

## STUDENT EXPLORES MYSTERIOUS GULCH IN FRENCH MOUNTAIN

Winner of Prize Had Trying Experience in Long Underground Grotto.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Some interesting and thrilling stories are told in connection with the feats of some of the unsuccessful candidates for the Grand Prix of the Académie des Sports, but they are overshadowed by the publicity given to the feat of the winner. The prize for 1923 recently awarded to Alain Gerbault, a noted tennis player, went to him only after a spirited debate of the jury, some of whose members favored Norbert Casteret, a student at the University of Toulouse.

The prize is awarded annually to the man or men accomplishing a sporting exploit in France by a French or foreigner, or abroad by a Frenchman alone, likely to result in a material, scientific or moral progress for humanity. Gerbault won the prize by making a trip across the Atlantic in a 30-foot sloop.

In the region of St. Martory, Department of the Haute Garonne, a brook enters the north side of a mountain 1,500 feet in altitude, runs through a gulch regarded as impenetrable, and emerges on the southern slope of the mountain. On August 28, 1923, Casteret, a strong swimmer and expert diver, decided to explore the brook. Before taking the leap into the unknown, Casteret made his will. Then, armed only with candles, adequately protected from the water, to dispel the darkness of the subterranean cavern, the young student dived in.

The distance between the spot where the water disappears into the mountain to its outlet on the other side measures three-quarters of a mile. For three hours friends awaited in anxiety at the mouth of the grotto.

Suddenly, dripping with muddy water, disheveled and haggard, but with the grim smile of victory on his features, the student was shot out of the mountain into the arms of his exuberant friends.

He told a remarkable story of courage and energy. Fighting against the current, swimming to the vacillating light of the candles, he had many places of the grotto where the water met with the roof of stone, had to halt. Ignorant as to whether the brook, which in these spots assumed exactly the appearance of a huge pipe completely filled with rushing water, would again after a few feet widen and the swimmer find open air above his head, he had to decide whether to turn back or to chance the long swim under water. He chose the latter.

His courage was rewarded, for after a swim under water, which he reckoned at about 70 feet, he emerged into a dry gallery about 600 feet long and quite high above his head.

In this grotto Gerbault declared he discovered a wonderful prehistoric museum. On the walls of the caverns, engraved as if with sharp intrusions, were mysterious characters, in a language which Casteret had never seen or heard of. Statues of clay, some of them well preserved, depicted animals which have long since disappeared from the surface of Europe. Two of these, that of a bear and tiger, which he said must have dated at least as far back as 20,000 years, were so lifelike and well preserved that he was of the opinion that the live animals of the tundra from a spectacular point of view did not compare with that of Gerbault, it had far more value from a scientific side. They were overruled.

## Could Not Straighten His Back

Then Quebec Man Used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mr. E. D. Tremblay is delighted with the results obtained.

Pointe Aux Outardes, Que., Feb. 11.—(Special).—The sterling value of Dodd's Kidney Pills as a kidney remedy is shown by the following statement of Mr. E. D. Tremblay of this town.

"I have suffered for nearly six years from rheumatism and bad kidneys and was not able to stand up straight. I took 2 boxes of your Dodd's Kidney Pills, and am now completely relieved of my trouble."

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## HENRY FORD'S TRAIN KILLS THREE MEN

Glenduff, N. H., Feb. 11.—A special train on the Boston and Maine Railroad bearing Henry Ford homeward from Boston to Detroit late today struck four sportsmen who were walking the track. Three members of the party, brothers, were killed instantly and the fourth seriously injured. The dead are: Charles B. and Robert L. Manning, of Manchester; Francis Manning, of Cambridge, Mass.

The Montreal express had passed through Glenduff a few minutes ahead of the Ford special and the four men had been passengers on the express from Manchester to this station.

## LITTLE WIFE SAYS HARVEY BEAT HER

She's 90, He's 200—Colonel Tells Court Sister Supports Him.

New York Feb. 12.—(Canadian Press).—Col. V. Harvey, who arrived from London with the British squash tennis team, but who wound up in domestic relations court yesterday after two nights in a jail last night was on his way to Montreal, having been liberated by the court.

Magistrate Wells discharged Col. Harvey after hearing evidence on a desertion accusation brought by Mrs. Peggy Biggott Harvey, who said she married him in Toronto, in 1914. The magistrate advised her to start a civil action in the state supreme court, declaring the court of domestic relations could not take any action because her evidence showed she was not in any immediate financial distress.

