

DIRIGIBLE DIXMUE KNOWN TO BE LOST SAY LATE REPORTS

Body of Commander of Craft Found by Fishermen Who Live Near Sciacia, Sicily—No Other Bodies Found.

FRENCH BOATS ARE SEARCHING WATERS Finding of Body of Commander Caused French Officials to Give Up Hopes That Craft Was Safe.

Paris, Dec. 28 (By the Associated Press).—An official announcement today said the dirigible Dixmude had been lost at sea. The body of Lieut. Grenand, commander of the missing dirigible, has been found in Sicilian waters, it was officially announced. The body was found by fishermen six miles from land off Sciacia, Sicily.

Its discovery was reported by the Italian maritime authorities to the French naval attaché at Rome. A French cruiser and three torpedo boats were ordered to the scene.

The receipt of a telegram from the French naval attaché in Rome announcing the finding of the body caused all hopes for the safety of the Dixmude to be abandoned. These hopes had flared up last night on receipt of reports that the balloon had been seen floating helplessly over the Sahara desert. Rome officials convinced the officials here that there could be no doubt as to the identity of the body as it had an identification tag on the wrist.

Find Body of Commander. Rome, Dec. 28 (By the Associated Press).—A message received by the minister of marine from Sciacia confirming the news of the discovery of the body of the Dixmude's commander, says a thorough general search along the coast nearby has as yet yielded no trace of any other body or of any aeronautical material.

FIVE MEN ATTACK SENATOR LATTIMORE Member of State Senate From Cleveland Victim of Assault on Road.

Shelby, Dec. 26.—State Senator Sam Lattimore, one of Cleveland county's largest and most modern farmers, was badly beaten up about 1 o'clock this morning on the national highway between Spartanburg and Gaffney by five men said to have been intoxicated. The incident occurred following an automobile collision and Senator Lattimore and his driver, Charlie Black, a white youth, were taken to a Gaffney hospital. Black was able to leave the hospital today but Senator Lattimore will be a patient there for several days as the extent of his injuries has not yet been determined.

Lattimore's version of the affair was that he and Black were returning from Spartanburg to their home near Shelby when upon rounding the curve near Thickety their car collided with a touring car occupied by five men. The latter hitting the heavier car at an angle was turned over. As soon as their car could be stopped Lattimore and his companion returned to the other car and assisted the men in getting out. One of the men, all of whom are thought to be cotton mill employes, probably of Greenville, immediately demanded that the Cleveland man pay for the damage, which they agreed to do according to a reasonable settlement as they considered they had given more than the proper share of the road.

The men are then said to have become enraged and produced a Winchester rifle, threatening to bring it into use unless immediate payment was made. Senator Lattimore offered, he says, to pay them what money he had in his pocket and write a check for whatever else was asked, but they refused to accept a check and marched the couple up and down the road until Lattimore managed to get near enough to his car to secure his own pistol.

At this juncture all of the men are said to have jumped on him, the one carrying the rifle striking him over the head with the butt of it and proceeded to pound him with the gun after he had fallen. Black, during the tussle, is said to have given a good account of himself but was finally overpowered and with his employer forced up the road, the men shooting at them with Lattimore's pistol.

Lattimore and Black secured aid at Thickety and were taken to the Gaffney hospital. Officers at the South Carolina town were notified, but the men in the other car after trying to start Lattimore's car, made their getaway. Senator Lattimore's most painful injuries were about the head where he was beaten with the butt of the gun and although X-ray photographs have not been made it is not thought that the skull was fractured. It is expected that he will be able to return home by the latter part of the week.

Two Missing Following Fire. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Two carpenters employed in the W. J. Hughes & Sons Co. lumber plant were missing today after a spectacular fire which swept the five-story factory and lumber yard yesterday, resulting in a loss estimated at \$410,000, and minor injuries to eighteen persons. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

CONGRESS MEMBERS SEEKING INFORMATION They Are Showing Interest in Liquor Conditions at the National Capital.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Not only the diplomatic phases of the capital's bootleg scandal growing out of the pre-Christmas raid which has resulted in fourteen arrests but the whereabouts of the missing list of alleged persons seized at the time, and liquor selling conditions generally in Washington are engaging the attention of members of Congress, while District of Columbia and Federal officials wrestle with their own angles of the problem.

