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# FIVE LIVES LOST

All Were Helping to Save Saved 64 Men from Foreign Priceless Treasures from Flames

CEILING FELL

Four Buried, Fifth Crawled Acts as Interpreter and to Safety, But Died Later

In an endeavor to save historic treasures from a burning mansion, four people, including two women, their lives at Oulton Hall, near Tar-

the ceiling fell and buried them. The paratus off South Devon. Search was Hall, which was over 200 years old, also made in the fog for 24 men who was destroyed. Oulton has been the took to the boats when two Swansea home of the Grey-Egerton family since steam trawlers were lost off Galway. the 13th century, and housed many

Crank, aged 18, son of George Crank, and shelter. of Little Budworth, gamekeeper on the The Liberta, a Genoa steamer

Brigade, who was injured while fight- Harbor ing the flames.

years ago Sir Philip leased the man- jumped overboard, but could not get sion to Frank Cooper, who is a mem- alongside on account of the heavy seas. ber of the Federation of British In- CLIFF CLIMB IN DARK dustries and is prominently associated with the Partington Iron and Steel Co. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, who was

Major G. E. Cotton, the agent to the estate, who lives at Bunbury, five miles distant from Oulton Hall, told the story afterwards as follows:--'I received a telephone call from

Mr. Cooper that the Hall was on fire, their comfort. immediately motored over When I arrived the whole building seemed to be ablaze, and there ap- for in Salcombe. The others, who fire brigade was then at work. "I understand that the fire started in the servants' quarters upstairs, and Mr. Cooper told me that when the out-

break was first reported to him by the servants it was already extensive. "The only thing to do was to try to save what we could - pictures and furniture and other articles of valueand we commenced to move everything out that was possible. We went for the biggest and most valuable pictures and furniture. We succeeded in sav-

"There were about 15 of us working in the hall, and knowing the danger I kept an eye on the celling the SUDDEN COLLAPSES

"It appeared to be quite safe and firm, with no cracks, and absolutely Ollo intact; nor was there any smoke at all in the hall. Then, without the slightest warning the ceiling fell on us with a crash. The hall was immediately filled with smoke and sparks. We madenfor a window, broke the glass and got outside. It was only when we counted up the numbers that we discovered that three of the party were missing, including two of Mrs. Cooper's maids.

"Mrs. Cooper had forbidden them to enter the building, and I can only suppose that they were anxious to assist in the salvage work, and that when the roof crashed in they were struck down by pieces of the debris. "One man who was on a ladder tak-

ing pictures off the wall contrived to escape, andfa fireman, badly injured, and who afterwards died, managed to dealt with according to the principles crawl to the broken window through established in the courts. He had pulled him into safety.

Several of the salvage party were severely burned. I cannot say whether the two maids were in the room with us, but I do not remember seeing them

BUILT BY VANBRUGH?

sion of brick and stone was said to was brought to recover legitimate have been built by Sir John Vanbrugh, damages for a wrong which had been and it certainly bore a strong re- suffered. emblance, if not to Blenheim and ONE IN A HUNDRED. Stowe, at least to the lesser houses with which his name is connected His favorite system of lofty reception rooms was used on the south front, though a more homely style prevailed

nen should retire from commerce at because after that age they become fired and lack initiative.

Lord Bethell, a director of Barclays Bank, who is 64, said: "Some men marked the result of such ill-assorted are old at 30, while some are young marriages. at 60. You cannot lay down a hard and fast rule as to when a business Cissie Cohen claimed damages from man should retire. It would not do, Nathan Sellar, of High street, Shadof course, to have a board of directors | well. Miss Charlotte Mary Young. entirely composed of elderly men, but said to be the first woman counsel en-

Charles W. Kimpton, general manon, said: "I know many men over 60 whose business agumen and ju ment are probably sounder than at any period of their business career." Sir John Utting, ex-Lord Mayor of of the engagement ring. of a business man retiring at 60 hs hould retire until he reaches 60 and

Sir Charles Wilson, M.P. for Central Leeds, who is 67, said: "So far as am concerned, I propose to die in har-

COSTLY MOSQUITO.

