

# 69 Aboard Downed Flying Boat Transferred to Ship

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## MARTIN IS SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

### Giant Aircraft Alights Safely On Heavy Swells

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(CP)—A giant United States Boeing flying boat belonging to the American International Airways, carrying a crew of seven and 62 passengers including at least five Canadians, today alighted without damage in the North Atlantic 1,400 miles west of Eire and, after taxiing two miles, safely transferred all passengers to a weather ship, reports reaching the air ministry, and from St. John's, Nfld., said today.

The aircraft had started on its journey to New York from Poole, Dorset, England, and left Shannon, Eire, at 9 p.m. last night for Gander, Nfld.

Reports from Gander said the pilot, Capt. Charles Martin, 33, former United States navy pilot, was forced to come down after deciding that he might not be able to complete his journey before his fuel ran out, owing to continuous headwinds.

Martin radioed a Trans-Canada Airlines aircraft which guided him to the weather ship, but it was understood that there was no suitable gasoline in the ship to refuel the flying boat which was believed to be carrying the largest number of passengers ever carried at one time on an Atlantic crossing.

In New York, the United States coast guard, which operates the weather ship, said swells 25 to 35 feet high earlier prevented transfer of the passengers by life raft to ship. The aircraft, however, was reported as undamaged.

The London office of the United Nations said five U.N. employees were aboard, en route from Geneva to the New York meeting of the General Assembly.

Canadian Passengers  
Canadian passengers listed by the airline were Albert E. Ritchie of the U.N. division of economic stability, with his wife, Gwendolyn, and three-year-old son, Gordon; Herbert Bateman-Cook, an engineer, and Mrs. Florence Rothery, 41, who was traveling with her British husband.

The passenger list also was said to include a number of British immigrants going to Canada and the United States. Members of a refugee committee and oil company employees also were believed on board.

American International Airways is a non-scheduled chartered airline with headquarters in New York. It has been in business since July and owns five planes.

Early reports varied as to the number on board but later it was confirmed there were 62 passengers and there earlier had been some doubt as to the number of the crew.

TCA Pilot Assists  
LONDON, Oct. 14 (CP)—A veteran Trans-Canada Air Lines pilot's calm reply to an intercepted distress call (Continued on Page 10, Column 4)

### Lady Grey Chapter Aids Gift Fund

A cheque for \$50 was received this morning from the Lady Grey Chapter, I.O.G.E., as the lodge's contribution towards the Princess Elizabeth wedding fund, it was announced today by Ald. J. O. Booth, chairman of the fund.

Mr. Booth stated that this splendid donation will help greatly to boost the fund to be used to purchase unperishable food for the people of England.

He also announced that the school drive for canned goods and other unperishable food got underway in the city schools this morning and will continue this week.

A meeting of the committee was to be held at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon to further the plans for the celebration and street railway ceremony, in connection with the fund, on Thursday evening.

### Smothered To Death in Collapse



R. C. VAUGHAN

### Steep Rock Ore Shipments Soar Reports Vaughan

Ore shipments from Steep Rock are expected to reach a million and a quarter tons this year and an even greater tonnage next year, said R. C. Vaughan, C.M.G., chairman and president, Canadian National Railways, following a visit to the development Monday with mining company officials.

With Mr. Vaughan were N. B. Walton, C.B.E., executive vice-president, Montreal; W. C. Owens, general manager, western region, and J. L. Charles, chief engineer, Winnipeg. They were received at Atikokan by M. S. Fotheringham, vice-president and general manager; Neil Edmonstone, secretary-treasurer, and S. Hancock, superintendent, of Steep Rock Iron Mines Ltd. The party was met at Fort William by O. E. Berringer, terminal superintendent, here.

Grain is moving in large quantities at the head of the lakes, said Mr. Vaughan, "but we are being asked for more box cars and will do our best to meet the demand. We have \$50,000,000 worth of new equipment on order, including 5,000 box cars, and some of that has been on order for eighteen months. None of it has been received."

