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HUGE FRENCH DIRIGIBLE LOST IN SAHARA

MISS LOUISE FRANCES BOOTH OF OTTAWA TO WED PRINCE OF DENMARK

Though Dixmude May be Wrecked, Hope Still Held out for her Crew

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Loss of the huge dirigible Dixmude is now reluctantly conceded by the ministry of marine although hope for the safety of her crew of 57 officers and men has not been relinquished.

Officials, who feel certain that the crew are still alive, recall that nothing was heard of the crew of the Goliath which broke down in 1919 until a week after the accident when all hope had been given up for them.

It is believed that the Dixmude fell on the Sahara desert between Biscra and Toggourl, Southern Algeria, during the gale that prevented her crossing the Gulf of Gabes and returning to France. Le Matin says the airship was not warned of the gale by the weather bureau and that no one told the weather bureau of her voyage.

No message has been received from the Dixmude since the morning of December 21. It is inferred that a fall wrecked her wireless even assuming that in such a crash the crew might have been saved. The Dixmude was well supplied with parachutes and some men must have escaped. They could have obtained food and water from the wreckage.

Last News Saturday

The last direct news received from the airship was on Saturday that it was headed over the Gulf of Gabes and requested aid.

revious reports received from the airship indicated that it was damaged and that a number of the members of her crew were ill.

The Dixmude left Ouers-Pierrefeu, near Toulon, early last Tuesday for a three-day flight to Insalah, southern Algeria. This trip was successfully accomplished. The six motors of the airship were used until Friday afternoon fighting its way eastward to Tunis in a strong headwind that spread southward from the French coast.

The gasoline supply of the airship became diminished and it was impossible for it to return to France.

Began to Drift

Then the craft began to drift with one motor running. Occasionally it used another to run the wireless plant so as to be able to send out distress signals.

The Dixmude is commanded by Naval Aviation Lieut. Du Plessis de Grenada, but owing to the fact that the aircraft was out to exceed its world's duration record of 4,500 miles, made in September above the Mediterranean and South Africa, it carried a number of aviation officers as observers.

The Dixmude was a German super-Zeppelin, and was handed over to France after the war.

ATTEMPT AT LIFE PRINCE

Japanese Youth Fired at Hirohito But Did Not Harm Him

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—A youth dressed as a laborer was arrested here shortly after he had fired at Prince Regent Hirohito in an attempt to assassinate him. The police believe the youth is insane. The shooting has aroused intense feeling throughout the city. The Prince, who was on his way to parliament at the time, was unhurt.

Prince Hirohito's assailant used a "cane gun" in firing on the auto. The windows were smashed and a bullet narrowly missed the prince's head. Viscount Tamemori Irye, member of the House of Peers and chief chamberlain to the Prince Regent, who was also in the auto, was slightly injured by flying glass.

Minister Resigns

Assuming responsibility for the attempted assassination, Home Minister Goto has resigned. Goto's home and all Socialist centres are being closely guarded owing to fear of anti-Socialistic outbreaks. The Imperial Place has also been placed under heavy guard.

GENE TUNNEY TO MEET ITALIAN

Spalla to Box United States Light Heavyweight on February 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Erminio Spalla, the Italian holder of the European heavyweight championship, has been matched for a fifteen round bout with Gene Tunney, United States light heavyweight, here on February 1. Tunney's title is not at stake because Spalla cannot make 178 pounds but the bout is regarded as important because of Spalla's challenge to Firpo and Dempsey.

CUTTING DOWN LIQUOR PROFIT

Ontario Government Drops Prices of Whiskey on Jan. 1

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Effective January 1 the first substantial reduction will be made in the price of virtually all liquors sold by the Ontario government dispensaries. Scotch and Irish whiskeys have been reduced fifty cents a bottle and Canadian twenty-five cents. The profits made by the government, it is expected, will thus be cut fifty per cent.

ELEVATOR BUILDING AT EDMONTON NOW ABOUT TO START

EDMONTON, Dec. 27.—The excavation work in connection with the construction of the government terminal elevator is practically completed and it is expected that the tenders for the concrete work will be called for in the very near future, so that the erection of the elevator will go ahead without delay.