Whilst asleep in his bunk at hent, a seaman was bitten by Judge Leigh, at the Man-

Steamers by Ropes and Lifeboats

TITLED LADY AIDS

Gives Men Food and Shelter

Recent fogs and gales caused many shipping disasters, and there was fine rescue work on the Devon and Irish coasts. The rescued included the crew porley, Cheshire. A fireman who was of a Spanish steamer (34 men) rescued off Waterford coast by lifeboat, and The ill-fated four were trapped by the crew of an Italian steamer (30 the flames in the grand snlon, and men) saved by lifeboat and rocket ap-

Lady Clementine Waring, wife of old masters and valuable Chinese Walter Waring, formerly Liberal M.P. for East Lothian, acted as in-The dead are: Mrs. J. H. Spann, terpreter when the crew of the Italian of Oulton Lodge, who was engaged in Steamer Liberta were rescued near domestic duties at the Hall; Miss Salcombe, South Devon, and took 27 Bertha Lloyd, third housemaid; Fred of them into her own house for food

estate; H. White, farm laborer, of 3,000 tons, from Spezzia for Rotterdam; struck in foggy and boisterous The fifth victim was Second Officer weather about midnight, near Bolt Joseph Hunt (48), of Tarporley Fire Head, at the western side of Salcombe

Penzance picked up and relayed her Sir Philip and Lady Grey-Egerton S.O.S., and the Brixham motor lifewere in Paris at the time. About two boat saved three of the crew, who

W. Arnold, R.N., with members of the Hope Cove Life-saving Company, guests and Mr. and Mrs. Cooper es- With great difficulty the rest of the crew, 27 officers and men, were rescued, together with the ship's mascot, a Russian sheep dog. Lady Clementine Waring acted as interpreter when the Italians reached the shore, and explained the arrangements made for

> Those who had been picked up by were reacued by the rocket apparatus. Ex-Fiance, to Whom They were fed and sheltered at The Moult Lady Clementine Waring's house. She was to have come to London that evening to attend a dinner, but she explained that she preferred staying at home and entertaining the ship-

The Spanish steamer Cirile Amros with a cargo of fruit from Valencia. Spain, went ashore in gale and fog off Bailynoyle Head, Co. Waterford. Wireless messages being picked up. the lifeboats went out from Dunmore and Helvick, and, after a long search she was a chorister, and Thomas was in the fog, succeeded in locating the wreck. With the help of lines from the shore they succeeded in landing the whole of the crew of 34 men, who were taken to the village of Stradbally

Judge Says Breach of Promise Often Pure Commercial Dispute

Mr. Justice McCardie, the "bachelor Jupid and commercialism to the jury when summing up in a breach of pro-

These actions, he said, were still noticed again and again at the Bar mise actions were brought merely to

money which, upon a fair view of the case, could not be extracted save by Over 200 years old, the present man- the publicity of a trial. Sometimes it

A striking feature of these actions was that for one which was brought

the parties. He asked what was likely to happen after marriage when the man had in his mind the words of the loving bride (quoted by counsel from a letter written after a quarrel): "I shall never forgive you for making me --- fool in front of my friends." It was infinitely better that engagements of that sort should be broken

off before marriage took place, because when parties were bound together and down and wept bitterly. bitterness of this kind took place. The letters were add misery, and not fidelity, followed. DIVORCE COURT RECORDS. The records of the Divorce Court

The case was that in which raged in a breach case, appeared for Miss Cohen, and was congratulated by the judge on the way she had con-

Damages were awarded to Miss Cohen, but judgment was not entered ending legal argument on the question of Mr. Sellar's right to the return SECURED £70 GOWNS

IRISH PEER DEAD Lord Teignmouth Was Fifth Holder sions for obtaining \$70 worth of of Title

The death has occurred at Clavedon

f Lord Teignmouth, R.N., at the age and grandson of the first Lord Teignth, who was raised to an Irish peerage in 1797 on recognition of his end of the quarter money greatly services as Governor-General of India. excess of the bill." In 1891, after a long and varied The other woman's husband career affoat, he retired with the rank chester County Court, held that of Commander. Devoting himself to and was god-father to one of her different the Steamship Company in of literary works, he was the author of adopted children.

