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French Dirigible Believed To Have Plunged Into Desert

GORMAN AND YOUTH HEAD BY POLICE

DIRIGIBLE LOSS IS NOW CONCEDED

Ministry of Marine Believes Giant Airship Has Plunged Into Desert.

HUNT IS CONTINUED

French Call on the Government to Investigate—A Scandal Predicted.

BY WEBB MILLER

(British United Press.)

Paris, Dec. 27.—The North African sky has released the imprisoned Dixmude and his crew of fifty and the giant naval dirigible has plunged into the desert, the Ministry of Marine believes today. Airplanes which searched in vain over hundreds of square miles in Algeria and Tunis extended their hunt today to the Libyan wastes and to Cyrena.

The Ministry of Marine was convinced that the airship no longer was held aloft by storms, nor is it believed possible that the Dixmude fell into the Mediterranean. Cruisers continued to scout the coast of Tunis, however, while cavalry and camel corps pushed into the desert at dawn, for another day of roving search for the missing air liner.

Last Message Friday

At noon today it was officially announced that the last wireless message received from the Dixmude was picked up at Bizerte at 8 p.m. Friday.

It gave the ship's position as half way between Bizerte and Tougourt. The Dixmude's commander reported he was proceeding toward Algiers at seventy kilometers an hour and asked what the weather conditions were. The Station at Bizerte flashed back a warning of westerly gales, but no further word came from the dirigible leading to the belief that she may have met with an accident at that moment.

Loss of the naval dirigible Dixmude, somewhere in the Sahara was conceded by the French cabinet this afternoon and the affair has developed into a scandal of which explanations are to be demanded from the Government.

Deputies, aroused by the confusion of reports regarding "last messages" from the missing airship today demanded an investigation, and Deputy Girod will interpellate the Minister of Marine in the Chamber.

FINDS HER SON AFTER 15 YEARS

Mother Had Searched World for Boy Taken by Husband Who Abandoned Her.

New York, Dec. 27.—After searching the world over for 15 years for her lost son, Mrs. Sarah Turvill clasped him to her bosom on Christmas Day.

Fifteen years ago, Mrs. Turvill said, her first husband, named Heuser, abandoned her and took their two-year-old son, Adam. She heard nothing from either of them until 1918 when she said, Heuser offered to restore her boy to her if she would consent to a divorce. This granted, Mrs. Turvill related, the man still concealed the boy's whereabouts and she resumed the search.

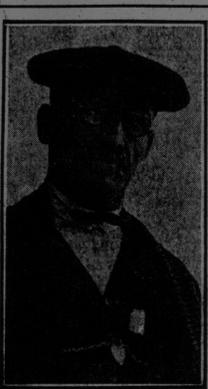
Heuser remarried. Eventually, the second wife also came to the end of her patience and left Heuser. Then, for revenge, she told Mrs. Turvill where to find her boy.

Adam Poole Heuser, the missing son, now a husky lad for his 17 years, and speaking only German, arrived Christmas Eve on the Canopic. He had grown up with a sister of his father in Munich.

She Was Almost 100 Years Old

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Within two months of having reached the age of one hundred years, Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, widow of Jos. Turner, one of the oldest residents of Leeds county, is dead at her home at Fairfax, Lansdowne Township. She came to this country from Ireland when 19 years of age.

Prominent in Murder Case



CONSTABLE OSMON Provincial Constable Osmon was the first one to notify the brothers of Mrs. Clara Whiteside that she had not been seen for several days.

PLAN RELIEF FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

British Railways to Spend Millions in Development Work in England.

BY HARRY N. MOORE

British United Press

London, Dec. 27.—The Great Western Railway which dominates one of the great groups of railways by which Britain is crossed and traversed under the co-ordination scheme of which Eric Geddes is the main promoter is planning immense developments which will cost nearly fifty million dollars and which are expected to go a good way toward relieving unemployment in a large section of those who are now workless.

The plan includes the rebuilding of stations, the laying of many miles of double track, the boring of a number of tunnels with the object of shortening certain routes between important centres and increased activity in locomotive building shops and in the supply of additional rolling stock. The move of the Great Western follows the announcement of another great railway, the Midland and Lancashire and Yorkshire railway that it will spend fourteen million dollars on its Scottish branches.

The possibility of a railway strike, which loomed up on Christmas Eve, as an unpleasant possibility, when without warning the men took a ballot on whether or not they would accept the verdict of the National Railway wages board or strike has practically disappeared this morning as the men have agreed to accept the award provisionally. There is no doubt that the generous offer of the railway companies and their big programmes of improvements of their systems has been a factor in heading off the strike.

