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French Priest weds tight-rope walkers ... on the ^{rope.} ~~thru~~
Toulouse, May 22nd.

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Positive developed: 119 meters = 397 ft

The famous tight rope walkers known as the "White devils" Berty and Roberts insisted that their wedding be blessed at their usual level, that is on the tight rope two stories high above ground level.

It was rather difficult for them to find a priest to give them his blessing as well as god's, in this acrobatic way, but in the course of their journeys all over France with the circus they are working with, they finally found a sportsman as well as a priest, the famous Abbe Simon, very well known in France for his tour of high diving exhibition to collect money to build his church.

Therefore Saturday last in Toulouse, after receiving congratulations from their numerous friends, and walking with difficulty through the enormous crowd which had gathered to watch their special wedding ceremony, the young couple arrived on Place du Capitole in Toulouse. The tight rope was installed and carefully checked both by the ~~newly~~ groom, and his father-in-law, while the town's fireman's greatest scale was put in place. Abbe Simon deftly climbed on the top of the great scale while the young couple, one at each end of the tight rope-poles climbed on their rope ... The bride wore her wedding dress and fluttering veil, and the bridegroom his tail-coat, and in spite of the ~~wind~~ ... they reached the tight-rope and began walking towards each-other...

In the middle of the tight-rope, both knelt down while the Priest blessed their union and their work. A crowd of over ten thousand had gathered on the Square and the three were cheered and congratulated for their daredevil exhibition. All wished happiness and good luck to the tight-rope walkers, but also admired the sportsmanship of Abbe Simon.