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## BIG AIRSHIP LOST AT SEA

### Body of Commander of Missing Dixmude Is Found.

## OTHERS MAY HAVE JUMPED

### With Their Parachutes And Descended in Wilds of Northern Africa.

Paris, Dec. 28.—An official announcement made at noon said that the dirigible Dixmude had been lost at sea. It carried a crew of fifty. The body of Lieut. Grenadan, commander of the missing dirigible, Dixmude, has been found in Sicilian waters. It was officially announced this morning. The body was found by fishermen six miles from land off Sicily. A French light cruiser and three torpedo boats are proceeding to Sicily following the notification of the navy department.

The receipt of a telegram from the French naval attachment in Rome, announcing that the body of Lieut. Grenadan, commander of the missing dirigible, has been found, caused all hopes of the safety of the Dixmude to be abandoned.

It is surmised that Lieut. Grenadan, when he realized the dirigible was lost, may have instructed his men to jump with their parachutes and that he decided to remain with the ship which might have stayed aloft several hours, the commander going down with her while some of the crew may have descended in the wilds of Northern Africa.

## Wolves Invading Villages in Neighborhood of Naples

Naples, Dec. 28.—Wolves driven from the mountains by the exceedingly cold weather have invaded some of the villages surrounding Naples. Several of the beasts entered houses on the outskirts of the city, but were beaten off with poles. They then invaded several barns, killing goats.

Hunting parties set out to search for the wolves, and it was reported they had succeeded in driving them back into the mountains.

## Miss Booth Will Be Just Plain Countess

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Prince Erik stated yesterday afternoon that he had relinquished all claims of succession to the throne of Denmark. His bride-to-be, Miss Lois Booth, the popular young Ottawa girl, grand-daughter of J. R. Booth, Sr., the multi-millionaire lumber king, would be known, said the prince, as Princess Erik, Countess of Rothenburg.

This statement from the prince, definitely sets at rest speculation as to what title will be bestowed on Miss Booth after her marriage.

## MOTION TO THROW OUT THE PETITION FAILED

### Labor Man's Seat in the Legis- lature Threatened at Kitchener.

Kitchener, Dec. 28.—Attack by Karl Homuth's counsel yesterday under section 16 of the Controverted Elections Act, upon the petition of A. Mercer, failed to halt the South Waterloo trial. Justice Kelly and Measey, upon reopening of court yesterday afternoon, ruled that the motion to throw out the petition could not succeed. Mr. Homuth's lawyer, C. R. Widdifield, had argued that the petitioner made affidavit to charges of election irregularities without personal knowledge thereof.

Counsel for Homuth, Labor member elect in South Waterloo, admitted to Justice A. C. Measey and N. T. Kelly, sitting here as an election court, that "there were certain parties voted who were not on the list and some voted who were not qualified, though on the list."

This statement was made in the course of argument on a motion to throw out the petition of A. W. Mercer.

Mr. Widdifield charged that the affidavit attached to the petition was "false, or made with reckless disregard as to whether true or false." He argued that Mr. Mercer had no personal knowledge of the charges set forth in the petition.

Sheriff Over Fifty Years.  
Peterboro, Dec. 28.—Sheriff James A. Hall, for over fifty years sheriff of Peterboro county, died this morning.

United States may extend coast-wise shipping laws to the Philippines.

## CRUISER OFFERED TO SOUTH AFRICA

### British Admiralty Ready To Lend Warship for Pro- tection of Trade.

Cape Town, Dec. 28.—At a banquet given to the officers of the ships in the special service squadron of the Royal Navy which is making a tour of the Empire, Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field referred to the duty of South Africa in regard to protection of its trade, and said if the Suez Canal were blocked the Cape route would be enormously important. South Africa has made a good beginning with her own ships, but needed a ship at least of the status of light cruiser.

Rear-Admiral Sir Rudolf Bontack, commander-in-chief of the Africa station, said he had authority to say that the Admiralty would lend South Africa a light cruiser if South Africa would undertake its maintenance. These speeches show that the Admiralty is resolved to use the cruise of these warships to impress on the Dominions the need for taking a larger share in the upkeep of the navy. This is a ticklish matter here owing to political questions, but it is not doubted that the Admiralty's suggestion will be received sympathetically by a great part of the British and Dutch-speaking South Africans.