Whose employ the man was of several books dealing with smuggling While the jury debated the case Sir

IRISH GOVERNOR OPENS ART GALLERY



recovering from an operation, were cliffs in the darkness, and at dawn new Irish salon at Mill Hall, Minon Row, Dublin. Large numbers attended the ceremony, and the new and ornate hall promises to become a centre of Irish Art and Culture.

Were Written, is Glad to Die

Amazing love letters written by a typist to a miner were read at Cardiff Assizes when George Thomas, 26, was sentenced to death for the murder of Marie Beddoe Thomas. The girl was stabbed from behind

as she was entering the chapel where seen with a bread knife in his hand, with which he inflicted a wound in his own thigh before he was arrested. Evidence was given that the couple had kept company, but an estrangement took place about a year ago, and they both formed other attachments. Very soon, however, it was found that Sir they were corresponding secretly, and n one letter the girl wrote:-

"It is not wrong for us to write to each other, is it? I know we are both engaged and all that, but there can be no harm in our just asking after each known firm of art experts, has folother's health now and again," HER SHATTERED DREAM.

In another letter she asked him was return again. Now close your eyes, artists of promise."

Sometimes such an action was Go to her who is so white and good. brought with the object of extracting She would never tell you lies to make loathsome lie weighing on my heart. British Empire, or the United States.

"Through my damnable capacity of making people believe what I say, I pire may gradually be provided. have shattered my dearest, most pre- MURAL PAINTINGS. clous dream, but black as I am I could not let this delirious happiness go on ings in London and the great provin-

Another letter, addressed to he I can see the vivid blue of the sea, the British artists in the refreshment room viewed in many respects as "a mere gold of the sands, and the flashing of the National Gallery, Millbank." mmercial dispute," and referred to whiteness of the winging seaguil. It's quarrels that had taken place between all very beautiful and wonderful, but not one-tenth as wonderful as our the year round, where new books of married love will be.

"Can't you picture us in winter months; a cheery fire, our table and chairs drawn close to it, soft shaded lights, some winter flowers, then bed." "MY HEART IS DEAD."

There was a painful scene in cour when letters written by Thomas while The letters were addressed to "It cut me to the heart to see you

both on Friday. There is no tears to fall because my heart is dead-quite "Marie was my world and my all.

In my heart there is nothing but ove for you both. leased and happy I shall be on that hand in hand with Marie in the Great Beyond. . . I do not know

BY FALSE PRETENCE

from a West-end fidm She was Veda Whitcom dresses under the name of another soman-a customer of the firm. "I needed some clothes," she said "and I knew I would receive at the RELUCTANT PUPILS THE PROPER SPIRIT.

One of the most regular attendants at the council school at Helpston, the birthplace of John Clare, the Northamptonshire poet, is a jackdaw who accompanies a scholar each

During playtime the jackdaw files to and fro with his schoolboy chum, and when lessons are proceeding the bird sits at window where he can keep his friend in sight until the boy is ready to excert him

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Joseph Duveen Continues to Encourage Purchase of Modern Works

Sir Joseph Duveen, head of the welllowed up his plea for the support of British artists in very tangible form. Arising from his correspondence he not happy, and added: "How with the Prime Minister on the subject happy we used to be before other peo- last month, he writes from New York: ple butted in and tried to arrange our 'I am forming a small committee affairs. Happiness is too elusive and of men of acknowledged authority. Pletures acquired, he adds, will be

"By this means," says Sir Joseph, "I hope that the nucleus of an interesting collection available for presentation or loan throughout the Em-

"Municipal and other public build while the shadow of my lie lay over clal cities present many opportunities for wall decoration," he continues "and as a step in this direction I have offered to provide a sum for mural owing passages: "From where I lie paintings by some of the younger clude a central institution, open all art could be exhibited, and facilities for sale, free from heavy commission provided; and collections of works of art for sale to be sent to centres in Britain, The Colonies, America and