Visitors at the Rotary Club luncheon today included Principal J. C. Brady, C. Woodworth and Dr. L. W. Kergan.

TRAIN WRECK IN MANITOBA

Canadian National Transcontinental Hits Broken Rail —Four Persons Hurt

SASKATOON, December 27.—Four persons were injured and six cars were ditched when Canadian National continental passenger train No. 2 eastbound left the rails near Lazare, Manitoba, early this morning.

The injured are: Simon Stohr of Leipsic, Sask.; W. A. Anderson of New York, cuts; Conductor Mooney, badly bruised and shaken up, and Brakeman Robinson, bruises and cuts.

A broken rail was the cause of the wreck. The baggage, colonist, first class, two sleeping and dining cars left the tracks. The diner is hanging over a bridge. The fact that the cars were of steel construction prevented fatalities.

FISH PACKERS ARE OPPOSED

Pass Resolution Urging Federal Government Not to Close Port

A meeting of the Fish Packers' Union (O.B.U.) was held this morning at Seal Cove and the following resolution was passed to be forwarded to Ottawa:

"Resolved that the Dominion government is urged to negotiate with the United States government to obtain removal of the two cents duty on Canadian halibut and salmon.

"It is further resolved that this Union is strenuously and unanimously opposed to closing this port to American fishermen for the reason that such action is against the interests of this port, and could cause considerable hardship to the large population in Prince Rupert, directly and indirectly dependent upon American fish for their livelihood. (Signed) Fish Packers' Union."

Dr. Frederick Cook, who previously falsely claimed to have discovered the north pole, has been found guilty of misuse of the mails in Fort Worth, Texas, and has been sentenced to fourteen years to explore the cells.

BIRTH

A daughter was born yesterday at the General Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kwapil, Besner apartments.

Many remember when Tod Sloan was the world's premier jockey. This picture shows John A. Claver, one of the best riders in the stable of Com. J. K. L. Ross, Canadian sportsman, receiving a little advice from the former king of jockeys.

Seventeen Persons Perished When Wing of Chicago Insane Hospital Destroyed by Fire

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Seventeen persons perished in a fire which destroyed a wing of the Chicago Hospital for the Insane. A search for other bodies which may be still under the ruins is being conducted. Six hundred men patients were rushed into a drizzling rain by the guards as the fire spread. About fifty of the inmates, confused by the darkness, escaped, and a few are still missing. Heroic acts by both attendants and inmates prevented a greater loss of life. Some of the patients perished in endeavoring to save their Christmas trinkets. The estimated loss of property is $100,000.

HAIL STONES LIKE TEACUPS

Storm Damaged Property to Extent $500,000 in South Africa

PRETORIA, Dec. 27.— An unprecedented hailstorm damaged property to the extent of $500,000 here on Christmas Day. No lives were lost although immense hailstones fell, some as large as teacups and weighing over sixteen ounces. The noise they caused resembled aerial bombardments. Many families left their homes on Christmas night because of the danger of houses collapsing.

COMMISSION TO OPEN JANUARY

Supreme or Appeal Court Judge Will Conduct P.G.E. Probe

VICTORIA, Dec. 27.—It is expected that the Royal Commission to enquire into the Provincial Party's charges of corruption in respect of the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway will open its sessions some time in January. The commission will include a judge of either the Supreme or Appeal Court.

HOCKEY SCORES

Montreal, 2; Ottawa, 3; at Ottawa.

Toronto, 2; Hamilton, 1; at Hamilton.

Vancouver, 5; Seattle, 2; at Seattle.

Mrs. Henry C. Wright, eighty years old, who for sixty-five years has waited for a chance to be acclaimed a singer, will realize her ambition when she steps out on a concert stage in New York next week.

PIONEER OF KASLO DIED LAST NIGHT

Col. O. T. Stone Resided on Kootenay Lake For Over Thirty Years

KASLO, Dec. 27. — Col. O. T. Stone, pioneer mining man and resident of this district for over thirty years, died last night. He was born in St. John, N.B.