Sir Thomas Smartt, the only Union minister speaking at the banquet, did not refer to the suggestion directly, though he laid great emphasis on the need of South Africa doing its utmost for the navy.

## A TROUBLED 1924.

### Predicted by French Astrologer— India to be in Revolt.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French astrologer, Mme. De Teleme, has read the heavens for 1924 and finds Mars, Saturn and Uranus in positions of authority.

"Their influence is maleficent," she says, "and it will be a troubled year throughout the world, especially during the spring and autumn." Presidents and rulers throughout the world will suffer either in health or prestige.

Everywhere there will be danger of war between nations and classes. Religion will breed furious hates and criticisms. The pope is warned against politics.

France will break with one ally and will make a warlike alliance this winter. England will suffer internally and India will revolt. There will be revolts likewise in Spain, Turkey, Morocco and Tunis. Sweden will suffer internally and the king will fall ill suddenly. In Germany there is not much chance for the former crown prince and, as for the ex-king, he will never re-ascend the throne, but will come to a sad end.

However, Russia will have occasional periods of calm and in one small nation on earth life will be comfortable, in Holland.

## Rich Bride's Bungalow Is Destroyed by Flames

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 28.—A bungalow belonging to Mrs. Mary Smith Haggerty, wealthy bride, who last week surprised her friends by marrying her third husband, Charles Edward Haggerty, a taxicab driver, was burned on Wednesday. Many of the guests at a Christmas party there had to make a hurried exit.

Joseph McCormick, a guest, was taken from an upper window by the flames.

The fire is believed to have started in the butler's pantry. Mr. and Mrs. Haggerty had just returned from their honeymoon.

Mrs. Haggerty had been twice divorced before her recent marriage. She was left a considerable fortune by the will of her father, William J. Smith.

## DEATHS FROM DIABETES.

### Considerable Increase Shown in U.S. During Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Deaths from diabetes in the United States showed a considerable increase last year it was shown by census bureau statistics. There were 17,182 deaths from diabetes in 1922 compared with 14,932 in 1921 and 14,062 in 1920, in the registration area, comprising 55 per cent. of the country's population. The death rate was 13.4 per 100,000 population last year, compared with 16.8 in 1921 and 16.1 in 1920. New Hampshire had the highest rate with 31.1 per 100,000 population, and Mississippi the lowest with 7.2.

## Over Million Acres Lined Up for Saskatchewan Pool

Regina, Dec. 28.—A steady improvement in the number of waivers and contracts received at the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool headquarters is being maintained and the total under contract stands at 1,071,382 acres, as checked up to Christmas eve, according to George G. Cameron, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Producers, Limited, to-day. It is estimated that another 60,000 acres or more came to hand in to-day's mail.

## QUOTA MAY BE REDUCED

### Talk of Restricting U.S. Im- migration From Canada.

## MANY FOREIGNERS ENTER Uncle Sam's Domains By First Coming to Canada— A Check Needed.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The house committee on immigration, which hopes to report a new immigration restriction bill soon after the holiday recess, is giving serious consideration to the plan of applying the quota rule which is now applied to European countries and the eastern hemisphere to countries in the western hemisphere. If it is applied to the western hemisphere Canada will be one of the countries affected.

It is asserted a large immigration from Europe is entering this country indirectly from Canada, Mexico, Cuba and parts of South America, and for this reason the application of the quota rule will be considered; controversy will break out over it. If the plan of Chairman Albert Johnson of the house immigration committee passes, restrictions will be made more severe. Instead of three per cent. the yearly quota may be reduced from three per cent. of the number admitted from a country in the decade prior to 1910 to two per cent.

## IRISH FREE STATE ECONOMY IS URGED

### Government Budget Can Be Balanced Only by Careful Financing.

Dublin, Dec. 28.—The Free State government is confronted with serious financial problems, and the finance minister has announced that the balancing of the budget can be accomplished only by practising strict economy, as taxation has reached the limit. The Dail has endorsed the economies on salaries of school teachers and old age pensions on the assurance that cuts are to be enforced in other departments.