Representative Newton, republican, of Minnesota, has addressed a request for the facts in the case to Commissioner Blair, of the Internal Revenue Department, Commissioner Oyster of the District of Columbia, and to Secretary Hughes, due to the successful efforts of Dr. V. Sokolovsky, secretary of the Polish legation to prevent the seizure of a large stock of liquor on the ground of diplomatic immunity. In his letter to Secretary Hughes, Mr. Newton expressed the opinion that every effort should be made to prevent the diversion of "liquors from diplomatic sources" into the stocks of private individuals and declared if a diplomatic representative was shown to be involved in such a transaction he should be "sent back where he came from" without hesitation.

YOUNG WOMAN ROUILTS FIVE MEN ROBBERS She Fought Them for Ten Minutes, After Which They Gave Up the Fight.

New York, Dec. 28.—A bejeweled young woman in evening dress routed five armed bandits early today in the lobby of a West Side apartment house in which she lives. Mrs. Essie Simmons was left at the door by her husband in order that he might drive her car to a garage. As she stepped inside the lobby five men followed. Two bandits covered the elevator and switchboard operators, another stood guard at the door and the other two attacked Mrs. Simmons. Unmindful of their guns she began fighting. After ten minutes she still was on the offensive, and the gang fled, two of them with black eyes and scratched faces.

FOUR DIE WHEN AUTO PLUNGES INTO RIVER Auto Smashed Railing and Fell Into Water Twenty Feet Deep.

Wayland, Mass., Dec. 28.—Four persons perished when an automobile driven by Arthur P. Beaudreau, of Cambridge, crashed through the wooden railing and plunged into the 20-foot-deep water of the Sudbury River last night. The bodies of Beaudreau and Frank Moodie, six-year-old son of Mrs. Bertha Moodie, Beaudreau's housekeeper, were recovered. The bodies of Mrs. Moodie and Beaudreau's 16-year-old daughter are missing.

FIRE LOSSES DURING 1922 WERE VERY HEAVY 15,000 Deaths and Damage of \$500,000,000 Result of Fire in a Year.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A steadily increasing loss of life and property from fire during 1922, the last full reported year, reached 15,000 deaths and damage of \$500,000,000, according to an analysis of fire reports for the entire country by the National Business. An average of 41 persons were burned and 47 injured seriously every 24 hours, with a property loss of \$16 a second, the compilation shows.

William Corey to Live in France. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 28.—Wm. E. Corey, who rose from obscure origin to the presidency of the U. S. Steel Corporation at the age of 38 and who four years later abandoned his commanding position and married Mabel Gilman, a musical comedy star after a romantic courtship, intends to settle permanently in France, according to his associates in the steel industry. He has disposed of all his business interests in America.

Dies From Drinking Poison Liqueur. High Point, Dec. 28.—William Dawson, negro, died Christmas Day here from the effect of drinking poison liqueur, according to the physician who attended him. Another case of alleged poison liqueur drinking was reported but the white man who was the drinker did not die although he barely escaped death, it was stated.

\$300,000 Fire At Lansing, Michigan. (By the Associated Press.)

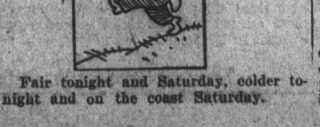
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—Fire believed to have originated in one of the dressing rooms of the Regent Theatre this morning destroyed the Oakland building, a six-story structure, and for a time threatened to sweep through several city blocks. The damage is estimated at \$300,000. One fireman was seriously hurt.

Builder of Eiffel Tower Dead. (By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 28.—Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, the engineer who built the famous tower that bears his name, is dead. He was 91 years old.