The couple, who lived in Ottawa after eighteen months of married life, claimed that Harvey had beaten her during their married life together. They went to Ottawa and rented an apartment, she asserted. When he began his plans to go to war, he urged her to leave him, she asserted, but she refused. Then he told her, according to her evidence, that she would have to get out of the apartment—that he had rented it.

"He begged me not to stay in Ottawa," she told Magistrate Wells, "because it would injure his social position."

From then until 1919, she continued, he sent her \$100 monthly. Then it stopped. The only money she had obtained from him since, she asserted, was fifty pounds obtained from his London solicitor. She promised the attorney to repay it herself if her husband would not, she declared.

Lately, she said, she had been sick. "I made \$17 by sewing in four weeks. I can average about \$10 a week, but I'm frequently sick and cannot work. I'm under treatment of a physician for a nervous disorder."

Besides the fifty pounds, which she said she spent mainly for a sewing machine and material to make sewing samples, she owes \$200 to William Dodd, besides various sums borrowed from her mother in England. Since the war she had been unable to obtain theatrical work in which she was engaged when they married.

Harvey Testifies.

Then Harvey took the stand, his huge frame being encompassed by the witness chair, with evident strain.

"My sister," he said, "supports me." He told about living at the Military Navy Club, 94 Piccadilly, London. He also listed several exclusive clubs to which he belongs. He has a \$6,400 balance in a Toronto bank and one pound in a London institution, he told the court.

His message was paid out by a man who hired him to do some auditing in Canada, he said, declaring he is to receive \$250 for the work.

He has no hereditary income, he added, not having yet received anything from either his father or mother, or from the family estate.

Harvey is about 45 years of age, and appears in excellent health.

"Are you a professional athlete?" he was asked by the court.

"I am not a professional anything—except an accountant," he replied.

"But you came here with an English team?"

"I met up with those chaps in England and put myself down for an alternate because I wanted to get a bit of exercise at playing squash racquets," answered Col. Harvey.

"I had three days here," he said in answer to another question. "I have seen two of them in jail, and the third I propose to spend, if discharged, getting out of New York as fast as possible."

He was discharged from the army in 1920, Col. Harvey declared. During the last year his sister supported him, he said, because all he could earn was \$146.

Harvey appeared a bit crumpled by his jail experience when he entered the courtroom, but he was in a cheerful mood. He smiled at his wife, and gave her a cheery "good morning."

## SHAKE-UP IS MADE

Wholesale Transfer of Officers at Lakehurst, N. J. Naval Station.

Washington, Feb. 12.—All orders to officers involved in a wholesale transfer of commissioned personnel at the Lakehurst, N. J. naval air station and among the dirigible Shenandoah's commands were issued last night by the navy department. They included among others:

The relieving of Commander F. R. McCrary from the joint command of the big airship and the Lakehurst station, and assigning to those commands Lt. Commander Zachary Lansdowne and Commander J. L. Kline, respectively.

Commander McCrary was ordered to line duty as commanding officer of the submarine tender Canopus, now at Mare Island, California, undergoing repairs.

It also was announced that assignment of Commander Kline to the command of the Lakehurst station would be of a temporary character, as it was intended to transfer him to duty with the assistance squadron, for which he recently applied.

The order further instructed Commander E. B. Wyerbacher, engineer officer of the Shenandoah, to proceed to the aircraft factory at Philadelphia of duty as engineer officer there, and directed Lt. E. H. Kincaid to report to the receiving ship at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for assignment to duty with the Atlantic fleet.

Rear Admiral Wm. A. Moffatt, chief of the bureau of naval aeronautics, on whose recommendation Secretary Denby acted in approving the orders for the shake-up at Lakehurst, expressed the opinion that the changes would result in increased efficiency at the station and aboard the Shenandoah, making for better conditions during the period of preparation for the big ship's polar flight next summer and during the trip itself.

He described the change of officers as being "in the best interest of the navy."

## GIVES RESULT OF CANCER STUDY

Eminent London Physician Speaks on Relation of Food to Disease.

London, Feb. 12.—Dr. Josiah Oldfield, an eminent London physician, in an interview gives the conclusions he has come to, as the result of his studies, observations, and experiments during the last 30 or 40 years, as to the relations between diet and cancer.