Criticism has been directed at the expenditure caused by the change of government and the consequence to pay pensions to displaced British officials as well as the salaries of those appointed to succeed them.

It is hoped to effect a large saving in the expense of the army by reducing the present cost of more than \$50,000,000 to about \$20,000,000. It has been urged that Ireland does not need an army larger than that of Canada, which costs \$7,500,000.

The British government has allocated \$7,500,000 to provide houses for the ex-soldiers. The fund is to be administered by a board of five members, three to be named by the British government and one each by the northern and southern governments of Ireland.

## MORE LANDED ESTATES BEING SOLD IN ENGLAND

### War Taxes Will Force Trans- fer of About \$17,000 Acres Soon.

London, Dec. 28.—While real estate dealers are prophesying record-breaking sales of land in this country next year if a Labor government comes into power and seems destined to endure any appreciable length of time, the early new year at any rate will see the disposal of approximately 17,000 acres.

This 1,276 square miles of land has not been put up for sale as a result of the elections, but marks the continuance of the great transference of property, which has proceeded undisturbed since the end of the war.

The Socialists before the war said the land in this country was owned by only 35,000 persons. The owners now number 100,000, and parts of some of the oldest estates of the nation have gone under the hammer or have been sold privately. Lord Derby recently indicated that the heavy taxation might make it necessary for him to sell much of his land. The Duke of Argyll is selling 51,658 acres, Lord Woolavington, 1,000 acres, and Col. Cameron's estate of 117,000 acres is under the hammer.

Cox to Leave Politics.  
Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—Channing H. Cox, governor of Maine, announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election at the close of his present term.

"My intention," he said, "is to retire from politics at the end of my term of office."

## RECORD YEAR IN U.S. IN MEAT PRODUCTION

### Estimates by Packers' In- stitute Show Last Year's Figures are Exceeded.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 28.—Production of meat in the United States this year was the greatest in history, exceeding last year's figures by one and a half billion pounds, according to estimates by the Institute of American Meat Packers. A big jump in pork production was largely responsible for the increase, ten million more hogs being bought by the packers than in 1923.

Charles E. Herrick, president of the Institute, said virtually all of the increased production has moved into consumption either here or abroad.

Livestock producers, he said, received more for their cattle, sheep and lambs than they did ten years ago, but, in keeping with lower prices of pork products, prices for hogs were lower.

Wholesale meat prices, he asserted, were the lowest of a decade or more.

Declines from peak prices, he declared, ranged from 20 per cent. to more than 70 per cent.



MISS LOIS BOOTH  
Another Canadian to reach the rank of Countess. She will marry Prince Erik, of Denmark, in the spring. She is a granddaughter of the famous J. R. Booth, of lumber fame, and a popular Ottawa girl.

## CURES BY EVANGELIST.

### None of Organic Disease, Reports Committee.

Calgary, Dec. 28.—No cures of organic disease were effected by Evangelist Price in his Calgary campaign. This is one of the findings of the investigating committee, consisting of members of the ministerial and medical associations, and one layman, J. S. Arnold.

The committee made a thorough investigation and its report is signed by all its members. It is noted that in some cases persons who were treated, testified during the investigation that they felt better, but this result, from certain mental effects, is nothing new, the report observes, but has been on record for hundreds of years.

## BUILDER OF FAMOUS EIFFEL TOWER DEAD

Paris, Dec. 28.—Gustave Eiffel, the engineer who built the famous tower which bears his name, and which is the highest structure, is dead here at the age of ninety-one years.

## OHAWA PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR Presented With Motor Car

Ohawa, Dec. 28.—Rev. F. J. Maxwell, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, was presented with a sedan motor car by R. S. and G. W. McLaughlin, two members of his congregation, as an evidence of their appreciation of the good citizenship and work done in general in the community and in connection with the church in particular, hoping that it would be the means of lightening his labors and extending the scope of usefulness as well as contributing to his family's personal enjoyment in outdoor life.