Compensation Act Up on January 10

Fredericton, Dec. 27.—Premier Venlot today named January 10 as the date for the conference on the Workmen's Compensation Act, at which the Government, the employers and the employees will have representatives present and when the report of the efficiency expert engaged by the Government on the subject of the act will be made public. It will be held at St. John.

Wire Briefs

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Kumatoro Honda, former Japanese minister at Vienna and Budapest, has been named ambassador to Germany.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The gross earnings of the C. N. R. for the week ending Dec. 21, 1923, were \$5,465,753, being an increase of \$778,064, or 14 per cent. as compared with the corresponding week of 1922.

Fredericton, Dec. 27.—The board of school trustees have started another attempt to erect a new high school here to be used for academic and vocational purposes. They will seek authority from the provincial legislature at its next session to make issue of bonds.

Fredericton, Dec. 27.—The contract for the construction of a steel lookout tower in connection with forest fire protection services to be erected on Martin's Bluff, Northumberland county, near Holmes' Lake, and about thirty miles north of Boiestown, has been awarded by the Provincial Department of Lands and Mines to H. A. Stewart, of Whitneyville.

ONTARIO CUTS PRICE OF LIQUOR

Scotch and Irish Down 50 Cents; Canadian Whiskey 25 Cents.

OTHERS ALSO LOWER

Will Reduce Vendors' Profits—New Brunswick Prices Remain.

(By Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Commencing with the New Year, according to official Government announcement, a substantial reduction will be made in the price of practically all the liquors held by the Ontario Government dispensary. The reduction in price of Scotch and Irish whiskeys will be 50 cents a bottle and of Canadian 25 cents, with one exception. In the case of Canadian whiskey the recent increase in the sales tax will be absorbed.

"English gins will be reduced 25 cents a bottle," says the statement, "runs 25 to 50 cents, brandies 25 to 50 cents and the prices of many of the wines, particularly champagne will be materially reduced. No change will be made in the price of domestic ales and stouts, as the profit on these has never been great.

"The new prices, it is expected, will make a cut of approximately 50 per cent in the net profits earned on the liquors sold by the dispensaries."

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, chairman of the New Brunswick Board of Liquor Vendors, in a conversation over the long lines telephoned this morning, said that it was not likely that there would be any change in the price of liquors in New Brunswick, as recent increases to hand showed the prices practically the same as during the last few months.

Referring to the new sales tax on Canadian brands of whiskey, Mr. Tweeddale expressed the opinion that the putting into force of this regulation would mean the barring from the market of domestic liquors. The addition of six per cent. to the duty paid value of Canadian whiskey would raise the price so high, he said, that it would be cheaper to buy imported brands.

No Change in N. S.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—W. R. Wakely, chairman of the Nova Scotia Vendor Commission, reports that there will be no change in the prices of liquor in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Wakely said that very little money was made on the liquor and a reduction at the present time was most unlikely.

LIBELS ARE FILED

Action Taken Against 6,000 Bottles of Whiskey and 307 Cases of Sardines.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 27.—Libels have been filed in the U. S. District Court here against 6,000 bottles of whiskey and 307 cases of sardines, seized by Vancouver by customs officials early this month after they had crossed the Canadian border in a freight car.

The Government charges in the libels that sardine cases were used for purposes of concealment of the whiskey. The shipment purported to be from the Union Sardinia Company of Lunenburg to the Cleveland Brokerage Company.

ATTEMPTS TO KILL JAP PRINCE REGENT

Youth, Dressed as Laborer, Fires Shot at Hirohito in Tokio.

Tokio, Dec. 27.—A youth dressed as a laborer was arrested by the police today soon after he had fired at Prince Regent Hirohito in an attempted assassination. The youth is 20 years of age. Police believe he is insane. The shooting has aroused intense excitement and feeling is running high throughout the city.

Only 11 Out of 11,500 Cops Sharpshooters

New York, Dec. 27.—(By Canadian Press.)—The police department pistol training school, in which 11,500 patrolmen received instructions has just closed for the season after a five months' session. Only eleven of the policemen were rated as sharpshooters. During the session 350,000 shells were used.

Here Are The Mahaney Quadruplets, Born on Christmas Day



EDITH CHRISTINE LIDA MAY EDNA LOUISE JOHN DOUGLAS

Unique among Christmas presents delivered by Santa Claus this year was a quartette of babies left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Mahaney, 77 St. James street. Three girls and a boy there and each one is said to be progressing favorably. A photographer yesterday "snapped" the little ones for The Evening Times-Star. They remained quiet sufficiently long to have the lens snapped on them—then they started to cheer in unison. The above is the result.

SEVENTEEN DEAD IN CHICAGO FIRE

Fourteen of The Victims Were Patients in Various Stages of Insanity.

