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Body of Commander of French Dirigible Dixmude Is Found

POLICE SILENT ON CONFESSION TALE

HOPE IS NOW ABANDONED FOR AIRSHIP

Body of Commander Found by Fishermen in the Mediterranean. FLOATS IN OCEAN

Fate of Rest of Crew Unknown as Warships Search.

BY WEBB MILLER (British United Press.)

Paris, Dec. 28.—The body of Captain Du Plexis de Grenada, commander of the ill-fated French naval dirigible Dixmude, was found by fishermen in the Mediterranean Sea off the Sicilian coast, it was officially announced today.

The Sicilians came upon the commander's body as it floated in the sea six miles off the little town of Siacca, near Gorgona. Papers found in the pockets served to identify it.

Whether Captain de Grenada had leaped overboard from the Dixmude, or whether he and the thirty-nine others who sailed on the dirigible from Cuers Pierre Feu ten days ago were carried down in a crash was not at first made clear.

Warships Patrol Waters

French warships were ordered immediately to patrol the waters between Tunisia and the Sicilian coast, in the fear that others of the Dixmude's crew may have been drowned and their bodies carried there in the storms of last week-end.

Announcement of the finding of Captain de Grenada's body comes at a moment when false hopes had been raised by reports from Insalaha, an oasis in the Sahara Desert, telling of the Dixmude's having been seen south of there late on Wednesday last.

Native tribesmen were reported to have ridden two hundred kilometres across the desert to report the "ship" in the sky to the French commander at Insalaha and air planes were immediately dispatched in search of the dirigible.

The finding of Captain de Grenada's body in the Mediterranean some 225 miles northeast of Tunisia, does not mean, the Ministry of Marine pointed out, that the Dixmude herself may not have drifted 1,000 miles to the known as the Reading Company, was announced late yesterday by the public service commission. The merger will be effective as of December 31.

It is the holding company, the Reading Company controls the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Co. and twelve other companies.

Prince of Wales Buys Race Horse

New York, Dec. 28.—The Prince of Wales is the new owner of King's Garb, a steeplechaser recently purchased in Ireland on his behalf by Hubert Hartigan. It is reported the horse has been sent to England to train. King's Garb is a ten-year-old gelding by King's Proctor-Sutton's Garb.

Travelers Want Place On Railway Board

Toronto, Dec. 28.—(Canadian Press)—Official representation on the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada is being sought by the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada. Decision to take steps toward this end formed the subject of one of the resolutions presented before the fifty-first annual meeting of the association held here yesterday.

EIFFEL, BUILDER OF TOWER, IS DEAD

Noted French Engineer Passes Away in Paris at Age of 91.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the engineer who built the famous tower that bears his name, is dead at the age of 91 years. He gained world fame in directing the construction of the tower to which his name was given, the world's highest structure, in the Champs de Mars, Paris, for the exposition of 1889.

Eiffel was widely known as a builder of great metal bridges. He also designed the bridges for the Panama Canal, while the French company undertook to dig the waterway. He was born at Dijon on Dec. 15, 1832.

Wire Briefs

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Loufi Bey, convicted of treason and sentenced to five years imprisonment with hard labor. The Ministry of Marine pointed out, that the Dixmude herself may not have drifted 1,000 miles to the known as the Reading Company, was announced late yesterday by the public service commission. The merger will be effective as of December 31.

ENGLAND IS IN CHURCH DISCUSSION

Letter of Archbishop of Canterbury Arouses a Keen Discussion.

CANADA WATCHED

Anglicans and Catholics Follow Church Union Plan in Dominion.

BY H. N. MOORE. British United Press.

London, Dec. 28.—The published letter from Archbishop of Canterbury revealing negotiations between the Church of England and the Church of Rome had aroused keen discussion throughout the country. Many see a similar trend in church circles to that obvious at present in politics toward two great divisions right and left Christian and Radical.

According to many low churchmen the trend will mean the forcing of into closer union with the non-conformists while the high church adherents will move closer to Rome.

MCMASTER MAKES TOUR OF THE WEST

Member for Brome Makes Study of Economic Conditions of Country.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—That he would rather not speak for publication until he had studied present conditions in the west, was the statement of A. R. McMaster, independent member of Parliament for Brome, who arrived here last night on route to Calgary, where he will begin a series of speeches.

SHOOTS 3 PERSONS

Blame For Deaths in Vienna is Placed Upon Mesmerist, Police Say.

