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# FRENCH DIRIGIBLE LOST AT SEA

## Body of Commander Found in No Important Changes Four Perish When Sicilian Waters

#### FIFTY OFFICERS AND MEN WERE ABOARD

(Py Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 28.-An official announcement today said that the dirigible Dirmude had been lost at

Sicilian waters. The Dixmude had about fifty officer sand men abroad and had not been heard from since December 21st.

Dixmude was not seen over Tunisia on December 23 or 24, and that she at no time had asked for help. It is established that the last communication received from the airship was on December 21 at 3 A. M., when she acknowledge dreceipt of a telegram from Sidi Abdulah, Sahara. The intensity of the message at that time justified the inference that she then was not more than 200 miles from

It is calculated that the Dixmude's store of gasoline might have been exhausted by Sunday, December 23. Consequently, the only thing left to do is to explore the regions where the airship might have come down, either voluntarily or by force of cir-

All reports that the dirigible had having proved erroneous, the ministry considers there is nothing to on Sunday and Monday in the zone suit he had won. ian allies, yielde dno result.

concentrated in southern Algeria. Cavalry patrols were dispatched Sun day to explore the territory, and as soon as the weather permitted airplanes from Algerian and Tunisian bases began a methodical exploration posible the diribile might be.

### EIFFEL TOWER BUILDER

(By Associated Press) famous Eigel tower, died today. He was 91 years old.

#### EX-KAISER'S COLLEC-TION OF STAMPS **BRINGS HIGH PRICES**

(By Associated Press,) Berlin, Dec. 28 .- Fabulous prices have been realized from some of the rare stamps in the collection which formerly belonged to Emperor William II., which is being sold in Paris. A stamp of the Grand Duchy of Baden, only three specimens of which arein existence, brought 120,000 middle of the last century brought almost as much. Already more than 12,000,000 francs have been realized from the sale.

This famous collection of stamps was given to the ex-kaiser in the will of a son of the late Duchess of Galliera who had taken Austrian citizenship unde rthe name of Count de la Renotiere. William II had institued the sale of this stamp collection in FFrance before the war began and seized by the entente powers.

## W. A. GRAHAM, JR., GIVEN PLACE HELD BY

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, Dec. 28.-Governor Cam-

eron Morrison announced the appointment by him of W. A. Graham, Jr., of sea and the body of Lieutenant Grena- Lincoln County, and State senator more men playing this year than ever dan, commander, has been found in from the twenty-fifth district in the before, the report says. past general assembly, to the position of the commissioner of the North FIVE MEN ATTACK Carolina department of agriculture, The minister of marine received succeeding his father, Major W. A. messages yesterday from the port ad- Graham, who died here Monday after miral at Bizerta declaring that the filling the position for fifteen successive years.

The appointment is for the remainder of his father's term only, the oce being subject to the general elections of the State.

Mr. Graham is a prominent farmer and breeder of fine cattle and operates extensive farming lands in Lincoln County. During the session of 1899 he was clerk of the joint finance committee of the senate and house and also clerk of the senate finance committee.

#### BERKLEY HODGES WINS **NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES**

Berkley Hodges, Gazette carrier boy, who won the suit of clothes offered by the Gazette for the boy been observed over Tunisia recently who made the best showing in delivering papers and in getting the most new subscribers, went home very justify the belief that she was carried happy Christmas when he left Heinto sea. An exhaustive search made ers' department store with the new

comprised between the eastern coast Berkley delivers papers on Matriof Tunis and the line of Halta-Tripoli, mony and Oakland Heights, turning with help from the British and Ital- i nmore new subscriber sthan any of the other carriers. Nor did his work The opinion therefore prevails that stop there, he had cards on all the search for the dirigible should be houses where hedelivers papers, and search for the dirigible should be he had his collections well up to date. During the two weeks in which this contest wa son, not a single kick reached the office from his route.

The Gazette offered certain prizes for the purpose of inducing all it. ofthe region where it was thought carriers to improve delivery srvic. It was very gratifying to see how some ofthe little fellows responded. One of the conditions was quick service DIES, AGED NINETY-ONE It had been noticed that some of the boys had gotte ninto the habit of playing along their route and then Paris, Dec. 28.-Alexandre Gustave probably overlook delivering the Eiffel, the engineer who built the paper in some instances when dark. ness came upon them.

Besides the suit of clothes offered, here were some smal cash prizes. These have not been awarded as yet, because the conditions have not all been complied with. Reports thus far do not show that they have been fully earned. They will, however, be given another chance.