## To Seek Continuance of Rate.

Waterloo, N.Y., Dec. 28.—Application will soon be made to the city council by the Black River Traction company for leave to continue the seven cent fare now in force upon trolley cars through the city, for another fiscal year. Last year's extension of the amended franchise permitting the increase from the normal five cent rate expires early in the spring.

## Cannot Fool Quebec.

L'Epiphanie, Que., Dec. 28.—Quebec is quickly learning that it had been deceived in last election and that the cries raised against the Conservative party had been for the purely party political advantage of their foes, said Right Hon. Arthur Meighen addressing a public gathering here yesterday.

## Neck Broken! Taxis Collided.

Calgary, Dec. 28.—Frank Gibson, aged thirty-three, died in a hospital here from a broken neck, received in a street accident when two taxis collided.

Charges of graft laid against former Premier of Newfoundland and another ex-minister.

## TO UNRAVEL THE TANGLE

### Venezelos Decides to Return to Greece At Once.

## HE RECEIVES DELEGATION That Was Sent From Athens to Paris to Confer With Him.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A delegation sent here from Greece to persuade Premier Venezelos to return home and help unravel Greece's political tangle arrived here this morning after an unpleasant voyage of eight days on a storm lashed steamer. Its members were happy to discover that their mission had been accomplished for them by telegraph.

M. Venezelos gave a luncheon this afternoon in their honor and subsequently began a conference with them regarding the situation. His mind is absolutely made up, it is said, and his departure is fixed for some time within the next forty-eight hours.

The Greek delegation headed by Professors Karolidis and H. Adjidakis of the Athens University, represents all classes of people and all Greek parties. The general non-partisan sentiment is the factor that persuaded him to decide to return to Greece temporarily. It is said by his friends that he will decline any post which would involve responsibility for interior politics.

## WINNIPEG THEFT RING.

### One Man Had Wooden Leg Which Held Jewellery.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—With the arrest of six men and four women over the holiday, Winnipeg police believe they have broken up one of the biggest housebreaking rings in the city's history. The accused are alleged to have entered at least 60 houses during the past three months, securing jewellery, furs and other valuables worth approximately \$10,000. One of the men, said to be the "bookend" for the gang, has a wooden leg. It was found to be hollow and contained valuable jewellery. The gang was well organized, owned several automobiles and is said to have watched several wedding and funeral announcements in the newspapers, taking advantage of the householders' absence to ransack the house.

## THEATRE BURNED.

### At Lansing, Michigan—The Loss Is \$500,000.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—The six-story Oakland building and the Regent theatre, one of Lansing's leading office and theatre buildings, was practically wiped out by fire of an unknown origin this morning.

One fireman was seriously injured and removed to hospital. The loss is estimated at three hundred thousand dollars.

## WANTS GANDHI RELEASED TO RECEIVE CHARTER

### Of India's Home Rule Party— Mahomet All Scores British Policy.

Cocacoda, British India, Dec. 28.—If Mahatma Gandhi is not released from prison within a year to receive the charter of the Swaraj, or home rule party, the natives of India should without hesitation unfurl the flag of the Indian republic, said the non-co-operationist leader, Mahomet Ali, in opening the thirty-eighth Indian national congress here yesterday. The speaker denounced what he called the autocratic and paralyzing policy of the British government in India, which, he said was crushing progress.

## "You Said It, Marceline!" By MARCELINE DALROY On "Stage Dressing"

When one thinks of  
A BEAUTIFUL actress,  
One imagines her with  
Many beautiful CLOTHES,  
And when one thinks  
Of a SHOW GIRL,  
One invariably pictures  
Her to be WITHOUT  
MANY.  
Some actresses wear  
PASSABLE clothes beautifully,  
Others wear BEAUTEFUL clothes  
Only PASSABLY.  
Clothes MAY make the woman  
But LACK of them

Often makes a STAR.  
The DIFFERENCE between  
An actress and  
A show girl is  
That when the CURTAIN  
Rises an actress is  
OFTEN DISCOVERED,  
But the SHOW GIRL  
is invariably UNCOVERED.  
WATCHING a modern revue  
One is compelled to think  
Of the SPORTING element  
"BIRDS are plentiful this season  
And in good CONDITION—  
COVER is scanty!"

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