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## THE FLORIDA DEATH TOLL WILL BE LESS THAN EXPECTED

### Two of Airplane Crew Are Burned to Death; Capt. Fonck Escapes

#### Tragedy Ends the Non-Stop Flight to Paris as the Trans-Atlantic Airplane Starts off at Westbury, N.Y.—Charles Clavier and Jacob Islamoff Victims.

Westbury, N.Y., Sept. 21.—Two men lost their lives this morning when the trans-Atlantic aeroplane of Capt. Rene Fonck crashed in flames in an attempt to take off on a 3,600-mile non-stop flight to Paris. They were Charles Clavier, French radio operator, and Jacob Islamoff, Russian mechanic. They were trapped in the closed cabin of the huge three-motored biplane.

Capt. Fonck, French ace in command of the flight, and Lieut. L. W. Curtin, United States navy, alternate pilot, escaped to safety before the plane burst into flames. Capt. Fonck was slightly scratched about the face. After the flames died out, the bodies were left in it pending the arrival of a coroner.

The plane, which was valued at \$100,000 without motors, was a total loss. An attempt was made to take off last Thursday, but had to be postponed on account of gasoline leakage discovered at the last minute. Afterwards the Parisian friends of Capt. Fonck urged him to attempt a flight for the honor of France, even at the risk of death.

The crash was caused by the bucking of a wheel on the extra landing gear that was to have been dropped into the ocean as soon as the plane got under way. The plane burst into flames an instant after the two pilots leaped from it. It had been travelling at a speed of sixty-five miles an hour, but had not left the ground.

Nearly 1,000 spectators crowded around the plane and several women fainted and one man went into hysterics. The fire raged for more than an hour after consuming 2,300 gallons of gasoline in the tanks, and it was impossible to rescue the bodies.

Officials of the Sikorsky Aerial Engineering Corporation, builders of the plane, exonerated all participants from blame, and indicated that another attempt would be made at a non-stop flight.

### Train Derailed Near Tamworth

The C. N. R. passenger train which was due to arrive here at 10.30 Tuesday morning, was derailed north of Tamworth. The train was crowded with children going to the School Fair at Camden East. But when the Whig got into communication with Tamworth it was found that there were no casualties.

A freight train had torn up several of the tracks during the night and was derailed, and when the passenger train came this morning it went off the track too. Only one coach was derailed and it did not upset. A wrecking crew was sent to the scene of the accident.

26 Injured in Wreck. Grafton, W. Va., Sept. 21.—Twenty-six persons were injured, none seriously, when the Baltimore and Ohio passenger train was wrecked near Orlando, W. Va., today. Sagging rails on the culvert, affected by heavy rains, caused the wreck.

Valuable mine of ammonia salts was said to have been discovered in the Gettysburg district of the Gettysburg River.

Will of the late Duke of Orleans, who died in London, deprived his wife of any rights whatsoever.

### Little Thelma Wainwright Dies of Injuries Received in an Accident

The accident which occurred at the corner of Union and Arch streets Monday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock, when three-year-old Thelma Florence Wainwright was struck down by a street car, ended in the death of the child at five o'clock. The parents are grief-stricken. Little Thelma was the only child, and known by all around as such a sweet little girl. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wainwright, 21 Union street west, are the parents and they are at present staying at the home of Mrs. Wainwright's father, Mr. H. Smithies, 169 Union street.

Few saw the accident, but Mrs. V. Morrison who lives at 25 Union street, directly opposite the scene of the accident, was on her door-step at the time, and she said that it did not occur to her that the child was in such great danger when she was playing on the road. The little girl apparently did not see the car coming and could not hear it because of the fact that there was road construction work being done on Arch

### 400 Dead; 5,000 Injured

Miami, Fla., Sept. 21.—Four hundred dead and five thousand injured was the estimate placed to-day as the result of Saturday's hurricane which laid waste a 60 mile stretch of Florida's east coast. Fifty persons are missing. As out of the way places became accessible, more injured refugees were found and more bodies located. The monetary damage also was increased. Actual damage to homes and business buildings were estimated at nearly \$40,000,000 but many held that the value of millions of priceless palms and pines which were uprooted or cut to the ground would double the damage estimate.