#### MELLON'S REVENUE BILL IS MADE PUBLIC

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—Reversing its previous policy, the house ways and means committee, made public francs and a Spanish stamp from the the new revenue bill in the form it wassent to the capitol by Mellon. The text contains few changes from the outline of the bill, as publicly annunced at the treasury. It follows Mellons proposals for revision of the administrative provisions to prevent tax dodging, includes provisions for a board of twenty-eight appraisers to act as a court ofappeals.

Thornton Hill, who is attending University of Richmond, at Richthe remainder of the collection was mond, Va., arrivel in town this morn- Parrell on Boone Road. ling to spend a few days with friends.

## Hamlet Jeweler Elopes With Wife of Carolina Minister

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28 .- Accord-, only to have become acquainted while ing to The Observer, Eugene Dent dining together there. Langston, 43, for years a jeweler at Hamlet, N. C., was arrested here Wednesday by Thomas Guilfoyle, de-

knowledging the charge and making Hamlet before leaving, giving his it unnecessary to take Mrs. Harrill wife the equivalent to \$28,000 of into custody as a witness, the custo- \$30,000, and taking only about \$700

Landdston was found at the H. J.

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Traced by Phonograph Langston was traced here by phonograph which he had sent on partment of justice agent, charged from, Hamlet, first to New York, with a violation of the Mann act in then to Canastota and then to Syraeloping with Mrs. Gertrude Harrill, cuse. He told the Syracuse police he wife of Rev. Benjamin Harrill, said had been married fifteen yars and has to be in a sanatorium at Timberland, a wief and three children. He is said to have disposed of his interest in Langston made a statement, ac- Langston Brothers jewelry store at with him.

Langston said he was introduced Howe jewelry store, the largest here, to Mrs. Harrill in the Hamlet hospital where he was enployed. Mrs. Harrill by a physician, and met her again in ha sa position a satenographer in the Charlottes five or six months ago. Packard automobile agency. They Their intimate friendship began there. have been roming in West Genesee Mr. Harrill told Langston her hus-Street, a fashionable residence see hand, formerly pastor of a Baptist tion, having seprate apartments and the sch near Rutherfordton, N. C., have known as Mr. Langston and Tas in the aspatorium, and that she

## in Football Rules

(By Associated Press) Atlanta, Dec. 28.-N fundamental HIS FATHER changes in football rules seems required, according to the report of tion of unnecessary hazards, has been practically accomplished, the game now is much safer ,injuries fewer and

(By Associated Press) New York, Dec. 28.-Mrs. Essie Simmons, bejewelled young woman, in evening dress, fought and routed five arme dbandits in the lobby of a West Side apartment. Her husband left her in order to drive their car to a garage. The five men entered, covered the elevator switchbroad operators and attacked Mrs. Simmons.

MAN AND WIFE SENT TO STATE PRISON

(By Associated Press) New York, Dec. 28.-Ernest and Marie Vetter who were convicted of first degree manslaughter of Alonzo J. Story, were sentenced from eight to fifteen year sin prison.

Miss Elizabeth Patterson returned to her home in Greensboro today.

Miss Lucy Blackwell, of Spartanburg, S. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, on Patrick Street.

Mrs. Peter Long is the guest of her brother, W. B. Weaver.

Dewey Morris, of Greensboro, was n town yesterday.

Miss Mary Sue Farrell left yesterday for Thomasville to visit friends for a few days.

E. V. Hobbs returned Wednesday night from a visit with his mother in South Carolina.

Miss Sallie Bell Anderson, of Winston-Salem, spent Christmas with Mrs. M. G. Wilson, on Bridge Street;

J. T. Newman and children, of Roanoke, Va., are visiting in town during the holidays.

John Wilson, of South Boston, Va., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wilson.

Mrs. Griffith and Francis Griffith, of Salsbury, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McCall, on Boone Road.

The stenographers have all returned from their homes where they spent

Mrs. E. D. McCall entertained & number of her friends yesterday afernoon at her home on Boone Road.

Joseph Turner, of Hollins College, Coanoke, Va., was the guest of Mr. nd Mrs. E. D. McCall last night.

The History Club met with Mrs. arl Bishopric yesterday afternoon her lovely home on the Heights. he regular program of the club was arried out at the meeting.

Ralph Farrell has returned Gastonia after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G.

