and cases require the same remedy. Laurel leaves (commonly used for decorative purposes in winter), or the flowering branches are often carelessly thrown into inclosures where animals are kept. The older cattle are not so frequently killed by it, but they are by no means immune. Horses and even goats have died from eating the leaves.

BRING BACK ART TREASURES

Treasury Advice Show That New Tariff Law Has Increased Donations to Libraries.

Washington.—Millions of dollars' worth of valuable paintings are being bought abroad by American millionaires for free entry under the new tariff law.

Treasury department advices show that one Philadelphia millionaire recently imported \$200,000 of these works of art. The law provides that works of art over 30 years of age may be brought in free of duty, provided accompanying affidavits show the age of the paintings. Another paragraph of the law provides for free entry of works of art over 100 years of age. The first paragraph has been construed to apply to paintings and everything except articles of utility, and the second paragraph of articles of utility.

It is stated that private as well as public galleries are being greatly enriched by the operation of the new law.

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