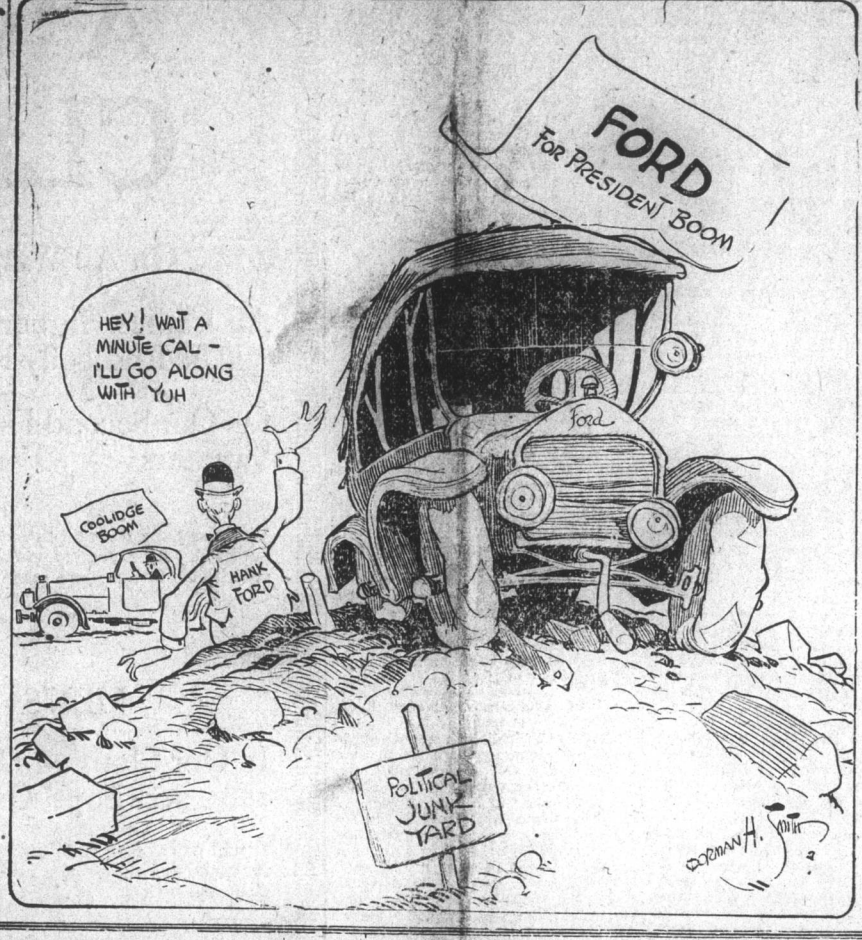
Miss Lillian Slides is visiting in Burlington and Graham this week.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Fair tonight and Saturday, colder to night and on the coast Saturday.

THE FLIVVER THAT FLIVVERED



JAPANESE CABINET IS ANXIOUS TO GET OUT Developments Within Past Several Days Delay Action on Resignations.

Tokio, Dec. 28 (By the Associated Press).—In view of developments growing out of the attempted assassination yesterday of Prince Regent Hirohito, the latter has requested the members of the cabinet to continue in office for the present, but they are expected to retire before the end of the month. On January 20th, the cabinet was in session all day yesterday considering the situation precipitated by the attack, which has increased greatly the difficulties confronting the ministers.

Home Minister Goto is said to be insistent upon acceptance of his resignation presented yesterday, inasmuch as he is compelled by custom to hold himself responsible for such an incident as an attempt to slay the heir to the throne. Many officials are still being heavily guarded. Resignations of various public officials, following in the wake of the attempted assassination, is merely a formality.

A crowd of ruffians today attempted to obtain entrance to the home of Premier Yamamoto and Home Minister Goto. The attempt was frustrated by the police.

REVENUE BILL HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC Bill Practically Same as One Suggested by Secretary Mellon.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Reversing the previous policy the House Ways and Means committee today made public a new revenue bill in the form it was sent to the Senate by Secretary Mellon. The text contains few changes from the outline of the bill publicly announced at the Treasury. It follows Mr. Mellon's proposals for a sweeping revision of administrative provisions to prevent tax dodging, includes a provision for the board of twenty-eight tax appraisers to act as a court of appeals in disputed cases, and makes a detailed provision for the tax reductions advocated by the secretary.

Bride of Wilmington Rabbi is Found Dead in Bath Tub. (By the Associated Press.)

Wilmington, Dec. 27.—Mrs. I. Minsky, 18, wife of I. Minsky, rabbi of Walnut Street synagogue, was found dead in a bathtub filled with water at the family apartment by her husband early this afternoon.