"The only cause of cancer, physiological irritation of the alimentary canal or its related absorptive organs tend to cause cancer of the digestive system," he said. "The habitual use of unhealthy flesh food is, therefore, an important factor in the setting up of cancers of the stomach, liver, intestines, and kidneys."

"By 'unhealthy' flesh foods I mean either the flesh of animals deprived of exercise in order to fatten them, or flesh foods in which the intestines are masked by preservatives or cold storage for a long time."

"Insufficient use of growing vegetables and vegetable juices, and the inordinate use of breads and flours tend to alter the ratio of the potassium and calcium salts, and in the reduction of potassium salts in the system there is a probable opportunity provided for the growth of malignant cells."

"The best dietetic method of combating a cancerous hereditary tendency is to give up flesh foods entirely, to reduce the use of starchy foods, and to increase to a large extent the use of salads, fresh vegetables, fruits and oil."

## QUEBEC RICH IN MONUMENTS

Province Leads Dominion in Marking Outstanding Events in History.

More monuments and tablets in Quebec than in any other province of the Dominion mark outstanding events in Canadian history and commemorate men and women whose the citizens of this province have honored, says the Montreal Star.

This is proved by the publication of a report of two volumes just issued and now being distributed by the Historic Monuments Commission of the Province of Quebec. Two hundred full-page illustrations reproduced from photographs are included in the report, which is for the year 1922-23.

The report is to be distributed without charge to historical and antiquarian societies, to newspapers, libraries and the directors of schools and colleges. It is intended that an abridged edition will be made, to be distributed free to school children. The photographs for this report, which is for the year 1922-23, were collected during the summer of 1923. The volumes will be followed by another on historic monuments in cemeteries. There will be another report on Roadside Shrines.

## A MURDER CHARGE AGAINST EX-MAYOR

Herrin, Ill., Feb. 11.—Former Mayor Pace was arrested today on a warrant charging murder after he had been sworn in as foreman of the coroner's jury to investigate the killing Friday night of Constable Caesar Cagle, "dry" raid leader. Pace was charged with complicity in Cagle's death. The warrant for Pace's arrest was sworn out by S. Glenn Young, dry worker, and paid off by the Ku Klux Klan, who has set up a de facto municipal government since the arrival of the state troops, who were sent here as a result of the near riot Friday night between "wets" and "drys."

## WHITE COLLAR MEN INVADE RUM ROW

"Horny Hands" Resent the Competition of Wall Street Clerks.

New York, Feb. 9.—There has been a white collar invasion of the liquor traffic on the south shore of Long Island, from Babylon to East Hampton. Unless something is done about it, unless the white collars and the horny hands strike some sort of an agreement, the bootleg business is going to suffer a disheartening slump.

It was while a reporter was seeking opinions upon the awful fate of Aitken, Melrose, Ltd., of Edinburgh, Scotland, that he came across the deplorable state of affairs. Aitken, Melrose, Ltd., of the local boys. The boot is wrapped up in the state of affairs.

"Now I'm not admitting that I'm in the whisky business," said a citizen of Babylon, who has just invested \$200,000 in Long Island real estate, "but I'll go as far as to inform you that none of the whisky dealers out this way are going to flop as this Edinburgh firm did. I find it difficult to sympathize with Aitken, Melrose, Ltd. Anybody who would trust a rum runner with a cargo of whisky requires not sympathy but expert medical attention."

"No, the boys out this way are not worrying about their creditors. They haven't any. Let a man drive up for an automobile and board the Shenandoah, and he is asked to show his money. He gets the booze when the dealer gets the money; not before. The odds are all in favor of the local boys. The boot is wrapped up in glass. The money is there, visible to the naked eye, and can be bottled expertly to determine its quality."

Bottled Customers Get Wipe.

"But the boys are worrying about the white collar invasion. It wasn't so very long ago that a guy would run his boat out to Rum Row, take on a load, dump it in his cellar for a few hours and then run it to his customers for its own car. I know one chap who had on his list of customers the office of five big corporations. That's all gone."

"He used to buy his stuff from the whisky fleet at \$30 and \$40 a case—good stuff. Then he'd run it to his customers and get \$80 and \$70 a case for it. But, as I have said, that's all gone or going fast. It happened this way."