(By Canadian Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Seventeen persons were killed last night when a swiftly spreading fire of unascertained origin destroyed an old wooden pavilion known as the "Death House" at the state hospital for the insane at Dunstable, in the northwestern edge of Chicago. Fourteen of the dead are known to have been patients in various stages of insanity. Three others were R. J. Caraker and his wife, attendants, and Lowell, their eight-year-old son.

Only one patient has been identified.

The bodies of the others were burned beyond recognition.

About thirty-five of the patients, including several of a violent type broke away in the excitement of herding more than 500 inmates from the danger zone. Several were taken back to the institution after hard struggles with the police. A dozen supposedly dangerous patients were reported still at large early today.

WOMAN IS SLAIN

Body of Pretty Wife of Chinese Found in New York Home.

New York, Dec. 27.—The body of Mrs. Helen Chun, pretty 20-year-old wife of Harry C. Chun, a Chinese, was found by her husband last night lying across the bathroom in their West 60th street apartment. Her throat was cut and the cord from a bathrobe was bound tightly about her neck. She had been dead several hours when her husband found her body.

Detectives immediately began search for two Chinese who came to room with the Chuns a week ago. Chun said one of them, who was unemployed, had demanded money from Mrs. Chun soon after being installed in the house on Christmas and threatened her unless she gave him funds.

Find Mutilated Body Near Tunnel

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—A mutilated body found at the entrance of the Hunter street tunnel of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway was identified yesterday as that of Geo. Wall of Hamilton. He was 23 years of age, was an employee of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company and stationed at Niagara Falls. Detectives are investigating.

Unearth and Burn Body of Murderer In Maine to Quiet Ghosts of His Victims

Damariscotta, Maine, Dec. 27.—County Attorney Weston M. Milton said yesterday that he would ask the state for assistance and would "go the limit" in an effort to discover who dug up John Snow's body Christmas day and burned it in the cottage in Jefferson where Snow killed three women and sent a bullet through his own body on Saturday. If the persons responsible for what he characterizes as one of the most disgraceful things Lincoln County had ever known were identified, he said, they would be prosecuted.

Referring to Snow as a "poor insane man," the county attorney expressed the opinion that superstition played a part in the affair. He said he had learned that some of the residents of the section of the county held to the belief that if the body of a murderer were burned the ghosts of his victims would not be uneasy. One man, he said, told him that he spent part of Monday night in the vicinity of the cottage watching to see if the ghosts of the three women were walking there.

Thus far, Mr. Milton added, there was no definite clue to the persons concerned in the burning.

Elopers Are Taken by Police

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 27.—A three days' search by her mother ended here when local police apprehended Marjorie Parker, 11 years old, of Lancaster, Mass., and Ellsworth Schworn, 22, who gave his address as Schoharie, N. Y. They were arrested at the Y. M. C. A., and declared that they were en route to Elton, Md., to be married.

Schworn was held at the police station for the authorities at Worcester, Mass., where he is said to be wanted on a charge of non-support. The girl was taken home by her mother.

LILA LEE'S FATHER SOUGHT BY POLICE

Chicago Authorities Want Him on Charge of Embezzlement.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The arrest of a man believed to be Charles Appel, father of Lila Lee, motion picture actress, has been requested by Chicago authorities in a message to Newark, Okla. Appel is wanted here on charges of embezzlement and larceny.

Seven Women Are Rescued From Fire

New York, Dec. 27.—Daring firemen early today rescued seven women roomers from the burning top floor of a five storey apartment house in West 97th street.

Fireman Thomas Hughes took three women, one of them weighing two hundred pounds, down an improvised rope of bed comforters. Four others, in rear rooms, were carried over an adjoining roof.

South Africa Hail Storm Does Damage

Pretoria, S. A., Dec. 27.—A hail storm of unprecedented violence caused damage to property to the extent of \$100,000 in this city and vicinity on Christmas day. Fortunately no lives were lost, and there were only a few casualties, as the people had time to find shelter before the storm broke.

Immense hail stones were precipitated, some of them being as large as tea-cups, according to reports, and weighing over 16 ounces in some cases. The noise of the hail falling resembled aerial bombardment.

2,000 MEXICANS TO MARCH ON REBELS

Defeated Troops in Army Under Command of General Estrada—200 Are Prisoners.

Napoles, Ariz., Dec. 27.—Two thousand federal soldiers under General Carenes, marching from the interior of Mexico to the rebel stronghold at Guadalupe, capital of Jalisco, made their first contact with the rebel army yesterday at Tamacua, capturing the town after repelling the enemy with severe losses, according to official government advices received here last night. The defeated rebel troops were part of the army under command of Gen. Estrada.