Sir Joseph Duveen, who has already presented to the nation a gallery of dern foreign art, to be built at Millbank at an estimated cost of \$40,000. recently purchased for the collection by the American artist

DISFIGURE LONDON Electric Signs Fail to Impress

sured by Sir Albert Gray, K.C., at a meeting of the London Society "I am quite aware," he said, "that long I shall have to wait, but really I subject. I have heard of people taking

a year was bound over at London Ses. John Balley said an advertising

ir what they announced This advertising manager had step-ped various people coming from Pic-cadilly-circus, and had asked them if They had all replied that they had and when he asked them what was dvertised they had replied that they

Other Pleasant Faces But None Radiating Such Joy in London

London is a city of masked faces according to a man who recently set Liquidation Department said: "These firm anticipates that it will be possible cartridges have, like other dangerous to raise the remaining big ships by the out on a quest for a really happy countenance. He began by taking the way. One way is to have them broken mer; but with the exception of the first bus with a smiling conductor and down by skilled employes. This is Hindenburg, which remained upright that conductor was the one who carried off the honors of the day. The story of the search was told as fol-

When I began in the morning, looked gloomy, pre-occupied, peevish, or as expressionless as "Miss Poker

Face." They were ignored. Then there suddenly hurried along. in a gallant and adventurous manner, a bus with a conductor who had the most cheerful and happy face of all the Londoners observed that day. I shouted to the bus to stop. The coductor smiled. I smiled. The bus WIDFIFCC smiled. I jumped on to the bus. The conductor laughed. I laughed. Everyone in the bus laughed The number of the owner of London's happiest face is 15,608.

NO HAPPINESS RADIATED. That was a good beginning. the rest of the story is very dismal. No Agreement Since Wage Reducfragile a thing to catch and hold and placing at its disposal £1,000 an- In one of the largest west-end stores roughly or lightly. We held it too nually, for purchase of paintings by I saw hundreds of pleasant faces belightly and it flitted away from us like contemporary British artists, prefer- hind the counter. But there was not some brilliant-hued butterfly, never to ence being given to work by young one of them which radiated happiness. Miss Thomas later wrote: "I have held by the committee as trustees with and those experts whose job it is to wireless operators. told you a terrible lie. I can't be power to lend or present them to any whisk with a strange brush specks of public gallery in the British Isles, the dust from the faces which decorate the exterior. The bricklayers had concealed themselves and the faces of the gentlemen with brushes were as immobile as the faces they were brush-

On to Kensington Gardens. nurses were talking very quickly all at the same time, but they did not iming violets in Bond street looked happy at intervals, but it was a rather pro fessional happiness. One felt as if the smile had been put on for trad

Then the city, and East India Dock road. There were smiles in the city. and smiles in Poplar, but I found no face that, were I an artist, I should want to paint for its happing that I would like to take home and have always about me just because it looked so happy. Where are London's happy faces? In 15,608 the only man who is not afraid to show his joy?

BANS PRIESTHOOD Lord Justice's Will Aids Scientific Research and Rationalism

Lord Justice Stephen Ronan, of litzwilliam square, Dublin, lately Lord ustice of Appeal in Ireland, left peronal estate valued for probate at

ings by electric night signs was cen- years, "provided that prior to that cently shown to a gathering of art ."Mr. Cortesi has confirmed the age he does not take any definite steps students of the Hampstead Garden genuineness of the discovery. towards becoming a priest or joining Suburb. any religious order, or make any attempt directly or indirectly to dispose He also directed that his funeral

residue of the property was left to the Medical Research Council to assist scientific/research, the wish being exressed 'that special attention shou the form of hoardings and electric be given to the relief, cure, and prevention of physical pain by physical Lord Justice Ronan was brought up

as a Roman Catholic. ESTATE OF £1,020,808

er of the engineering firm of the Among Mr. Shuttleworth's bequests are 14,000 to the Lincoln County Hos-

Still to Be Broken Down

ALL UNSAFE

Method is More Dangerous

Some 5,750,000 Verey light cartridges, similar to those which caused summer of the biggest salvage the Erith explosion of two years ago, ever attempted, when the battle factory where the disaster occurred.