Expansion of industry in both Western and Eastern Canada and difficulty in securing new equipment were the reasons given by Mr. Vaughan for the present shortage of box cars. The best use must be made of the equipment available, he said, and present car loading shows an increase over last year's figures.

Referring to the application of Canadian railroads for increased freight rates, Mr. Vaughan said that the C.N.R. is faced with increased costs for labor and materials of more than \$100,000,000 in 1947 compared with the 1939 level.

"Our expenses have increased tremendously," he said, "but we feel that the question of an upward adjustment can be safely left with the Board of Transport Commissioners."

On the Pacific coast Mr. Vaughan attended the launching of the new CNS "Prince George," the largest vessel to be built in Canada for 25 years. The new ship, he said, will fulfil a vital service in passenger and freight business between Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Alaska. Canadian designed and Canadian built, the "Prince George" represents a major achievement by Canadian shipyards. "It is proof of our conviction," said Mr. Vaughan, "that Canadians can build ships the equal in craftsmanship and performance to be found anywhere beyond our boundaries."

### TRADE MISSION RETURNING

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Oct. 14. (CP)—The Canadian trade mission, headed by Trade Minister MacKinnon left for home by air early today. The mission has been in South Africa for the last month investigating industrial conditions with a view to increasing trade with the Dominion.

### Accused "Sick" When Mother Shot, Jury Told

The trial of Max Von Matt, charged with the murder of his mother at the family farm house, Paipoonge township last June 13, got underway at the fall sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario in the district courthouse, Port Arthur, this morning. Chief Justice J. C. McRuer is presiding.

Following the swearing in of a new jury at 9.50 a.m. the forenoon session proceeded with five witnesses testifying. Court was adjourned at 12.15 p.m. and resumed at 1.45. Crown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson is prosecuting and Hugh Cunningham is defence counsel.

A plea of "not guilty" was entered at the preliminary hearing of Max Von Matt and in his instructions to the jury this morning, Crown Attorney Ibbetson said, "You are called upon in this trial to determine whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of murder."

He further said, "There would not appear to have been a motive for the killing, from the evidence which the crown has been able to gather."

### Struggle in Home

The evidence of the witnesses heard this morning indicated that Max Von Matt — aged between 35 and 40 — his father, Joseph Von Matt, wasn't sure, is a victim of "fits," and during one of these spells, during the early morning of June 13, shot his mother, Pauline Von Matt, 68, with a .32 calibre revolver as she attempted to take the weapon from him in his bedroom at the farm in Paipoonge, about 20 miles south-west of Fort William.

The one slug which entered the mother's right breast and penetrated the abdomen, finally lodging three inches from the spine, caused shock, hemorrhage and peritonitis from which she died the following day.

Dr. R. J. G. Park, M.D., of Fort William, who was called to the scene of the shooting and attended the wounded woman, was the first to be called to the stand.

Dr. Park said that he was called at between 6.00 and 6.15 a.m., June 13, and accompanied an ambulance from Jenkins and Sons, Fort William, to the Von Matt farm. They arrived between 6.45 and 7 a.m. Present at the farm were the father, Joseph, another son Arthur Von Matt, 28, the wounded mother and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen of the Stanley district.

### Died Following Day

Dr. Park found Mrs. Pauline Von Matt "in her bed, apparently critically ill and in considerable pain." She was fully clothed. "There was a small gunshot wound in the upper abdomen."

The wounded woman was taken in the ambulance to McKellar hospital, Fort William. Her condition there became "precarious" and at 5 p.m. she was operated on by Dr. Henry, with Dr. Park assisting. They closed a perforation in the bowel. Peritonitis and inflammation set in. Mrs. Von Matt (Continued on Page 12, Column 5)

### \$10,000 Mark Is Passed in Chest Drive

A donation of \$250 from the Pigeon Timber company and several other handsome contributions has swelled the fund for the Community Chest to a total of \$10,285, it was announced today by officials.

