

Pioneer pilots

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New York: Pioneer pilots celebrate the 51st anniversary of powered flight - ~~Blanche Stuart Scott~~, Blanche Stuart Scott, ~~(the first woman to fly solo and in the United States)~~ and R.M. Wright - who shows a picture of what they flew! ~~The occasion was a~~ ^{AT THIS} meeting of the "early birds" - (pilots who were flying before 1916) ~~when~~ a helicopter unveiled a memorial - commemorating their contribution to aerial progress.

The first heavier-than-air flight was made ^{OF COURSE,} by the Wright Brothers in 1903.

Paris - Deputies vote

Paris: For eleven days, bitter debate raged in the French National Assembly - while outside, demonstrators carried gruesome reminders of the past - pictures of Nazi concentration camps and gas chambers. Against this background of tragic memory: of three German occupations in eighty years - the Chamber of Deputies finally ^{approved} ~~ratified~~ the Paris Agreement to re-arm Germany - by a narrow margin. ^{an} historic decision and a triumph for Premier Mendes-France.

Hail storm in S. Africa

South Africa: The peace of a summer's day in Johannesburg was rudely shattered, when sheets of rain, and hail ~~in~~ ^{of} the size of pigeon's eggs - suddenly covered the streets a foot thick with drifts like snow.

After the hail had melted, garden walls were swept away by the resulting flood, while thatched roofs were completely wrecked ^{DURING} ~~after~~ the half-hour tempest ~~usage~~ - the worst in the city's history.

The Pope

Rome: Thousands of pilgrims ~~from~~ ^{thronged} St. Peter's Square during the festive season - anxious for a glimpse of His Holiness the Pope. And their vigil was amply rewarded, when the Holy Father made his first public appearance since his recent severe collapse.

Standing at the open window of his apartment in the Vatican Palace, ^{HIS HOLINESS} ~~Pope~~ gave his blessing ~~to the vast multitude~~ ^{to the vast multitude} ~~fixing~~ ^{fixing} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~eyes~~ ^{eyes} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~crowd~~ ^{crowd}.