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LAST SEEN HEADING TO NORTH SEA

Grave Mistake May Have Caused English Aviator's Life

TURNED WRONG WAY

Grave Was Few Miles From Deal, Over the Goodwin Sands, When He Turned East in Fog and Headed Towards the North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 23.—There was no news this afternoon of the fate of Cecil G. Grace, the aviator who disappeared in the fog while attempting a return flight from Calais to Dover yesterday. It is feared that he fell into the North Sea.

A great fleet of motor cars were out all night searching every nook of the coast of England, while warships scattered along the shores and dotting the North Sea swept the waters with wireless inquiries concerning the aviator. These efforts were continued today.

THE DEATH LIST IN WEDNESDAY'S FIRES

Chicago, Dec. 23.—All last night firemen worked on the fire at the stock yard plant of Morris & Company, where early yesterday fire Marshal James Moran and more than a score of his men lost their lives.

JEWELRY LOST OR STOLEN IN HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Chief Hildout has received a communication from the chief of police of Halifax stating that jewelry valued at \$500 has been lost or stolen in that city.

THE WEATHER

Moderate variable winds, fine and cold; Saturday, increasing southerly and fair; Sunday, fair, rising temperature.

PRESBYTERIANS SHOW FAVOR FOR UNION

Rev. D. Lang Disputes Conclusions in Interview in Times

Gives Figures of Votes Taken in Thirteen Church Courts, Showing Only Two in Opposition to Union by Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists

Editor of the Times:—In your published interview with an anonymous Presbyterian reference made to the presbyteries only which approve church union and hence the impression is given, perhaps unintentionally, that most presbyteries are in opposition. This is a wholly mistaken impression.

Table with 3 columns: Location, For, Against. Includes Owen Sound, Truro, Guelph, Lanark and Renfrew, Sydney, London, Paris, Quebec, P. E. Island, Westminster, Bruce.

Since then we noted returns from two presbyteries only—viz.: Halifax, which voted 20 to 3, in favor of church union, and St. John which voted 24 to 15 in favor of union.

Anyone anticipating a more unanimous response than that must have been most sanguine indeed—much more hopeful than a careful reading of the history of other similar movements would warrant.

It is stated in your interview that the question of union is much less popular among the Presbyterian church courts than was anticipated.

DAVID LANG, St. Andrew's church, St. John, N. B. Dec. 23rd, 1910.

CONNAUGHT NOT LIKELY GOVERNOR

Semi-official Hint at Ottawa That King George Cannot Spare Him at Functions Prince of Wales Being Too Young

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—It is reported here that the Duke of Connaught cannot come to Canada as governor-general in succession to Earl Grey because King George wishes to have his help in England to represent him at functions.

Santa Cruz, Tenerife, Dec. 21.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are returning to England, after their visit to South Africa where the Duke opened the first Parliament of the Union of South Africa in the name of King George, arrived here yesterday.

They encountered a very heavy storm en route, but their steamer, the Badminton Castle, sustained no damage.

They were accorded royal honors when they landed here. They visited various points of interest and then went to Oran, on the northwest coast. The duke and duchess, who are accompanied by their daughter, Princess Patricia, sailed today.

SPAIN HAS ADOPTED THE PADLOCK BILL

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, Dec. 23.—After a stormy night session the Chamber of Deputies today passed the government's "Padlock Bill."

This is a notable victory for Premier Canalejas, obtained after a bitter fight in which he had to overcome the opposition of the Catholic and the Socialist parties.

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INTERDICT FINED \$10 THE FIRM THE SAME

Robt. Ross' Case in Police Court. He is Fined \$10. for Abusive Language

Robert Ross, of Indianapolis, was fined \$10 today for using abusive language to a police officer.

SCHEME OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE NEW REPUBLIC

Portuguese President to be Chosen by Parliament for Term of Five Years—M. P.'s Elected for Three Years

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The plan of government for the new Portuguese Republic has been elaborated by the provisional cabinet.

The president will be chosen by parliament for five years and he will be ineligible for re-election until a regular term has intervened.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

THE EDITOR WELLED:—The Times new reporter walked into the editor's room this morning and rather curtly demanded: "Do you expect me to do any work to-day?"

"The editor produced a list of assignments that covered a fairly large sheet of paper. The new reporter spread it out and without remark produced from his pocket and unfolded a much larger sheet of paper, closely written, and laid it beside the other.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGUN

Presentation of Medals and Prizes in High School—Fine Showing in Manual Training

The city schools closed today for the Christmas holidays, to reopen again on January 9. Special interest was centered in the exercises in the high school, where medals were presented, and an excellent musical programme carried out, as published.

On the platform were H. Colby Smith, member of the school board; Dr. H. S. Bridges, Mayor; Fred J. S. Miles, principal of the high school; Senator Ellis, W. S. Fisher, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Judge Forbes, W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P., and R. B. Emerson, chairman of the school board.

