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TRANS-ATLANTIC PLANE CRASHES; 2 DIE

RADIO OPERATOR AND MECHANIC BURNED TO DEATH WITH MACHINE

Wheel on Landing Gear Collapses at Take-Off; Airship Veers to Left, Gas Tanks Burst into Flames From Exhaust Pipes

FONCK AND HIS ASSISTANT ESCAPE

2,300 Gallons of Gasoline Feed Blaze Which Rages for More Than Hour; All Participants Exposed From Blame and Plans Made for Another Attempt

WESTBURY, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Two men lost their lives this morning, when the trans-Atlantic aeroplane of Captain Rene Fonck crashed in an attempt to take off on a 3,600-mile non-stop flight to Paris. They were Charles Clavier, French radio operator, and Jacob Islamoff, Russian mechanic. They were trapped in the closed cabin of the huge three-motored biplane, Captain Fonck, the French ace in command of the flight, and Lieut. Lawrence W. Curtin, United States Navy, alternate pilot, leaped to safety before the plane burst into flames. Fonck was slightly scratched about the face. The take-off started at 6.30 a.m.

After the flames died out, the bodies were left in the airplane, pending the arrival of a coroner. One of the bodies was under the front of the wings, and the other further back. The plane, which was valued at \$100,000 without the motors, was a total loss.

WHEEL BUCKLES

An attempt was made to take off last Thursday, but had to be postponed because of gasoline leakage discovered at the last minute. Afterward Parisian friends of Captain Fonck urged him to make the flight for the honor of France even at the risk of death.

The crash was caused by the buckling of a wheel on an extra landing gear that was to have been dropped into the ocean as soon as the plane got under way.

"I knew the wheel had cracked," said Fonck, "but could neither stop nor rise."

Lieut. Curtin said: "The plane was driven full power, accelerated slowly, reaching a ground speed of 100 miles. Three quarters of the length of the runway, it seemed that the gearbox auxiliary wheel collapsed, carrying away the left lower rudder."

FLAMES BREAK OUT.

"The plane veered to the left, but it was impossible to head it again on a straight course, and the plane went over the brink at the end of the runway at a speed of about sixty miles. When passing over the brink Captain Fonck pulled back the controls to effect a normal landing, at the same time throttling down his motors.

"It seemed to me that the right wheel collapsed when the plane cart-wheeled on the right wing. The gas tanks were apparently ruptured, in view of the fact that live gas poured down over the still-heated exhaust pipe."

The plane burst into flames an instant after the two pilots leaped from it. Heavy clouds of black smoke rolled upward, and nearly 1,000 spectators crowded forward. An aeroplane circling overhead, sounded a fire alarm, and telephone calls brought the Westbury fire department within 10 minutes. They used small fire extinguishers on the flames, but Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Justice, Minister of National Defence, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Customs and Excise, Hon. S. F. Tomlin, Minister of Agriculture, Sir Henry Drayton, Minister without portfolio, is confined to his home through illness.

NEW SCHOLARS AT U. N. B. NOW TOTAL 92

Latest Registrations Show Trend Towards Forestry and Electrical Engineering

ANOTHER TRY PLANNED.

When the plane crashed the crowd rushed forward, but could not get within 50 yards of the plane. The grass was burned back for 50 feet around it.

Women screamed and fainted, and one soldier, said to have been shell-shocked, went into hysterics.

The fire raged for more than an hour afterward, and it was impossible to rescue the bodies of the trapped airmen. Clavier had a wife and three children waiting to welcome him in Paris. Officials of Sikorsky Engineering Corporation, builders of the plane, contacted all participants from blame, and indicated another attempt would be made at a non-stop flight.

Igor Sikorsky, Russian designer and builder of the Sikorsky, overcame by the tragedy, left the field soon after the crash, and sought the seclusion of his home at Mineola.

WIND SHIFT BLAMED

The rains had scarcely cooled before southerly easterly winds descended upon them, picking up rivets, scraps of wing covering and other fragments. Employees of the Sikorsky Company salvaged a

Known Death Toll in Florida Mounts to 375; Many Missing

Tragedy Halts Atlantic Non-Stop Flight



Top picture shows the giant Sikorsky airplane which crashed in flames this morning while taking off on the proposed epoch-making flight from New York across the Atlantic. Inset in the large picture is a photograph of Captain Rene Fonck, French flying ace, who was in command of the expedition and who escaped with a few scratches. The lower picture is Charles Clavier, French radio operator, who was burned to death; Captain Fonck, pilot; Lieutenant Lawrence W. Curtin, of the United States, navigating officer and alternate pilot, who also was a victim of the disaster.

