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38 Are Killed When Airship Plunges

LEADER OF DOUKHOBORS TALKS OF MURDER AND RACE SUICIDE

Giant Airship Roma Plunges From Height of Over Mile in Air Killing 38 People; Wounded 12

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—Exploding after crashing downward during its trial flight, the army's Italian built airship Roma was destroyed near the naval base here with the loss in number of lives not yet determined. Estimates an hour and a half after the disaster placed the dead at from half a dozen to nearly forty. There were more than half a hundred persons on board. The naval hospital is informed that 38 aboard the airship were killed. It is announced later that 38 persons were killed and 12 seriously injured when the giant airship Roma plunged from over a mile in the air into the barracks building at Hampton Roads army base this afternoon.

PASSENGER AND WAITER JUMPED FROM A STEAMER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Alice Hills, a passenger, and Harold Holloway, a waiter, jumped from the liner Buckeye State yesterday afternoon and were drowned, according to a radio message. No cause for the double suicide is given.

M'GEER ASKS DELAY FREIGHT RATES HEARING

Information Asked for Last Spring Just Received and Three Weeks Necessary For Perusal.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Gerald G. McGeer, solicitor representing the B. C. government at the railway commission hearing of the claims of the western province against excessive freight rates, told the board that data asked for last spring had only just been submitted by the railways so a three week's perusal was necessitated for the British Columbia counsel. He asked for a delay for this period. The board will give its decision on the request today.

TWO HUNDRED MORE BOOKS RECEIVED FOR THE LIBRARY

G. V. Wilkinson announced this afternoon that he had received an additional 200 volumes since yesterday. Of these 100 were donated by Maj. W. T. Haynes and the others by a number of donors.

Mr. Wilkinson is anxious to have as many books as possible sent in direct in order that they may be catalogued as they arrive and thus keep the work well in hand. They may be left at either of Ormes' drug stores.

POLICE USE GUNS DISPERSING MOB

One Killed and Two Seriously Wounded in Disorders at Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed and two were seriously injured today when the police used riot guns on a crowd of one thousand persons who gathered at the plant of the Jencks Spinning Co., where a strike is in progress.

PROMOTION FOR LOCAL OFFICIAL

G. F. Johnston, C.N.R. Ticket Agent, Appointed G. P. A. Australia and New Zealand

G. F. Johnston, the well known and popular city passenger and ticket agent of the Canadian National Railways here, has been officially notified of his appointment as general agent for the passenger department of the Canadian National Railways in Australia and New Zealand and next month he will leave Prince Rupert to cross the Pacific ocean and take up his new and more important duties in the southern Dominion. Mr. Johnston's appointment marks a new departure in the development of the railway company and follows up the policy of extending the business. While many friends in the city will regret to hear of Mr. Johnston's leaving, all will offer congratulations on his promotion. He will be the first passenger agent of the company in Australia although there is already a general traffic manager there in the person of G. Bunting who was appointed last November. Mr. Johnston will sail from here for Vancouver on March 9 and will leave that city on the steamer Niagara for Auckland, New Zealand. His successor here has not yet been appointed, but announcement is expected at an early date from the head offices of the company. Mr. Johnston has been city passenger and ticket agent here for six years succeeding J. O. Erick in 1916.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS PRACTICALLY GONE

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Dr. R. S. Copeland, commissioner of health, states that the danger of a serious influenza epidemic has practically disappeared.

ICE CHAIR POPULAR AT LAKE PLACID.



Sinn Fein Split Inevitable Says Republican Leader

DUBLIN, Feb. 21.—De Valera is apparently regarding the split in the Sinn Fein camp as inevitable and is openly advocating such a division. He says it will be better for Ireland to have two armies, each ready to assist the other if the country is imperilled, than one army divided in itself. The strength of the new provisional government's support among the Sinn Fein clubs of Ireland, it is expected, will be clearly defined by the Ard Fheis, the national Sinn Fein convention, which opened here today. Michael Collins received a demonstration.

SEVERAL BOXING GAMES THIS WEEK

Joe Herscovitch, Canadian Champion, to Meet Barney Adair—Other Matches.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Joe Herscovitch, the Canadian welterweight champion, is matched to box Barney Adair, a local boxer on Saturday night.

Clonie Tail, Canadian lightweight champion, is to meet Johnny Murray of New York Friday night at Madison Square Gardens.

KYTE IS APPOINTED GOVERNMENT WHIP

Originator of Famous Charges During War Named for Important Position.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—George W. Kyte, member of parliament for Cape Breton South and Richmond and originator of the famous Kyte charges which precipitated a shell enquiry during the war, has been appointed chief government whip.

DELEGATES FROM HERE AT OTTAWA

Given Good Reception But Delayed Through Absence of W. C. Kennedy.

Word has been received from Ottawa stating that the delegation arrived there on Friday and was well received. Everything was progressing favorably. The delegation will be delayed a few days owing to the absence from Ottawa of Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways, whom they wish to interview in connection with improved service on the railway and also in connection with the construction of branch lines and other railway and steamship detail. Mr. Kennedy is expected to return tomorrow and an interview will then be arranged.

LABORITE ELECTED OVER CONSERVATIVE

LONDON, Feb. 21.—C. G. Ammon, labor candidate, has been elected in the North Division of Camberwell by a majority of 1,100 over Miller, the conservative candidate.