The coronation gold medal, Grade XI, was presented to Miss M. Langley by Judge Forbes; the Parker silver medal for mathematics in Grade XI, to Miss Gaudin Emerson, St. John, west, by Judge Forbes; the Governor General's silver medal for best marks in grade X, to Miss Grace M. Young, same Senator Ellis, Superintendent of Bridges announced that, as the competition in grade X had been so close, it had been decided that as the result of the very excellent showing of Fred Mahoney, who was so close to the winner that it had been decided to present to him a second special prize a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Hon. J. V. Ellis' medal for best English essay, won by Miss Vega Gronlund, was presented by Rev. R. A. Armstrong. Miss Gronlund read an excellent essay on "Hobby."

The artistically drawn prize of books for highest standing in grade IX, won by Miss Amber Ted, was presented by W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P. The chairman's gold medal for best marks in entrance examinations, won by Gordon Willett, was presented by Chairman Emerson, and Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie's medal for highest entrance examinations in St. John, county, won by Miss Monica McGrath, presented by Dr. Bridges.

Dr. Bridges referred to the good marks made by Miss McGrath and to the many creditable pupils turned out by her school, St. Vincent.

The Exhibition Association medal for manual work, won by James Hoyt, was presented by W. S. Fisher. Dr. Bridges announced that it had been decided in the matter of the Corporation medal, which was won by Miss Langley, to give a prize to Miss Gaudin.

A number of selections were given by the High School orchestra, and the orchestra, which has been given a great progress, came in for much commendation.

Dr. Bridges referred to the presence of French work in the school, and to the National Anthem.

DEFICIT CUT DOWN

U. S. Postmaster-General's Report Shows Reduction of More Than \$11,000,000

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Dr. Charles P. Grandfield, first assistant postmaster-general in his annual report submitted to the Postmaster General Hitchcock, shows that the number of post offices in operation on June 30, 1910, was 29,890. The gross revenue of the postal service during the fiscal year aggregated \$229,977,224, an increase of \$8,673,121. The deficit was \$5,848,586, as compared with \$17,441,719 for the previous year.

STOLE FROM WAITRESS

Young Boston Woman Loses \$270 and Jewelry Valued at \$300

Boston, Dec. 23.—While she was working at a nearby restaurant a thief entered the room of Miss Florence Rix, a waitress, who lives at Allston street, in the West end, and took everything of value she had, including \$270 in cash and \$300 worth of jewelry.

Fire Loss of \$225,000

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Fire early this morning, which followed an explosion of unknown origin, totally destroyed a building occupied by the Toledo Biscuit Company. The loss is placed at \$225,000. The company, which is an independent concern, will rebuild at once.

BORINGS ARE BEING MADE BY C. P. R.

Work on Main and Mill Street Properties Being Done to Ascertain Nature of Bottom—Much Filling In

It is understood that the C. P. R. will commence work soon in preparing the newly acquired property in Main and Mill streets for their purpose. District Engineer Fred Taylor, of Doverville Junction, has a great many men at work making borings to ascertain the nature of the bottom in the vicinity of the cold storage plant and the Lick's property.

It is calculated that a good deal of filling-in will be required in order to erect freight sheds at terminals there and the work now being done is to give the engineers the information they require in order to draw up detailed plans.

HAPPY MORNINGS IN THE KINDERGARTENS

Trees Are Striped of Their Presents and a Merry Time Is Enjoyed

The little tots attending the public kindergartens in Waterloo, Brussels and Portland streets were made happy today by receiving Santa Claus gifts as well as being treated to a Christmas tree, and other good things by the ladies in charge, and other friends. A pleasing programme was carried out in each school, the little folks reciting carols, marching and singing Christmas carols, and the parents and elders looked on with encouraging smiles.

The programmes were somewhat similar, but the decorations made by the children were slightly different, though all were very pretty and showed the results of careful work for each youngster. A large tree in the centre of the room was laden with gifts for the little ones' parents, and after these had been distributed, the children were sent to an adjoining room, while the ladies in charge filled the tree again, but this time with remembrances for the "little ones," dolls for the girls, and snow globes or other toys for the boys, as well as a large bag of candy nuts, and an article of clothing, bringing cheer and joy to the hearts of the little folks.

The attendance in each of the kindergartens is reported as being very good. Waterloo street there was an average of 45, while in Brussels street 34 were accommodated. Those in charge of the former were Misses D. Belle Miller and Hazel E. West, and those of the latter, Misses Marjorie MacLennan, Marjorie B. Loubie, Mabel McAvity, Dora Jones and Louie Jack.

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS

Death of James E. Graham, Windsor

Windsor, N. S., Dec. 23.—This forenoon the whole community was shocked to learn of the passing away of James E. Graham, registrar of deeds, in the 70 year of his age. Mr. Graham was a prominent citizen whose death leaves a sad blank in the home circle and in the town where he led a useful life as one of Windsor's best citizens. He leaves his wife, two daughters and five sons.