Miss Ruth Setliff entertained quite number of young people last evening at her home on Railroad Street, in honor of her friend, Miss Lucy

Miss Jean Jamieson, who has been the guest of Miss Francis Reid at the Carolina Home, left this morning for Washington, D. C.

The Rotary Club gave a banquet last night at the Colonade Hotel. Joseph Turner, business manager of Hollins College, Roanoke, was the speaker of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Martin and children, of Lexington, have been visting in town this week. Mr. Martin returned home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Trogdon and litle daughter, Cora Ann, spent a few days during the holidays with Mr. the meeting of the Diet, January 20. Mrs. W. B. Trogdon, in Greensboro.

The Loyal Sons and Daughters of the First Christian Church, Spray, were entertained last night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Greey, ond Bryant Street,

## Auto Leaves Bridge

(By Associated Press).

Wayland, Mass., Dec. 28. - Four perished when an automobile crashed rules committee convention of the into a wooden railing and plunged national collegiate atheletic asocia- into twenty feet of water in the Sudbury River. The bodies of Arthur Beaudreau, driver, Frank Moddie, 6-year-old son of Bertha Moodie; B. E. Audreaus, housekeeper, were recovered. The housekeeper and Beaudreaus, 16-year-old daughter are unrecovered.

#### WOMAN IN EVENING DRESS NEWSPAPERS THRIVE UPON POLITICS IN CUBAN CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.) Havana, Dec. 28.-Havana with population of more than 364,000 boasts 22 daily newspapers, probably more than any other city of its size in the world. MMost of them circulate chiefly in Havana and its suburbs for every city of any size in Cuba has one or more dailies of its own.

Three of the Havana dailies are published in English and the other 19 in Spanish. Also there are a score or more of weekly and monthly publicationes of various kinds, including two in Chinese language.

El Diario de la Marina, founded in 1832, is the oldest of the Havana dailies and El Heraldo, established last month is the yonugest.

With presidential elections coming on next year, several more dailies will blossom forth if the president is

DR HOWARD WINS LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 28.-Dr. L. O. Howard, chief bureau entomology de- treasury. In pre-war days this was partment of agriculture, has been more than \$6. Today it is one fortyawarded a cros sof the chevlier legion billionth partof a GeGrman pfenning.

in Thomasville yesterday.

## **Tuberculosis Infection** Change Sex of Dove

(By Associated Press)

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.-An extraordinary story of the egg laying of a female dove, that was completely changed into a male male through tuberculosis infection, was told the American association of zoologists by Dr. Oscar Riddle of the research staff of the Carnegie station for experimental evolution at Long Island. Dr. Riddel declared that several years of investigation, proved the sex can be changed in the earliest egg stage of a pigeon, but the reversal of the sex of a full grown bird or animal exceedingly rare.

MEXICAN SENATE APPROVES

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, Dec. 27.-The Mexican senate ratified the special United States Mexican claims convention by eral claims convention was approved as a whole, 38 to 1.

#### MRS. VAUDERBILT BETTER

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 28.-The condition of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt who is all at home here with bronchia! pneumonia, was somewhat improved. physicians said today.

#### **GERMAN HEROES** JOKE AT PAY

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 28 .- Holders of German medals of valor are entitled to draw 25 marks in legal money monthly form a grateful country's of honor by the French government But some of the medal-wearers with in recognition of services in the world a grim sense of humor still apply for the payment.

One hero remarked: "It takes some Miss Ruth Boyles, who has been courage for officials to look into the the guest of Miss Mary Sue Farrell faceof a man who risked his life for for a few days, returned to her home his fetherland and pay him one forty-

## STATE'S INDEBTEDNESS **JUMPS TO \$12.59 PER** CAPITA IN 1922 William A. Graham, of Lincoln

### State Government of North Carolina for 1922

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.-The Department of Commerce announces that the costs of government for the by State officials, represented 13.7 State aof North Carolina for the per cent of the total revenue for fiscal year ended June 30, 1922, 1922, 20.4 per cent for 1918, and amounted to \$25,364,112, which was a 24.1 per cent for 1915. per capita cost of \$9.58. In 1918 the per capita cost was \$2.19, and in 1915, constituted 33.9 per cent of the total \$2.12, the totals for these years being revenue for 1922, 19.4 per cent for

for schools.

### Revenues

The total revenue receipts for 1922 The net indebtedness (funded and ceed the per capita revenue receipts highways. by \$0.74.

cent for 1915. The increase in the purposes.