Vienna, Dec. 28.—Blame for the death of three persons, slain by a policeman of Sebenico, Jugoslavia while he was under the hypnotic influence of Professor Maximilian Langsner was placed on the latter charge today by counsel for the policeman.

Beaverbrook Says No Newspaper Trust

New York, Dec. 28.—(Canadian Press)—No newspaper trust exists in Great Britain, Lord Beaverbrook, famous British publisher, who is visiting here, said in the course of an interview yesterday.

RICH ENGLISHMAN GETS PROMINENCE

Embassy in London is Asked About Fothergill, Arrested in Boat Near Rum Fleet.

New York, Dec. 28.—Robert Graham Fothergill, a wealthy Englishman arrested with five companions in a disabled motor boat near the rum fleet on last Sunday morning, has become an international figure.

NEW TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD SUCCEEDS

London, Dec. 28.—A new method of blood transfusion for treating serious cases of septicaemia and other infections was successfully used at St. Mary's Hospital, London, says the Daily Mail. It is the invention of Sir Almonro Wright, a famous pathologist.

C. N. R. Moncton Plant Damaged By Fire

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 28.—Fire which broke out a little after six o'clock this morning caused damage amounting to more than \$2,000 at the car heating plant of the C. N. R. here. The fire started in the roof, which is wood over steel.

Limits Increases In House Rents

Paris, Dec. 28.—A bill limiting the power of landlords, so as to prevent increases in rents of more than 100 per cent. over the figures of 1914, was voted by Parliament yesterday.

Times-Star Opens Fund to Honor St. John Quadruplets

Of course St. John's famous quadruplets should be honored. Everybody says so, and a suggestion has been made that The Times-Star open a public subscription so all may share in the signal honor which has come to St. John through Santa Claus' record gift of four bouncing babies which he left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Mahoney, 77 St. James street, on Christmas Day.

ASK INDIA RELEASED BY BRITISH

The National Liberal Federation Passes a Resolution at Poona.

AUTONOMY URGED

Withdrawal of India From British Empire Exposition Also Urged.

Poona, India, Dec. 28.—The National Liberal Federation has passed a resolution urging immediate release of the government of India and the local governments from the trammels of the British secretary of state and the establishment of provincial autonomy and complete responsibility in a central government, except in the military, judicial and foreign departments thereof, and also urging that the government should send a representative committee to England to discuss with the colonial office the question of immigration to Kenya colony.

The resolution also advocates that retaliatory measures should be taken against South Africa for its antagonistic attitude on the status of Indians in the South African Union.

BUFFALO COATS MAY BE IN STYLE

Ottawa Man Said to Have Bought Skins of Animals Slain in Canadian Herd.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Buffalo coats, so fashionable 25 years ago, will soon be available in this province, Buffalo says the Daily Mail. It is the invention of Sir Almonro Wright, a famous pathologist.

IS FIFTY YEARS IN MASONIC LODGE

James M. Troy Receives Apron at Gathering Held in Newcastle.

Newcastle, Dec. 28.—The feast of St. John the Evangelist was fittingly observed by the local Masonic fraternity last evening. Following a banquet in the Methodist school room officers of Northumberland Lodge No. 17 were installed as follows:—W. M., A. H. McKay; S. W., A. B. Williston; J. W. R. W. Crocker; treasurer, James Falconer; (2nd term); Secretary, H. R. Kenzie; J. S. George; J. D. C. A. A. S. Grenley; P. M.; I. G. A. A. McTavish; Tyler, W. Harris.

Millionaire Corey To Quit the U. S.

New York, Dec. 28.—Wm. E. Corey, millionaire steel magnate, of Pittsburgh, and former head of the United States Steel Corporation, who last month was forced in Paris by his second wife, the former Miss Mabel Gilman, of San Francisco, to leave the U. S. for killed by the federal authorities from their herd at Wainwright.

Smallpox Closes Schools, Churches

Sanbornville, N. H., Dec. 28.—Fifteen persons are under quarantine, and schools, churches, lodges and theatres have been ordered closed for two weeks as the result of the discovery of four cases of smallpox here. In four households smallpox was discovered.

Dominion Bridge Profits \$429,912

Montreal, Dec. 28.—For the fiscal year ended October 31 the financial statement of the Dominion Bridge Company, Limited, shows profits of \$429,912, as compared with \$188,670 in the previous year and \$628,731 in 1921.

She's a Sure Winner



Rolling Fork, Miss., has just been put on the map as a town knowing good clothes. Nora Flowers, 16, of that community, won the national prize for excellence in clothes judging at a contest recently in Chicago.