Physicians made efforts to resuscitate her with no result, as the young woman apparently had been dead for some time. The body was found by Rabbi Minsky who had been absent the entire morning teaching at a Hebrew school. Doors of the apartment and bathroom were locked and when forced the body was found in the tub of water.

Parties in lower apartments did not hear Mrs. Minsky moving about in rooms during the morning, but thought nothing of it, thinking she had gone shopping. Mrs. Minsky was a bride six months and had lived in Wilmington only during that period, coming here from New York.

Think Poisonous Liqueur Killed 875 Persons. (By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Poisonous liquor was held responsible for the deaths of 875 persons in this city during the present year, in a statement published by Deputy Coroner Frank Paul today.

THE COTTON MARKET First Prices Were 6 Points Lower to 13 Points Higher—Opening Irregular.

New York, Dec. 28.—The cotton market was rather irregular at the opening today, first prices being six points lower to 13 points higher, with near months relatively easy under light liquidation. About 74 additional January notices were reported, but offerings of both January and March were absorbed, and active months generally sold about 9 to 22 points net higher. General business was quiet, but the tone of the market was steady around 36.08 for March deliveries on bullish overnight advices from the southern spot markets, and the fairly steady showing of Liverpool. Cotton futures opened steady. Jan. 35.45; March 35.83; May, 36.05; July 35.26; Oct. 29.25.

MISS DAISY HENDLEY TO WED JOHN D. GOLD For Several Years Miss Hendley Has Been Engaged in Newspaper Work.

Statesville, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hendley, of this city, yesterday announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Daisy, to John D. Gold, of Wilson. The marriage to take place February 7th. Miss Hendley is one of the best newspaper women in the state, having engaged in this work on papers in Statesville, Greenville, S. C., and for the past two years as managing editor of the Wilson Daily Times.

Sunday's Revival, Charlotte, to Begin Sunday—Boy Hurt. (By the Associated Press.)

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—Billy Sunday will arrive in Charlotte Saturday, his revival to begin Sunday morning, all Protestant churches in the city closing that day. Mrs. Sunday will accompany Mr. Sunday.

Jack Latour, seven-year-old son of H. A. Latour of this city, was run over by a car yesterday, both legs and right arm broken, the driver is unidentified.

Dies From Injuries. Gastonia, Dec. 27.—Robt. Spargo, car inspector for the Piedmont & Northern railway, is dead as the result of an accident yesterday in the course of his work. His foot caught between two rails, tripping him, and he fell on the track in front of a moving car.

Bryan and Brisbane Boosting Josephus Daniels For President

What may develop into a real big Daniels boom for President seems to have started in Washington, and that movement has strong influence back of it, is evidenced by the fact that it is backed by William Jennings Bryan and Arthur Brisbane, the latter being editor-in-chief of all of the Hearst papers, Congressman Chas. Abernethy, of course, is behind the Daniels boom, also. H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent for The Charlotte Observer, on December 18th, sent out the following statement which was made by Congressman Abernethy, and which makes interesting reading for a North Carolinian: "I was very much pleased to see in the Washington papers today favorable comment as to Mr. Bryan backing Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, for the nomination for the presidency. Mr. Brisbane was very complimentary in his remarks in his column in The Washington Herald. He spoke of Mr. Daniels' great service to the nation while secretary of the navy as follows: "When he ran the navy you didn't find the big grafters sitting in his ante-room waiting for what could be picked up. They found early in the game that he was not the grafters' friend. "One crowd, for instance, competing with the United States in the manufacture of torpedoes, fixed an exorbitant price and would not listen to Mr. Daniels' protest. "Daniels said: 'You will take the fair price I offer or I will take your plant and start operating it for the government next Monday morning.' The gentlemen changed their minds and discovered nice fair profits in Mr. Daniels' price. That's the sort of man the people like, but it is not probable that Mr. Daniels will be nominated, although Bryan could make a very interesting fight for him if he wanted to." "From the best information that I can get from western Democrats who recognize that we must nominate a progressive Democrat to win with, I am convinced that Mr. Daniels would make a strong and formidable candidate for the election. Mr. Daniels is recognized as an outspoken and militant Democrat of the progressive type. "What Mr. Brisbane said would be a great slogan with which to conjure votes. 'The people at this time want a man of honesty and integrity.' I certainly hope that North Carolina will get back of his candidacy. I am convinced that he will win if he is nominated."