Financial Statistics of the amount of property an despecial taxes collected was 22 per cent from 1915 to 1918, and 84.7 per cent from 1918 to 1922. The per capita property and special taxes were \$2.07 in 1922, \$1.20 in 1918, and \$1.03 in 1915.

Earnings of general departments, o rcompensation for service rendered

BBusiness and nonbusiness licenses \$5,407,381 and \$5,003,902, respective- 1918, and 14.7 per cent for 1915. Rely. The per capita costs for 1922 cepts from business licenses consist consisted of expenses of general de- chiefly of tares exacted from insurpartments, \$5.43; payments for inter-est, \$0.28; and for outlays, \$3.87. Of panies, while those from nonbusiness these the largest were nearly \$6,- licenses comprise taxes on motor 000,000 for highways and \$2,500,000 vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

Indebtedness

were \$13,164,249, or \$4.97 per capita. floated debt less sinking fund assets) For the fiscal year the per capita ex- of North Carolina was \$12 59 per cess of governmental costs over re- capital for 1922, \$3.85 for 1918, and ceipts was ,therefore, \$4.61. Per \$3.77 for 1915. During the current capita expenses for general depart- year over \$19,000,000 bonds were ments and payments for interest ex- issued of which \$10,500,000 were for Assessed Valuations and Tax Levies

In North Carolina property and Taxes shown as collected for the special taxes represented 41.6 per current year were from the 1920 cent of the total revenue for 1922, levy. Since that year there has been 50.2 per cent for 1918, and 51.7 per no general property tax for State

## JAPANESE CABINET **MAY SOON RETIRE**

(By Associated Press) Tokio, Dec. 28.-While the announcement of the resignation of the cabinet appears, in view of developments over the attempted assassination of Hirohito, it was latter requested the members of the cabinet

KING MEMORIAL BAPTIST

continue in office for the present,

while they expected to retire before

Sunday school, 9:45. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. H Haynes, at 11 A. M.; subject, "The Neglected Book and its Present Day Messages. Islant M., subject, "For-

NINE PERSONS KILLED

(By A sociated Press) New York, Dec. 28 .- The toll of eaths from holidays bootleg liquor as increased to nine today, when three men an done woman fell victims to alcoholic poisoning.

James Crowe, James Marahan and Edward Churchill died in Bellevue Hospital. Mrs. Mary Brennan, after taking three drinks of whiskey at & family celebration Wednesday night, was found dead in bed.

lend also were caring for poison by frequent automobile rides into the woman, was electrocuted today,

## Theatre and Office Building Burns

#### **RESUMPTION OF GERMAN IN SCHOOLS** TO BE CONSIDERED

(By Associated Press.)

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 28 .-Modern language in all its phases will come before the quadrennial meetings here of the modern language association of America, commencing today.

Teachers of English, French Spanish, Italian, German, Portuguese, Slavonic and Scandinavian languages will discus sthe problems met in de-UNITED STATES CLAIMS voloping modern languages and will propose materials that might be used to aid better understanding. About 800 membersare expected.

At the general meeting, President Marion Leroy Burton of the Univera vote of forty-two to five. The gen- sity of Michigan, Prof. Albert Feuillerat of the University of Rennes, now exchange professor at Yale, Prof. Arthur O. Lovejoy of John Hopkins, Prof. O. F. Emerson of Western Reserve, president of the association, and Prof. Charles H. Grandprincipal addresses.

Members of the Germanic section will hear reports by J. Preston Hophaving spent a comfortable night, kins of Princeton and H. B. Almsteadt of Misosuri, upon the resumption of the study of German in secondary

## **MAJOR GRAHAM** UBRIED ON HIS

Lincolnton, Dc. 28 .- Funeral ser vices for the late Major William A. reared on art, in the old Demotte Graham, for many years commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina, were conducted from historic old MacPelah Church, in Lincoln County, Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, the funeral being held on the 84th birthday of the dceased. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in this county. Hundreds of friends from all over the State being in jat

Present also were the following children of Major Graham:

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Huff, of New York: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Parker, of Black Mountain; Misses Carrie and Evelyn Graham, of Raleigh; County; Joseph Graham, of Akron, Margaret and Elizabeth Parker, of ness. Black Mountain.

Among other notable persons at the funeral were Judge A. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, brother of the deceased, and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Aexander, of Philadelphia.