### Their Excellencies Pay Last Visit to Toronto

Toronto, Sept. 21.—Baron Byng, of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada, and Lady Byng, were officially welcomed to the city of Toronto today on the occasion of their farewell visit here. His Excellency was presented with an address by Mayor Thomas Foster, the function taking place at the city hall at noon. Hundreds of Torontonians paid their respects to Their Excellencies.

### RUSH RELIEF INTO FLORIDA

#### Numerous Trains Headed Into Stricken Area — Tetsun Anti-Toxin Has Been Sent.

Miami, Fla., Sept. 21.—A number of footers are reported to have been shot at Hialeah, a suburb of Miami. The two cities were without water for forty-eight hours, and yesterday and to-day thousands stood in line for medicines, bread, water and fuel, doled out in small portions from the first stores of the relief supplies to arrive from northward. Numerous relief trains and parties have moved and are headed into the stricken area, carrying physicians, nurses and medical and provision supplies. Speeding from the north was the relief train from Chicago, breaking all records and following no schedule, having as passengers experts in healing and salvation work.

### A Coup D'Etat Is Feared in Barcelona

London, Sept. 21.—The correspondent of the Daily Express at Cerberre, France, says he learns from Barcelona, Spain, that all posts of civil guards in Barcelona and suburbs have been doubled and that the provincial army garrisons have been placed under supervision of civil guards. He adds that the provincial governor is strongly guarded and that a coup d'etat is feared.

Goes to Cornwall School. Georgetown, Sept. 21.—J. Norman Bird, M.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bird of Georgetown, has joined the staff of the Cornwall Collegiate Institute and will be head of the Department of Science and Agriculture.

Engagement is announced of Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium and Princess Astrid of Sweden.

### Feared the Hurricane May Have Hit the Bahamas

Boston, Sept. 21.—The Tropical Radio Company has been out of touch with the Bahamas ever since Friday, it was said to-day. It is feared that the same storm which wrecked Florida cities might have caused damage in Bahamas.

### Two of These Aerial Experts Burned to Death

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### WATERS CAST UP THE DEAD ALONG COAST

#### Death Toll at Miami, Florida, Is Yet Uncertain.

### RESCUERS ARE BUSY

#### Hurricane Hit Pensacola and Mobile Monday Night and Was Then Gradually Diminishing.

Birmingham, Sept. 21.—Word received here to-day said there had been heavy property damage at Pensacola with probable loss of life. This was the first word received from this city since communication was cut off there this morning.

### HEAVY DAMAGE DONE AT PENSACOLA, FLA.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 21.—Sweeping with diminishing force along the Gulf coast from Pensacola, Florida, where it struck Sunday night, the tropical hurricane was subsiding with checked violence last night as it spread over interior Alabama and portions of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Although it vented the fury of a 100-mile gale against Western Florida and portions of Alabama, the toll of the storm through the Gulf region was considerably lighter than when it swept with fresh vigor across Florida from the ocean.

### Mobile Escaped Lightly

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 21.—Meagre reports from Mobile early today indicated that the West Indian hurricane which swept the region yesterday had taken little or no toll of life. Anxiety was felt, however, for a group of fishing towns along the coast and resort towns in the Baldwin county across Mobile Bay. Estimates of property damage are varying and uncertain until the storm passes and makes a survey of the territory possible.

### Rescuers at Work

Miami, Fla., Sept. 21.—While the first relief contingent were arriving here today rescue workers continued their efforts at identification and burial of the dead, relief of the injured and greater task of supplying food, clothing and shelter to thousands made homeless by the hurricane which Saturday lashed the coastal area from West Palm Beach to Miami.

The known dead early today stood at 369. This steadily increased as additional bodies, cast up by the waters of Biscayne Bay and found in tangled wreckage, torn buildings, were brought to temporary morgues and rescue workers believe the death list will reach more than 700. The list of known injured was placed at 1,532, while it is estimated that a complete check will reveal the injured list to more than 4,000.

Varying reports from the entire storm area place the damage at between \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

### Fears For Pensacola

While Miami and surrounding areas strove for complete check of its dead and injured, grave fears were felt for Pensacola on the north western coast of Florida and directly in the path of the gale. Late reports

### Lord and Lady Byng Were Greeted at Yarker By the School Children Monday Afternoon

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Lady Byng of passed through the village of Yarker at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, on their way to pay a farewell visit to Toronto.