It was pointed out that the campaign is two-thirds over but only one-third of the contributions have been received. Officials appeal to canvassers to send in their donations and also to go to the special names committee for donations.

Besides the Pigeon Timber company large contributions were received from the street railway staff amounting to \$78.50; Reliance Terminal Employees charity fund, \$65; S. Braunstein, \$25; E. A. Bell, \$50; C. E. McDewitt, \$50; Dr. G. E. McCartney, \$30; P. H. B. Dawson, \$25; D. F. Hassard, \$25; Murray Babe, \$20; and Francis

### Terrace Bay Townsite To Be Most Modern In Canada



MOST MODERN of Canadian towns is rising on Terrace Bay townsite, 130 miles east of Fort William, a completely planned and integrated community for Longlac Pulp and Paper Co. Cutting diagonally across foreground is No. 17 highway which may connect it with Sault Ste. Marie. The new industrial center of Terrace Bay scheduled to be in operation next year will use power from the new \$10,000,000 Agassabon generating station. Pictured is Terrace Bay, with the new mill site and camp, in background.

### Tourist Trade Pioneer

### Citizens Mourn Passing Of Charles W. Wilson

Charles W. Wilson, dynamic resident of Fort William for 43 years and one of the city's leading merchants for more than two decades, died early today in McKellar General Hospital. He had been admitted to hospital Saturday when an illness against which he had battled stubbornly for three years finally gained the upper hand.

Death came about four a.m. for the former alderman and member of the Board of Parks Management who had made many contributions to the development of his chosen city and district. A friendly man whose business integrity was respected and whose foresight was admired, Mr. Wilson was founder and president of C.W. Wilson Ltd. His home was at 1429 McGregor avenue.

Funeral services for the native of Green River, in Pickering township, Ont., will be held at two o'clock Thursday afternoon in Wesley United church. Burial will be made in the family plot in Mountain View cemetery.

The body will rest at Jenken's funeral chapel until 11 o'clock, Thursday morning, when the casket will be taken to Wesley church for the funeral services in the afternoon.

### Youngest of 13 children

Mr. Wilson, who was active in many Fort William organizations is survived by his widow, the former Agnes Ethel Avery, whom he married in Washington State February 17, 1901; two daughters, Ruth, Mrs. Bruce Wilkes, Toronto; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Andrew Currie, 1411 McGregor avenue, Fort William; four brothers, Benson Wilson, Green River, Ontario, Fawcett, Uxbridge, Ont., William, Kenora and Anthony, Los Angeles. Five grandchildren also survive.

He was the youngest of 13 children born to John and Elizabeth Wilson, and was a twin to Anthony. The Wilson family came from United Empire Loyalist ancestors and their Pickering township home was located on land granted by the crown. His father was a prominent farmer and the homestead is still in possession of the family.

Mr. Wilson's death ended a colorful career that included participation in the Klondike gold rush in the 1890's. He came to Fort William from the



CHARLES W. WILSON

### Tributes

Representative citizens today paid tribute to Charles W. Wilson, outstanding citizen, who died this morning in hospital.

Mayor Garfield Anderson, M.L.A.: "I always found Mr. Wilson a man of very sound principles and considered him outstanding in this regard. He was blessed with a friendly personality and was very progressive in his thinking, keenly interested in the affairs of this city and the surrounding district. This interest found an active form both in matters of civic administration and in the broader political field."

Alex. McNaughton: "Mr. Wilson was a real asset to this city. His business relationships had trained him well for the job of alderman and he filled his place on City Council admirably. He

## Execution Set For January 8

At 2:40 p.m. yesterday a petit jury found Charles "Chuck" Martin guilty of murdering 71-year-old prospector Joseph D. Grant near Schreiber last December and Chief Justice J. C. McRuer, presiding, sentenced Martin to be hanged on January 8th, 1948.