#### Services at Raleigh (By Associated Press)

Raleigh, Dec. 28 .- After lying in state in the new agricultural building, the erection of which had been the dream of his later years, the funeral service of Major W. A. Granam, for fifteen years commissioner of agricuture of North Carolina, was held at the First Baptist Church Christmas afternon at 2:30 o'clock and the body was taken to his old homein Lincoln County for interment

Tuesday afternoon. Hundreds of friends of Major Graham ,many of them from out of the city, attended the funeral, members of the State department of griculture attending in a body.

A beautiful pall of flowers, sent by members ofthe department of agriculture covere dthe casket on which were two conferente flags crossed. There was a wreath of beautiful flowers sent in loving tribute to the memory of the late com missioner by many friends.

His church and the agricultural interests of North Carolina were the two interests of Major Graham's life to which he had devoted himself, and street railway extension and improve-Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, who conducted the service, made a talk on these two devotions of Major Graham's life.

Miss Grace Hobbs entertained a

## (By Associated Press) Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28 .- The sixstory Oakland building and regent theatre, one of the leading office and

theatre buildings was practically

wiped out by fire early today. The

origin is undetermined. One fireman

was badly injured by flying embera

which set lre to a building two or

three blocks away, but was quickly

extinguished. The loss is estimated

at \$300,000. YOUTH OF SEVENTEEN . TAKES THE HELM OF \$2,000,00p BUSINESS (By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 28.-His boy chums call him just jlain "Luke" but wealthy art connoisseurs, bankers of several nations and business associates address him more respectfully, for to them he is Lucien J. Demotte, 17-year-old president of the house of Demotte, a 2,000,000 art concern located in this city.

Young Demotte is a dark-haired, soft-spoken, aesthetic-looking son of gent of Harvard, will make the France, with more the air of a student than a successful man of acairs. Fate cut short his boyhood and shouldered him with a man's responsibilities.

Last summer when life to this boy meant nothing more than pleasant days with a tutor in his ancestral home near Paris, his father George Joseph Demotte, founder of the New York house of art, was accidentally shot and killed in a boar hunt in 84TH BIRTHDAY France. As is the French custom, the youth had been trained to-tread his father's footsteps. He had been mans n on the banks of the Seine, i nthe midst of ancient furniture and statuary his ancestors had accumulated from the mediaeval castles of

> "My father always talked to me of art," says Lucien. "Then, too, I had access to his library on Gothic art. We often went on tours of France together piciting pld churches and hun-ing through remote places for scul tures, wood carvings and other antiques with which to build up our col-

lection." The death of the elder Demottee ended the carefree existence of his son. A month ago Lucien came to America. He was elected president of his father's reporation Ohio, anl two grandchildren, Misses full authority to manager the busi-

> "It is my plan to conduct our affairs just as my father did," he said. "I shall return to France each year and bring to America those beautiful works of Gothic art which your collectors have always so greatly ad-

#### WHERE GERMAN LIVING IS COSTLY

(By Associated Press.) Mannheim, Dec. 28 .- According to figures compiled by the publication Wirtschaft and Statistik," Mannheim and Aachen are now the most

expensive German cities in which to

live. Ludwigshafen, Worms and

Karlsruhe stand in second place and

Berlin, Bremen and Hamburg hold

#### third rank. AMERICAN ENGINEERS SURVEYING FOR BAL-

KANS IMPROVEMENTS (By Associated Press) Sofia, Dec. 28-Representatives of an American contracting corporation are in the Balkans surveying the possibilities for public improvement enterprises in Bulgaria, Jugoslavia and Rumania. They have been making a study of the financial condition of the Bulgarian capital in conjunction with a survey of its needs in water works,

ment and sewer extensions. Before going to Belgrade and the Jugoslavian seaports on the Adriatic, they will make a survey of the facilities of the ports of Varna and Burgas, BY POISON LIQUOR few of her little friends yesterday the Bulgarian harbors on the Black

## Woodrow Wilson Spends Quiet Birthday at Home

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Woodrov Wilson is 67 today, but no celebrations or demonstrations will break the quiet routine of his home. He spent Manhattan hospitals reported 123 the day much in the same manner alcoholis cases. Other institutions in as the recent month. Mr. Wilson Brooklyn, the Broax and Staten Is- continues his program of rest, varied

NEGRO CONFESSED GUILT: IS ELECTROCUTED

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28 .- After co fesing to the warden, Lee Washi ton, 20-year-old negro convicted