The victorious government forces captured 200 prisoners and are pursuing the rebels toward Guadalupe, according to the advices, which were received from President Obregon, who is commanding the Jalisco offensive. There were many casualties, the advices added.

New Royal Bank Director Is Named

Montreal, Dec. 27.—G. MacGregor Mitchell, of Halifax, has been elected a director of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of a family prominently identified with the business and social life of Halifax for several generations. He is president of G. P. Mitchell & Sons, an important firm of West India merchants, founded in 1835. His father was a director of the Union Bank of Halifax, which was absorbed by the Royal Bank of Canada in 1910 and his grandfather was one of the founders of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. His name of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Pressure is high from Quebec southward along the Atlantic coast and over the Rocky Mountain states, while a modern depression is approaching the Great Lakes from the westward. The weather has been cold in the west and has turned somewhat colder from the Ottawa Valley eastward.

Forecasts: Moderately cold; then snow or rain.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh northwest winds, fair, moderately cold tonight. Friday, winds shifting to eastward, cloudy; probably followed by snow or rain.

Gulf and North Shore—Northerly winds, partly cloudy and cold today and on Friday.

New England—Rain or snow tonight and slightly warmer. Friday, rain and warmer, winds becoming southeasterly, increasing by Friday.

SOLD MUCH LIQUOR

Vancouver Vendors Took in Quarter Million Dollars on Christmas Eve.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27.—Government liquor vendors took in \$250,000 in their seven stores in Vancouver on Christmas Eve. One feature of the holiday was the large demand for Chinese and Japanese liquors.

Earthquake Deaths Reported at 2

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 27.—There were only two casualties in the recent earthquake which struck the towns of Opute Grande and Huassala, in Sonora, Mexico, according to authentic news from the stricken area which reached here yesterday.

According to yesterday's report, the first tremor was felt about six o'clock on the morning of Dec. 18 and was of slight duration. This was followed by a series of twenty-seven shocks, according to the information, but these came almost 24 hours later.

Opute was but slightly damaged by the shocks, according to the report here, but some damage was done in the towns of Huacac and Bacacaci.

BOY'S NAME KEPT SECRET BY POLICE

Colored Man Named in the Case Comes From North to Police Station.

GIVES SELF UP.

Interest Attached to Midnight Trip of Police to Murder Scene.

While there has been no actual arrest made in connection with the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside in her home at East St. John, the St. John police last night took to police headquarters a youth, said to reside at Little River.

James Gorman, the colored man, was taken to police headquarters early this afternoon. The police refused to divulge the name of the boy, owing to his age. It is known, however, that the police took the boy on a midnight trip to the scene of the murder. It was announced that nothing of a sensational nature developed as the result of the trip.

So far as can be learned from the police, these are the only new developments in the brutal tragedy within the last 24 hours. The city is stirred as never before, and wishes are expressed on all sides that the criminal may be brought to justice quickly.

It was learned today that Mrs. Whiteside had not drawn any money from her bank recently, rather that a deposit was made only a short time ago.

Make Midnight Trip. It is known that much interest is attached to the midnight visit to the home of the murdered woman. It was said that there had been a search for something which it was believed the youth expected to find, but what that something was the police refused to divulge.

Questioned regarding the visit at the late hour, Detective Power said he was holding the youth for further investigation. "This is only one of the many investigations we have made," the detective said. "The youth was lodged in a cell last night."

At the north end police station it was said that Gorman had heard that his name had been connected with the case and had come down from about 60 miles to the police. He was seen working in the woods and gave himself up to the police. He was held at the north end station until Sergeant-Detective Power arrived and took him to police headquarters.

When a representative of The Times went to East St. John this morning he got in touch with a boy who had been friendly with the juvenile who is being held by the police in connection with the case. The boy said that any unusual remarks that would tend to incriminate him in any way with the murder, he had known him for years and found him to be honest and very truthful. He said that he was very timid in the dark and he had often watched him run by dark places when he was returning to his home, after having been to the motion pictures with him. He said that he was of a nervous temperament, and was always keen on keeping out of trouble. He said the youth had a good memory and if he ever saw or heard anything he could recall it with apparently little difficulty. Asked if he had ever heard him make any unusual remarks that would tend to show the trend of his thoughts he said he had not. He had always been quiet and had never to his knowledge got into any kind of trouble, but was ever willing to help do chores about his house as well as at neighbors'.

Says He Watched Gorman. That he had seen James Gorman, the mulatto, on a number of occasions standing on the road in front of Mrs. Whiteside's house and looking up at it, then move away and return and again stand and keep looking at it, was a statement made by the juvenile Constable Charles Osmon to a representative of The Times this morning. He said he had wondered at the mulatto's actions and had remained in the dark watching him. On these occasions Gorman had not come up to the house, (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)