This has given rise to a question in ago-is to be refloated. the House of Commons. Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck asked the Secre- have been raised already by means of tary of State for War, if he would floating docks and wires; but the state how many millions of Verey light | Hindenburg, which has a displacement cartridges, some of which caused the of 27,000 tons, is too unwieldy. explosion at Slades Green (Erith) on The water, therefore, is to be pump-February 13, 1924, when 13 girls were ed out of her, so that she may auto-killed, still remain to be broken down matically rise to the surface. at the same place, but in a Govern- "She lies on an even keel," said

handle without risk to life or property. Our main difficulty will be to stop up.

The Erith explosion occurred while all the portholes and the eight seagirls employed by a private firm were cocks under the engine-room, by the dismantling some of a stock of about 8,000,000 Verey lights, which the com- thus prevent the inflowing of pany had bought from the Govern- water.

Verey cartridges, which fire bright colored lights, were used for signalling during the war. LENGTHY TASK.

Stores Liquidation Department took at full pressure, they will empty her charge of a portion of the factory. For in 12 hours, having removed from the remaining 6,500,000 cartridges 50,000 to 60,000 tons of water. they paid the company £35,000 as compensation. They are now breaking tion will occupy about six months. down the others themselves, and in the The four floating docks were moved

be completed before next July, and gaged in the task anxiety is expressed in Erith and the adjacent hamlet of Slades Green, as to work, and they have already made a what may happen in that period, in preliminary survey of the hull, which cartridges "are unsafe to move, store with barnacles and thick seaweed. or handle." The Thames Ammunition TUNNEL UNDER WRECK. Works adjoin the factory, and a fire might involve a terrific explosion at

the ammunition works. are also between 300 and 400 tons of are 24 inches in diameter. They will maroons, rockets, etc. THE ALTERNATIVE.

material, to be disposed of in some same means at the rate of two a sumbeing done under the closest super- owing to the comparative shallowness "The alternative would be to dump The Hindenburg will be beached and

them out at sea. This would involve broken up into scrap. loading them into forries, transporting them through populated districts, loading on to barges and towing the barges "That would involve much greater handling and much greater danger

than the present system. "The general precaution taken is that the cartridges are broken down by a wet process; that is, certain of the operations take place under

tion in November

There is growing anxiety concerning passengers, which are at sea without The stoppage began on Nov. 26, the men objecting to a wage reduction of

Negotiations for a settlement were in 1914 by two boys of the school, ued at the Ministry of Labor. Araldo Cortesi and P. C. Groves, in a but after a long conference J. C. A. Ward, chairman of the Engineering Employers' London and District Association, stated that the employers possis had been definitely rejected Mr. Robertson, chairman of the Operators' Association, said the failure to agree was confined to two pointsthe wages at which the men should esume duty and the question of renstatement. The employers' he said reduced rates of pay, and be reinstated only as the employers are able to of-"They have conceded nothing," Mr Robertson added. "We are willing to go to arbitration, but the employers

the reduction." RAPID ART AT 74 Dame Henrietta Barnett Paints

will not do so unless we first accept

Pictures in Six Weeks Dame Henrietta Barnett, whose many years of toll as a social worker in Stephen on attaining the age of 29 54 sketches, some of which were re- was fresh.

> "Really there is nothing wonderful ignorant to play any such trick," Six about it," declared Dame Henrietta. Arthur continued "In 1880 we went with Herbert Spen- "I doubt very much if Professor cer for a tour on the Nile and I then Sollas has ever seen the bone himself tried my hand at water colors, which If it is a forgery, the boys who did at the Academy

"Since then I have worked in tem-The Hampstead Garden Suburb In- forgery.

titute claim Dame Henrietta Barnett eaders that she would achieve greater hings if she neglected some of her work and devoted more time to art.

tal, and \$1,000 to the Lincoln General Mrs. Jane M. Churton, of Chester An inspector of the L.C.C. Dispensary.

