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## ADDRESSED THE CANADIAN CLUB MEMBERS LAST EVENING

Doctor Alexander Graham Bell, Foremost in Aerial Sciences, Banqueted at Bond's—Delivered Most Interesting and Instructive Address on "Aerial Locomotion"—Referred to Wireless Telephone and of Wonders Accomplished.

Doctor Alexander Graham Bell, foremost in aerial sciences, especially in aerial locomotion, addressed the members of the Canadian Club last evening at Bond's where a banquet was tendered to the distinguished visitor.

Judge H. O. McInerney, president, presided, and in a few words introduced the speaker, whom he alluded to as having accomplished much in the scientific world, for the betterment of his fellowmen.

Doctor Bell in rising was given a hearty ovation. At the commencement of his very instructive address, he alluded to the telephone in which science much had been effected, and much yet could be effected. Referring

to distances, which the wireless telephone permitted persons in both hemispheres speaking to one another audibly, he made mention of a recent feat, the message from Arlington, Mass., to Paris. During this conversation Honorable, far away in the Pacific, heard the conversation, and seeing a want, scientists were now inventing a device whereby persons might enjoy a "private conversation." (Laughter.)

American aviators at home and overseas were drilled by their officers through the medium of the wireless telephone. Airmen in return could speak audibly to their officers, far off inland. This the speaker alluded to as a secret practised among the American armies, during the progress of the war, and only now was it being given publicly.

His topic for the evening, and one in which it might be added amused his hearers was "Aerial Locomotion." In beginning he referred to Britain's supremacy on the sea and land. These were means in the war for the liberation of the oppressed, armies on sea and land. But, added he, "turn to the aerial warfare, and one cannot but note that the navy and army depended in a manner upon the achievements of the airman."

America herself went ahead in the service, through the medium of the air forces. Over \$400,000,000 had been apportioned to the development of the air service, and in the future this service was to be maintained, and utilized in such means as carrying passengers and mails between far distant centres. Great Britain also had advanced in the air service, and it is worthy of note that among military attaches sent to Washington lately one among the number was an airman. Today New York and Washington were connected by an aerial service on which were carried mails and passengers. Ordinarily it took six hours for a fast express to cover the distance intervening between the two cities, but the airman covered the same distance in two hours, and latest newspaper reports stated that in a recent flight the distance was covered in seventy minutes.

Turning to the dirigibles, the Zeppelins, and the other air craft, the speaker referred to the great advantages obtained through the utility of these, and as an example remarked on a flight during the war, when a machine started the flight from Bulgaria to East Africa with munitions, and while en route, a wireless message informed the masters "of the signing of the armistice." The dirigible turned homeward and safely landed at its

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## VICTIM OF GERMAN RAIDER IN SOUTH PACIFIC IS HERE

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When seen last night by a representative of The Standard, Mr. Henry stated that he was a British subject, having been born in Sydney, Australia, but at the time he fell into the hands of the Germans he was on board an American ship, the Encore, and had been a member of her crew for four years, acting in the capacity of chief steward. Her commander was Capt. Olsen.

On July 14, 1917, as the Encore was proceeding on her way from Portland, Ore., to Sydney, she was met up by the raider, named the Wolf, and her stores and anything of the cargo which was any good to the Hun cruiser was transferred to the latter boat. On the morning of the 15th, the Encore was sent to the bottom and her crew taken aboard the Wolf, which was their home until, on March 2nd, 1918, they were landed at Kiel, Germany, and taken to the camp at Gustrow.

Mr. Henry said that for about two months after the sinking of the Encore the raider remained in the Pacific and had sunk seven vessels, taking the stores and crews aboard the raider, and then sending the captured vessels to the bottom. While on board the Wolf they were treated very well and practically given the run of the ship except when a vessel was in sight, when they were sent below and a guard stationed over the hatch with hand grenades and orders to use them if any of the prisoners attempted to come on deck.

The raider had a seaplane for scout and was thus enabled to keep out of sight of any of the British war vessels in that vicinity. She was a converted merchant ship, and her sides were rigged so that at the touch of a button the upper works would go out of the way and leave the decks clear for action. She was armed with heavy guns, and was capable of a distance of some seven thousand miles without the least mishap. The speaker then remarked as a prophecy that England, United States, France, Italy and probably Holland were attempting the trans-Atlantic flight this very year and action on the part of each country was daily awaited with suspense, as it was believed the flight could be made.

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