DAMAGE WILL REACH NEARLY \$100,000,000

Casualties Increase as Bodies Are Washed Up

MIAMI SHAMBLES

Known Injured Placed at 1,532, But May Reach 4,000 Mark

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 21.—While first relief contingents were arriving here today, rescue workers continued their efforts at identification and burial of dead, relief of injured and the greater task of supplying food, clothing and shelter to the thousands made homeless by the hurricane which Saturday lashed the coastal area from West Palm Beach to Miami. The known death toll early today stood at 375. This steadily increased as additional bodies, cast up by the waters of Biscayne Bay, and found in the tangled wreckage of torn buildings, were brought to temporary morgues, and rescue workers believe the death list will reach more than 700.

The list of known injured was placed at 1,532, while it is estimated that a complete check will reveal the injured list to be more than 4,000.

FEARS FOR PENNSACOLA.

Varying reports from the entire storm area place the damage at between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000. While Miami and the surrounding areas strove for a complete check of its dead and injured, grave fears were felt for Pensacola, on the northwestern coast of Florida, and directly in the path of the gale. Last reports from Pensacola yesterday, told of a gas communication was severed, total of 100 miles an hour.

Scarcely a city or town in the storm area escaped the death toll left in the wake of the hurricane.

Greatest havoc was done in Miami and Hollywood, where more than 800 are known to have been killed and drowned by the rushing waters, which swept in from the Gulf Stream. The known injured in these two cities alone is fixed above 500, while the estimated property damage has been placed at more than \$20,000,000.

Fifty-six deaths are known to have occurred at Morehead, Florida, reported 14 dead; Fort Lauderdale 12; Homestead, located in the Florida district, 40 miles south of Miami, 19; Clewiston, 10; Coral Gables, Miami shores, Little River and Hialeah, outlying suburbs of Miami, had a combined death toll of 45; while 25 scores of cities along the coast from Deerfield on the north to Hollywood City on the south, reported scattering of casualties ranging from one to seven.

MARTIAL LAW ENFORCED

Martial law, established Sunday in Miami, Hollywood, and other cities in the storm torn area, continued in effect today, and national guardmen patrolled the streets. A number of looters are reported to have been shot at Hialeah, a suburb of Miami.

The two cities were without water

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Seaplane Flight Across Dominion Is Completed

Earl Godfrey Reaches Vancouver After Week's Trip From Montreal

SAINT JOHN PEOPLE IN FLORIDA SAFE

Eleven Reported Drowned in Bahamas

Telegram Comes Relative to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clawson

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clawson and their son, Fred A. Clawson, who have been residing in Miami for over a year, will be glad to know that they came through the hurricane which struck that city, in safety.

Their son, W. Kenneth Clawson, of the City Hall staff, this morning received a wire from his father, as follows: "Miami struck by bad squall, everything in terrible condition. No lights or water. Fred A. Clawson's family safe, although house considerably damaged. Miami under martial law."

Ships Talk With Each Other 500 Miles Apart In Arctic

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Foreign exchange steady. Great Britain 48 1/2; France 27 1/2; Italy 38 3/4; Germany 23 1/2; Canadian dollars 9-32 of one per cent. premium.

WOMAN IN CHANNEL FOR OVER 25 HOURS QUITS HALF MILE OFF GOAL

DOVER, England, Sept. 21.—All-England Channel endurance record for women by remaining in the water 26 hours and 30 minutes.

TORONTO MAN KILLED IN FLORIDA STORM

TORONTO, Sept. 21.—Aurify Seymour, 26 year old, who left Toronto six months ago, to accept a position in Miami, was killed in the Florida hurricane. A telegram received here by relatives of Seymour yesterday, announced his death and gave the name of the undertaking parlor where his remains were deposited.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high from the Great Lakes eastward and from Alberta northward with a fairly deep depression moving eastward across the Northwest States. The tropical storm has moved slowly northward and is centered this morning not far east of the city of New Orleans. The weather is mostly fair and cool from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in Alberta and Saskatchewan, it is cold with local snow flurries.

FORECASTS:

Fair and Cool

MARTIME—Fresh north and northeast winds, partly cloudy and quite cool tonight and Wednesday.

Temperatures

TORONTO, Sept. 21.—Lowest 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Victoria	60
Calgary	52
Edmonton	50
Winnipeg	54
Toronto	61
Quebec	60
Saint John	60
Halifax	60
New York	64