Lodge, Bournemouth, whose estate is hall held about 250 people. Robert Wallace, the chairman, interposed: "Is there anything that different lates this case from the ordinary except the woman's position?"

Herbert Hanson, of Kimberley, Dispensary.

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To his housekeeper, Jessie Crosby, which he had attached to also only one small exit and no section of the case of fire also ondary lighting. In the case of fire also ondary lighting.

Million Cartridges Battle-Cruiser Hindenburg to Be Raised by New Method

### PUMPING OUT WATER

Only Alternative to Present Believe Vessel Will Then Rise to Surface Automatically

Scapa Flow will be the scene this still remain to be broken down in the cruiser Hindenburg-sunk in the scuttling of the German fleet six years

Twenty-one of the smaller vessels

ment factory, also if he was aware that Mr. Cox, of Messrs. Cox and Danks. the whole of these cartridges were con- Ltd., the contractors, "with practicaldemned as unsafe to move, store or ly only her super-structure showing.

opening of which she was sunk, at FORTY PUMPS. "Steel patches or concrete will be placed over the holes, and when this is completed she will be pumped out from the top. There will be 40 pumps Following the disaster the Surplus operating, and we expect that, going

"We calculate that the whole operalast six months have handled about into position round the Hindenburg on March 1, and will serve as working The task, therefore, is not likely to platforms for the divers and men en-"Twelve divers will be constantly at

view of the statement that the is lying in sand and shingle, covered "Part of their task will be to the under the wreck in order to facilitate Lying at the Slades Green factory the patching of the seacocks, which

use shovels, and have compressed air scrapers for cleaning the ship's bot-The secretary of the Surplus Stores | If this operation is successful the of the water, the others are tilted over.

One Declares it Schoolboy Hoax, the Other a Stone

Age Relic on a bone, found by two schoolboys at Sherbrooke, Dorset, has drawn two distinguished scientists into direct con-

They are Sir Arthur Smith Woodward who declares the head was drawn many thousands of years ago by an artist of the Stone Age; and I went on to a great building soon the British vessels, many carrying Professor W. J. Sollas, who says that it was drawn by a 20th schoolboy. Both men are past presidents of the Geological Society. The bone -- now in the museum at Sherborne School, labelled "a rare example of paleolithic art"-was found

> heap of quarry debris. A PRACTICAL JOKE. Professor Sollas states in a letter to Nature, that the drawing "was perpetrated as a practical joke, such as volved in the affair there is nothing to show; one or other of them may have been innocent of it. But that not quite so ignorant as Mr. Cortesi the fact that they were familiar with

' Early Man in Britain' and the illustration of the Creswell Crag horse given there by Sir W. Boyd Dawkins. The Professor adds that the drawing on the bone shows remarkable features of resemblance with this illustration of the Creswell Crag horse. He is supported in his theory by C. J. Bayzand, of Oxford, who was engaged at the school at the time of the discovery in arranging the museum collections. THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.

Sir Arthur Smith Woodward, dis-Whitechapel precluded her from paint- cussing the find said that the bone, ing in earlier years, has become an which is semi-fossilized, "must have been graven with a flint by the people At the age of 74 she has just re- of the Stone Age. The bone is thouturned from the Italian Riviera after sands of years old, and, in my opinion, six weeks' holiday, with a portfollo of the drawing was made when the bone

came out badly. I did not touch a have deceived the world's leading au brush again until four years ago, when thorities. The horse drawn has the I experimented with oils, and, as you bristling mane of the horse that is know, had a picture hung on the line known to have lived in Europe in very

pera and pastels. It is all explained drawing was copied from a picture in by the fact that I have the time and Sir William Boyd Dawkins' book. He impulse to copy beautiful things, es-pecially color. I find I can work at a resemble one another. I cannot help great rate, and I did 54 pictures dur-ing the six weeks I was in the Italian first declared that the bone illustrated n Sir William's book was

> VICAR FINED 64. Rev. F. G. Pinch, was fined 14 at Willesden for allowing four performances of "folanthe" in his church hall