"He used to sell stuff to employees of a big corporation in the financial district. Had as many as 210 customers there—anywhere from bottle buyers to a clip. One of his bottle customers, a guy who used to buy one or two bottles a week, lives in Islip, and one day he says like that will occasionally, this Islip bird began to think."

"Well, the first thing you know this white collar bird buys a couple of cases for \$30 a case and peddles it to his friends at the office for \$5 a bottle, which nets him \$10 on the case."

Whole Family Sell Rum.

"Pretty soon there's a whole army of respectable clerks in the same graft and bang! business goes sour with the boys who are devoting their whole energies to the game. Mr. Friedman can't get past the door of the big corporation he used to serve. He had two other big concerns on his lower Broadway, he is harried there because some clerk or a couple of clerks living out this way have stolen his graft."

"In no time at all we have white collars moving out this way so as to be able to do a little bootlegging on the side. Most of them double the wages they get as clerks. Some of them do so well that they quit clerking and get into the business right. Why, I know of at least one white collar who bought a big car and has a peddle it to his stuff part owner for him. He's the office bootlegger."

"I know of whole families out this way who are in the bootleg business. The husband works in some big bank or insurance company and sells booze to his fellow employees. His wife and her sister or his sister drive the stuff to the city in the car. There is one case that I know of where the white collar has his brother and his wife's brother living with him and all they do is get the stuff, which he sells to men and women who work in the same building in Wall street with him."

## WHY BANKS IN SO. DAKOTA CLOSED

Partly Due to Bad Farming; Partly to Excess of Numbers.

Minneapolis, Feb. 12.—(By Canadian Press).—The sudden failure of several banks in South Dakota has been due partly to attempts to farm non-agricultural lands and partly to an excess of banks.

South Dakota in many respects is the most prosperous of the northwest states. The northwestern grain area has 888,342 farms embracing 72,250,000 acres. In diversified sections agricultural distress is less than in grain areas. A survey of the circumstances and conditions of 203,040 farmers in the grain area, made recently by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis discloses that of the total number 5,888 are bankrupt or being foreclosed; 4,959 have abandoned their farms and 9,302 are so involved as to be in imminent danger of bankruptcy. The percentage of failures in South Dakota, was 9.2. The percentage for other northwestern states is as follows: Montana, 17.7 per cent.; North Dakota, 10.5 per cent.; Northwestern Wisconsin, 3 per cent.; Minnesota, 3.7 per cent.; South Dakota, 1.3 per cent., and North Dakota, 2.8 per cent.

The reason for the radical drop in the percentage of failures in North Dakota as compared with Montana, and in Minnesota as compared with either of the Dakotas, is Montana's unwise colonization methods, of attempts to farm non-agricultural and marginal lands, and of results that were inevitable after a period of years had clearly demonstrated the moderate probability of success upon unobtainable land under adverse conditions.

These farm troubles marked by a general decline in prices of agricultural products compared with cost of what farmers must buy, and poor crops last year in some places, deflated land values and general depression caused the banking difficulties.

Banking Overdone.

But the overdoing of banking has not been much commented upon although it is a very potent cause of the present condition.

The Federal Reserve summary said, in connection with "The gradual building up of an inflated condition had the result that, just preceding the price collapse of 1920, the ninth Federal Reserve district contained 3,575 banks, the acreage in wheat had increased, merchandising establishments had crowded in where there was no economic necessity for them and all lines of activity showed evidence of having been overdone. Nothing could be more characteristic than the then existing banking situation."

"Raised on the ratio of population per bank for the United States as a whole, North Dakota had five banks where one would have been sufficient. South Dakota four, Montana three, Minnesota twice as many as the national average. The increased acreage of wheat had not produced proportionately increased production. The overbanked condition had encouraged undue extensions of credit. A collapse was inevitable. So thoroughly has the process worked itself out that the wheat acreage has already been brought back by elimination to very nearly a normal basis, while in banking, in merchandising, and in the distribution of goods, the volume of service is being brought into a right relation to the necessities of the population."

## DECLARE FARMERS MISTREATED THEM

Quebec, Feb. 11.—A tale of alleged cruelty and broken promises on the part of farmers of Ontario toward their employees was told to Chief of Police Trudel today by four young men who rode to this city after they were discharged from Ontario farms.

Three of the men hailed from Halifax while the fourth was from Yorkshire, England, as his birthplace. The English boy says he had to milk 21 cows single-handed and when discharged at the end of a month's work was given a "dirty dollar bill."

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