JAPAN WANTS PEACE IN THE FAR EAST

Tokio, Dec. 23.—The Diet was opened today. The emperor, being indisposed, was not present and the speech from the throne was read by Maruyama Katsura, the premier and minister of finance.

BRITISH MINISTER TO MEXICO

London, Dec. 23.—Among the new diplomatic appointments announced is that of Sir Arthur Herbert to be minister to Mexico. He was recently minister to Norway.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN LITTLE CRAFT

Sturdy Old Mariner Building the Romania in New Jersey

Plans to Start in July and Sail Via Halifax and St. John's—Figures He Can Span the Ocean in Two Weeks

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 23.—Captain John Weller, a boat builder on the Hackensack river in Carlstadt, announces that he will cross the ocean in a motor boat, which he is now building a fifty-foot boat which it is calculated will be perfectly strong enough to withstand the rough weather and high seas which might be expected at any time.

Captain Weller has crossed the ocean five times, has crossed in all sorts of craft and all kinds of weather. He is a god-natured old seaman who cannot be deterred from his purpose, and his confidence of making the trip cannot be shaken. He claims that two weeks will see him and his crew safe on the other side in some snug harbor.

The name of the new boat will be the Romania, and he will sail next July, already two men have been entered on the "ship's" register, being Antonio Metro, of Hoboken, and Julius Saravay, of Brooklyn.

"I've studied it very carefully, and it's the best I have been able to figure out," said Captain Weller. "First, we will go to the north arm of the bay. The herring shoals, which broke upon the ledges. They were broken, named White who lived at Trout River.

Other boats, carrying in all about 100 men, were caught in the snow on the northern arm of the bay. The herring nets and other gear had to be thrown overboard, and the fishermen had a difficult task in reaching shore.

One fishing boat was swept on to the rocks at Barber's Head. No person could have been seen in the sea that was running. The Constellation, which was equipped with a motor driven propeller, rescued the crews of a number of other craft that were helpless in the gale.

DETAINED IMMIGRANTS TO HAVE XMAS CEER

Celebration on Ellis Island Today With Gifts and Treats and Trees

New York, Dec. 23.—Two thousand men, women and children, detained by the immigration authorities on Ellis Island, will have a Christmas celebration this afternoon with services in six languages. A substantial fund has been subscribed for the occasion by the Commissioner Williams and others, and it will be used to purchase gifts.

NEW DEFENCE SCHEME

Indiana Man Would Keep Supply of Steel Turrets to Rush to Danger Points

Washington, Dec. 23.—Alovench steel turrets for the defense of American cities to be kept at a central supply depot and rushed by train to any point where danger threatens, are suggested by a man in Marine, Ind., as an economical method for building up a national defense.

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Large Piece of Rock Falls on Andrew Barnhill in Asbestos Mine

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—While at work in one of the pits in an asbestos mine at Asbestos yesterday, Andrew Barnhill was instantly killed when a large piece of rock fell on him.

PEARY TO SUBMIT PROOFS BUT HE WILL BE FOUGHT IN CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 23.—After months of persistent refusal on the ground of interference with contracts with publishers, Captain Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, has promised to furnish congress with the proofs upon which he relies to support his claim of reaching the North Pole.

The assent has been communicated indirectly to some of his advocates at the capital in connection with the bill to reward him with a rear admiralship on the staff in recognition of his Arctic achievements. The bill will be considered by the house committee on naval affairs soon.

Representative Mearns of Arkansas, a member of the committee, has expressed in vigorous language his opinion of the explorer and his doubt of his ever getting to the pole and purposes to fight it on the floors. He is not the only opponent of Peary in the naval committee, and there are other members of the house who object to the proposal and will join in the fight when the issue is presented on the floor of the house.

HEORISM IN TERRIFIC BLIZZARD

Schooner Crew Prevent Great Loss of Life Off Newfoundland

Two Men Drowned

Brothers Go Down as Their Boat is Hurlled on Rocks—Schooner Constellation Saves Lives of Men in Danger on Several Fishing Craft

Curling, N.F., Dec. 23.—The heroism of the hardy fishermen on board the Gloucester auxiliary fishing schooner Constellation was the only thing that prevented a terrible loss of life in the blizzard that swept the Newfoundland coast from Friday to Monday. As it was, two lives were lost, and the damage to vessels and fishing gear was very heavy. The storm was a combination of wind and hurricane violence, blinding snow and biting frost.

The gale was unusually severe in the vicinity of Bay of Islands, where the Gloucester fishermen are engaged in the freezing industry. Two men perished while fishing for herring. Their boat was washed on the rocks, and the men had no chance whatever for life in the terrific seas, which broke upon the ledges. They were brothers, named White who lived at Trout River.

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