Doukhobors Say Taxed so High May Kill Children and Break up Colonies

WINNIPEG, Feb. 21.—The Free Press publishes a statement by M. M. Kofnikoff, manager of the colony of Doukhobors at Brilliant, British Columbia, saying that Peter Veregin, head of the Canadian colony, has practically secured the consent of all the Canadian Doukhobors to a scheme for killing off the children and firm preparatory to closing the colonies and taking to the road in Canada as a vagrant horde opposed to taxation. According to the interview, Veregin says the government is taxing the colony at Brilliant so heavily, especially for roads which they do not use, that the colony cannot support the children and must either kill them or render their women sterile in order to prevent further births. There are two colonies of Doukhobors located at Grand Forks and at Brilliant. The people live a communal life and occasionally they get overcame with religious fervor and go out on the march with and women absolutely without clothes of any kind. They are very industrious and have a large jam factory. The educational department has had constant trouble in getting them to send their children to school.

STRIKE BROKEN SOUTH AFRICA

As Many Miners as Are Wanted Taken on at Several of the Mines.

BRICK WORKS RESUME

Slight Change in Situation at the Gold Fields, Where Men Are Still Out.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Reuter's Johannesburg correspondent says that the strike of coal miners and of the staff of the electric power station at Veregin was broken yesterday by the return of as many strikers as were wanted at the several mines. There was also a resumption of work in the brick and tile industry. As the gold fields the men remain out and the position is unchanged except for a slight increase in the number of men who returned to work.

WIFE OF DOMINION ENGINEER DIED IN VICTORIA LAST WEEK

Mrs. J. B. Lambert Passed Away—Funeral Was Held Yesterday Morning in Capital.

The death occurred last Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, of Madeline Elizabeth, wife of John B. Lambert, local Dominion public works engineer. The late Mrs. Lambert was 32 years of age and had been a resident of Victoria for nine years. The funeral took place yesterday morning from St. Andrew's Cathedral and interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery. Mr. Lambert is at present in the south having been called south ten days ago on account of his wife's illness.

ARMOR COMPANY THREATENS CEASE TRADE NEW ZEALAND

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The high commissioner for New Zealand says the London Times, has received a telegram from the New Zealand premier saying that in consequence of the refusal of the New Zealand Government to issue a meat import license, the Armour Company, have undertaken to close all trading in New Zealand.

UNOFFICIALLY STATED CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE HAD BIG LOSS

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Unofficial information says that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine loss for 1921 was \$9,000,000. The operating loss was \$1,700,000 and the balance was made up of fixed charges and depreciation on sixty ships now in operation. In 1920 the line had an operating surplus of \$1,600,000.

SHIP NARENTA WENT ASHORE

New Refrigerator Ship Was About to Start on Her Maiden Voyage.

VICTORIA, Feb. 21.—The new refrigerator ship Narenta, southbound from Vancouver to Seattle, ran ashore just south of Bellingham, but was refloated on the high tide last night. She was apparently undamaged, but took considerable water. She was about to commence her maiden trip to the Orient.

BIG QUANTITY HIGH EXPLOSIVE FOUND

Enough Gelignite Blow Up Half of Glasgow Discovered in Ash Can.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Nearly 700 pounds of gelignite, a sufficient amount of high explosive to blow up half of the city of Glasgow, has been found in an ash can in the east end of the city. No arrests have yet been made.

FAMOUS RACE HORSE TRAINER DIES; WON LARGE TOTAL STAKES

LONDON, Feb. 21.—John Porter, a prominent race horse trainer, died at Newbury at the age of 81. He had trained seven Derby winners and winners of stakes amounting in the aggregate to £974,017, the largest amount ever won by any trainer.

MANY PREVENTED FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE

GENEVA, Feb. 21.—Fifty-four men and women were prevented from committing suicide in the last six months through the efforts of the anti-suicide league at Zurich. Most of those saved from self-destruction are now doing well and their secret is carefully guarded.

SEVERAL KIDNAPPED MEN NOT RETURNED

BELFAST, Feb. 21.—While most of the Unionists captured recently in Northern Ireland have been released, the Ulster Home Office announced today that 26 of the kidnapped men had not yet been returned.

HERRING ARE NOT COMING

Fishing Boats Have Deserted Captain's Cove and Are Searching Elsewhere.

The three companies that are fishing herring out of this port, the Canadian Fish and Gold Storage Co., the N. M. & R. and Bradbury & Yelf have given up awaiting their arrival at Captain's Cove and are searching for them elsewhere. None have been brought in since Sunday. There is still plenty of time for herring to be secured and the cold spell is probably responsible for the delay. The fish taken so far have been in good condition. Manager Johnson of the Gold Storage Company reports that they have had very good success so far this season.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of The Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club will be held in the Provincial court house on Tuesday, February 21st, 1922 at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Raising the price of mooring and dues.

EIGHT ARE DROWNED WHEN SMACK BREAKS UP FLORIDA COAST

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—Eight men were drowned when the fishing smack, Coll, went to pieces on the Florida coast.

FISHERMAN DIED RESULT OF FALL

Nick Arneson Passed Away in General Hospital at 4 O'Clock Yesterday Afternoon.

The death occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the General Hospital of Nick Arneson, the cook of the fishing schooner Convention, who fell early on Sunday morning from a ladder at the government wharf and sustained serious injuries. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union.

Arneson was a Norwegian by birth and was 37 years of age. Belonging to Seattle, he was not well known here. He was single and a member of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union.