GOES TO FERNIE

NANAIMO, Dec. 27. — Edward S. Martin, supervisor of the local public schools who was offered a similar position by the Prince Rupert school board last summer, has resigned his position. He is leaving for Fernie to become supervising principal there.

Heir to Danish Throne, Engaged to Canadian Girl, Renounces his Princeship and Succession Right

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—With the announcement of the forthcoming betrothal of Prince Erik of Denmark to Miss Louise Frances Booth, daughter of Fred J. Booth and granddaughter of John R. Booth, the Ottawa lumber king, it is also officially announced that Prince Erik has renounced his right of succession to the Danish throne and his title of prince. King Christian, however, has bestowed the title of Count of Rothenberry.

There is at least one person in Prince Rupert who was especially interested when the above despatch was read to him this morning by the Daily News. This was Harry B. Rochester, manager of the Prince Rupert Hotel. At the old home in Ottawa, the Rochester and Booth families were next door neighbors for many years and Mr. Rochester still corresponds with them. Fred J. Booth, the father of the girl who is engaged to Prince Erik, went to school together and, of course, Mr. Rochester knew the bride-elect. Prince Erik and Miss Booth met in Europe when the latter was travelling abroad.

DESIRES TO REFORM KLAN

E. Y. Clarke Offers His Co-operation to President Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in the councils of the Ku Klux Klan, has written to President Coolidge offering to co-operate with the executive in ending the activities of an element which has been converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that planned by its founders.

Clarke also announced his intention of issuing a proclamation to Klansmen "calling on the better element either to take hold and remedy the existing evils or disband the organization."

ASSISTED IN LAYING OUT LOCAL TOWNSITE

John Adam Watson, Mining and Civil Engineer, Died Recently in Victoria

John Adam Watson, who was actively interested in mining development in the boundary country in the early days and who, as a surveyor, assisted in laying out the Prince Rupert townsite, died recently in Victoria.

FISH ARRIVALS

Two American schooners marketed 100,000 pounds of halibut on the Fish Exchange this morning. Prices offering for first class fish jumped a few points over those prevailing yesterday. The arrivals and sales were:

Vansee, 65,000 pounds, to the Booth, Pacific and Royal Fisheries at 12.6c and 8.5c.

Kanatak, 35,000 pounds, to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. at 12.6c and 8.5c.

VANCOUVER LIQUOR STORES WERE BUSY

Turnover in Seven Branches on Christmas Eve Was Quarter Million Dollars

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.— Vancouver's seven government liquor stores took in $250,000 during Christmas Eve. Chinese and Japanese liquors were much in demand.

PASTOR'S BODY WAS RECOVEDED

Rev. W. J. Agabob of Vancouver Was Drowned Monday in Capilano River

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27. — The body of Rev. W. J. Agabob, pastor of Cedar Cottage Presbyterian Church, who was drowned on Monday while fishing in the Capilano River, was found yesterday.

Deceased was a graduate of the University of British Columbia and Westminster Hall in this city. He was inducted into the ministry two years ago and has since been pastor at Cedar Cottage. He is survived by a widow and several children.

Taking advantage of the fine weather on Monday, he had gone out fishing. His line became snagged and, when he went into the streem to free it, the current took him off his feet and carried him away. At the time of his death, he was accompanied by one of his sons and two other boys.

PRODUCTION OF MINES GREATER

Value in 1923 is $39,699,758 as Against $35,158,843 in 1922 Minister Reports

VICTORIA, Dec. 27.—British Columbia mineral production for 1923 shows an increase of 12.9 per cent in monetary value over 1922 according to a statement issued by Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines. The output for the year is valued at $39,699,758 as against $35,158,843 in the previous year. The production of 1921 had a value of $28,066,641.

SHERIFF OF YUKON DEAD

George Brimston, Pioneer, Died Last Night in Dawson Hospital

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—George Brimston, sheriff of the Yukon, died in the Dawson hospital last night according to a message received here. He was a pioneer of the Klondyke gold stampede and from the very early days was a leading spirit in the district. He was the first to discover gold on the famous Sulphur Creek and he mined there himself on an extensive scale. He took a prominent part in all patriotic movements in the Yukon.