The five-day trial at the fall sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario held at the district courthouse Port Arthur, concluded with the jury retiring about 1:15 and returning with the verdict, "We find the prisoner guilty."

When Mr. Justice McRuer then asked the accused if he had anything to say, Martin rose and in a loud, clear voice replied, "I've nothing to say, your worship!"

Before passing sentence His Worship turned to the jury and said, "You've had a very distasteful task to discharge." As he faced Martin his voice choked with emotion and his words were barely audible as he said:

"Charles Martin, you shall be taken to the place from whence you came and there be kept until the 8th of January, 1948, and then you shall be taken to a place of execution and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead; and may the Lord have mercy on your soul."

### Passive Acceptance

The stocky, 35-year-old prisoner appeared to pale slightly but he accepted the verdict passively with a slight, cynical smile on his lips. As he was led out of the courthouse by Ontario Provincial Police, Martin's smile broadened and he marched smartly in step with the police.

As the case concluded, C. L. Snyder, K.C., crown prosecutor, announced that the case of Marcel Duchesneau, Grant's mining partner whom Martin admitted shooting at the same time as he killed Grant, would be "traversed" until the spring sittings of the Supreme Court.

Starting at 9.30 a.m., yesterday's final session of the case was devoted to the hearing of rebuttal evidence and Mr. Justice McRuer's final instructions to the jury.

Constable Harry Drackley, O.P.P., Schreiber, took the stand for the prosecution and in reply to questioning by C. L. Snyder, stated that Martin had come to his home at Schreiber on two occasions last January. He was not at home the first time, the constable said, but on the afternoon of January 12 he was there when Martin called.

### Asked For Rifle

He asked Martin the whereabouts of a .22 rifle which accused had borrowed from a Schreiber man who wanted it returned. Martin told him he'd left it with "Mike" (Marcel Duchesneau), Constable Drackley said. He then asked Martin if he knew where Joseph Grant was — his lawyer had been inquiring Martin said he didn't know.

Asked if there had been "any talk at the time about murders or rumors of murders," Constable Drackley replied, "No, absolutely none."

Dr. A. E. Allin who performed post mortems on both Grant and Duchesneau's bodies then took the stand and described the wounds found.

"The cause of death," he said, "was bullet wounds of the body producing massive hemorrhages."

Inspector Frank Kelly, O.P.P., told of identifying the bodies found near the mine March 17 and 19.

Dr. H. S. Crowe, M.D., of Schreiber (Continued from Page One) was called to the stand by the crown and asked to tell about treating Martin for "spells."

Martin had called on him on four occasions complaining of "spell." Dr. Crowe testified and at first, thinking (Continued on Page 8, Column 4)



CHARLES (CHUCK) MARTIN

### Missing Hunter Makes Way Out

Reported missing Sunday in the Dog Lake area while hunting, Roy Greaves, of 210A Winston Hall, Fort William, made his way on Monday to Kaministiquia, where he phoned his wife of his safety. As she received the message about 11:30 Monday morning, Mrs. Greaves informed the Provincial Police of the safety of her husband.

Greaves had gone hunting in company with Reg. Brown, of 205A Winston Hall. Losing track of Greaves about 2 p.m., on Sunday, Brown waited for his friend's return till about 7:30, when Brown notified provincial police.

### Car Occupant Is Hurt In Accident

Suffering cuts to his face, A. J. Kehler, 28, of 352 Bay street, Port Arthur, was removed to St. Joseph's hospital Sunday following a traffic accident Saturday at Hymers, Ont., Provincial Police reported. It is believed the driver of the car, Tony Alderson, 313 Dufferin street, Port Arthur was uninjured.

Taken first to the Red Cross hospital at Kakabeka Falls, Kehler was removed to St. Joseph's in Port Arthur, where he was released on Monday following observation and treatment.

### Crashes Rock at Full Speed