### MAY BE UNABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

#### Owing to Forming Cabinet and Arranging for Bye-Elections.

London, Sept. 21.—According to the Ottawa correspondent of the Daily Express Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in an interview declared: "I doubt whether Canada, in the unprecedented predicament in which the Government-elect finds itself, can be represented at the Imperial Conference in London."

### CANADIAN RAILWAY TRAVEL VERY SAFE

#### For Each Billion Miles Traveled 1.7 Passengers Killed in 1925.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—For each billion miles travelled by passengers on Canadian railways in 1925, 1.7 passengers were killed, and 128.5 passengers were injured. This statement, illustrative of the safety of travel on Canadian railways, is contained in the summary report on steam railways just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the same year, according to this official report, five passengers were killed in train accidents and 374 were injured, out of a total of 41,458,084 passengers carried a distance of 3,910,760,947 miles, or one passenger killed out of each 8 1/2 million carried, and one passenger injured out of each 111,000 carried.

### AGAIN HEADS K. OF C.

Dr. Broderick Reappointed to New Brunswick Post. St. John, N.B., Sept. 21.—Dr. William P. Broderick, who has been master of the fourth degree, Knights of Columbus, in New Brunswick for two terms, has received notification from John H. Reddin, of Denver, Col., supreme master for the fourth degree, that he has been appointed master in New Brunswick for a third term.

### Royal Engagement

Brussels, Sept. 21.—The engagement of Crown Prince Leopold, 24-year-old Belgian heir apparent, to Princess Astrid, of Sweden, aged 20, was announced yesterday.

### MEIGHEN MAY OPEN A SEAT FOR HIMSELF

#### Before Quitting Office As He Did Five Years Ago.

### MAY BE THURSDAY

#### Before the Cabinet Resigns as the Governor-General Is Now in Toronto.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—Owing to the non-arrival of British Columbia members of the Meighen Cabinet, which made a full meeting of the Cabinet Council impossible, and, consequently, prevented the clearing up of the work of the retiring Government, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen did not place the resignation of his ministry in the hands of the Governor-General yesterday, as had been expected. As His Excellency left for Toronto in the afternoon, and will not return to Ottawa until Wednesday night or Thursday, the resignation of the defeated Government will not take place until then. In a brief statement issued subsequent to a meeting of the Council yesterday, Mr. Meighen left the date of resignation open, merely saying that "the resignation of the Government would be sent in this week."

### SUTHERLAND'S CHARGE

Claims Knights of Columbus and K. K. K. Defeated Him. Woodstock, Sept. 21.—Asserting that the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of Columbus had combined to defeat him in last week's election, Hon. Donald Sutherland, the defeated Conservative candidate in South Oxford yesterday issued a statement in which he strongly condemned the alleged tactics of the Liberals in the riding. He charges that, on the eve of the election, a fleet of cars from London had gone over the riding and placed election cards of a misleading and malicious nature in the mail boxes, and these had been ordered by a prominent Ku Klux Klan official in London, and distributed from London Liberal headquarters. He also charges that whippers had been spread around that he was a prominent official in the Klan himself, and concludes his statement by saying: "It may have been a wonderful achievement to marshal the forces of the Knights of Columbus and Ku Klux Klan behind the Grit candidate, but the word 'clean' is hardly applicable to the process."

### FIRST SEAPLANE TO FLY ACROSS CANADA

#### Squadron Leader A. Earl Godfrey Reaches Vancouver From Montreal.

Vancouver, Sept. 21.—Completing the first seaplane flight ever made across Canada, Squadron Leader A. Earl Godfrey, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Headquarters Staff, Ottawa, arrived at Jericho Beach here at 4.20 p.m. Sunday.

### PREMIER FERGUSON TO GIVE AMPLE NOTICE

Toronto, Sept. 21.—"If there is to be a general election I will give the public ample notice beforehand," Premier Ferguson stated yesterday when asked if a general election announcement could be anticipated this week.

### Snowing Again in Alberta

Edmonton, Sept. 21.—It snowed yesterday over most of the Peace River country with indications that the storm is working southward.



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