Woman, Fighting to Save Jewels, Wins Battle With Five New York Bards

New York, Dec. 28.—One plucky woman with fists, finger nails and feet defeated five armed bandits early today in a hand-to-hand engagement in the lobby of her 97th street apartment home.

Returning from a party, Mrs. Essie Simmons was brought to the apartment door by her husband, a manufacturer. He then took the car to the garage. Jewels gleamed at Mrs. Simmons' throat and on her hands.

Inside, two bandits covered the elevator and switchboard operator, another stood guard at the door and the other two attacked Mrs. Simmons. Unmindful of their guns she began fighting. After ten minutes she still was on the offensive.

Then the guard at the door warned his fellows that Simmons approached. The gang fled, two of them with black eyes and scratched faces. Mrs. Simmons said her jewels were worth \$10,000.

Shoots Sick Woman To Get Her House

Moscow, Dec. 28.—The housing shortage in Moscow is getting worse daily. It has caused a number of crimes. Recently the police arrested Ivan Barsbarov on a charge of murder. The housing shortage was the cause.

Ivan told the occupants to move. They refused. The chief plea was that the occupant's mother was old and ill and he had no place to move her to.

So Ivan, he is only 18, figured that the best way to solve the problem of the sick mother who blocked the move was to remove her. So he went to the house while the son was away and shot the mother to death as she lay in bed.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The depression which was approaching the Great Lakes is now centered over Temiskaming with increased intensity, and snow or rain has fallen throughout Ontario and western Quebec. In the Maritime and Western Provinces the weather has been mostly fair and rather cold.

Table with 2 columns: Stations and Temperatures. Rows include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.

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FRIENDS OF BOY DEFEND CHARACTER

Mother and Minister's Daughter Sure Stewart Godwin Innocent.

MIND IS AFFECTED

Little River Folk Say Reading of Mrs. Whitehead's Murder is Cause.

It was said at Little River today that it had been told to people close to the case that Stewart Godwin, held at police headquarters, had confessed to slaying Mrs. Clara Whiteside at East St. John. The police maintain reticence.

They are still holding the Godwin boy and James P. Gorman, mulatto, who gave himself into their hands yesterday. When asked about the reported confession, Detective Sergeant Power said this afternoon:

"This is a peculiar case and there are circumstances connected with it that are known only to myself and the other men and I can say."

Asked if there had been any arrest made or any charge laid against anyone, he replied "No."

In connection with the rumored confession it was suggested by friends that if the boy had made such a statement it might have been under a hallucination because of his mentality.

Check Up on Gorman. Sergeant Detective Power announced this afternoon that he would send Detective Kirkpatrick to Swan Creek to verify statements made by James Gorman. He said he did not think he would leave tonight as first planned, but may go tomorrow.

Today the police are investigating a report that a girl residing in East St. John had seen Mrs. Whiteside on Thursday, December 20. They said this report conflicted with what they had received, but they would thoroughly investigate it.

New Feature of Case

A new feature of the murder case was discovered yesterday morning when the officers made another search of the Whiteside house at East St. John. On Thursday another brother-in-law Fred Cairns, of Golding street, a brother of Mrs. Whiteside called at the house and rang the door bell which sounded loudly, but receiving no answer left the place thinking that his sister was in the city.

On Monday last, Christmas Eve, De W. Cairns, another brother-in-law, called at the house for the purpose of presenting to his sister a box of confectionery and a photograph, he pushed the door bell button and there was no response. Mr. Cairns thought it strange that there was no sound from the bell as it was not run on a battery but received its power from the electric light current through a transmission, but receiving no response thought his sister was in the city, so he left the Christmas presents on the door step thinking that Mrs. Whiteside would receive them when she returned home.

Yesterday morning when the use was being searched again, it discovered that a rag had been appended to the bell to prevent it from sounding. This goes to show that some person had entered the house since last Friday and muffled the door bell.

Another matter of interest is the fact that on Christmas night when the body of the unfortunate woman was discovered, there was a basin of water on the kitchen floor for the use of the dog, and the basin was nearly two feet full. It is explained that if the large dog had been locked up in the house for several days it would have consumed an entire basin full, and it is believed that the basin had been replenished.

Another new phase of the murder case was put forth yesterday by DeW. Cairns, when asked regarding the pocket book containing only one cent which was found clutched in the left hand of the dead woman. Mr. Cairns said that he believed that Mrs. Whiteside had some change in her pocket book and had responded to a call at the front door, had put an amount to some person, and then she was struck on the head and murdered; that the murderer then secured the front door.