TWO FAST FREIGHT TRAINS FROM WEST TO CAROLINA

From West to This State to Provide Quicker Transportation of Automobiles. Asheville, N. C., Dec. 28.—Two daily fast through freight trains from the Central West to Carolina territory have just been inaugurated by the Southern Railway System to provide quicker movement of automobiles, packing house products, merchandise, and other high class freight. One train comes from East St. Louis and Louisville; the other from Cincinnati. Both run via Danville, Ky., Harrison, Tenn., and Knoxville to Asheville, where they are broken up and cars sent over diverging routes to all points in the Carolinas. From points of origin to Asheville these trains from the West are handled like through passenger trains, without switching at intermediate terminals. They are the counterparts of the Southern's textile specials, running from Spencer to Eastern and Western gateways, which have proven such a great success.

Freight leaving East St. Louis 7:00 p. m. Monday, Louisville 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, Cincinnati 10:00 p. m. Tuesday, reaches Knoxville Wednesday afternoon and Asheville early Thursday morning, connecting with through trains to Spartanburg, making delivery Spartanburg 2:10 p. m., Spencer 7:50 p. m., Columbia 10:40 p. m., Thursday; High Point 12:55 a. m., Greensboro 1:50 a. m., Charlotte 3:15 a. m., Winston-Salem 5:00 a. m., Augusta 6:30 a. m., Charleston 11:55 a. m., Durham 12:10 p. m., and Raleigh 2:25 p. m. Friday. Trains leaving East St. Louis and Cincinnati on other days reach destination at same hours on corresponding days.

SHIPPING PROBLEMS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Makes Several Suggestions.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Extension of the coastwise shipping laws to the Philippines, separation of the emergency fleet corporation from the shipping board, compulsory co-operation between American railroads and shipping, and a survey of the needs for a permanent merchant marine were recommended to President Coolidge today by Chairman Jones, of the Senate Commerce Committee. Senator Jones submitted his recommendations in response to a request from the President, who asked him for memorandums of his views on various shipping and allied problems.

Triple Holidays Numerous in 1924. New York, Dec. 28.—Triple holidays will be numerous during the coming year, since nearly all of the holidays on which business is customarily suspended will be observed on the beginning, or the end of the week, which, with the Sunday, will give the workers three days of leisure. New Year's Day will come on Tuesday, and many places of business will remain closed from Saturday night until the following Wednesday. Washington's Birthday will fall on a Friday and it is likely that the big exchanges and many business houses will suspend business over Saturday as well. The same will apply to Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, both of which will fall on Friday.

Woodrow Wilson is Celebrating Birthday Former President Spending 67th Birthday Very Quietly at His Home.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Woodrow Wilson is 67 years old today, but there were no celebrations or demonstrations to break the quiet routine of his home. The former President spent the day much in the manner that he has passed his time in recent months. He continues his program of rest, varied with frequent automobile rides into the country.

With Our Advertisers. Read the new ad. today of Parker's Shoe Store.

Molasses to suit everybody at Cline & Moore's. The new Victor records have arrived at Bell & Harris' Music Department. See the new advertisement of the Carolina Cafe.

Mrs. Burton Tucker Reported to Be Ill. Ridgefield Park, N. J., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Burton S. Tucker, 48-year-old bride, was reported ill at the home of friends yesterday.

Mexicans Ratify Claims Convention. Mexico City, Dec. 28 (By the Associated Press).—The Mexican Senate today ratified the special United States Mexican claims convention by a vote of 42 to 5. The general claims convention was approved as a whole, 38 to 1.

Village Destroyed by Fire. Trent, Italy, Dec. 28.—The village of Salter, near here, was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday. Hundreds of persons were made homeless.

MEXICAN FORCES IN PUEBLA WITHDRAWN SAYS REBEL REPORT

The Troops Entered the City Several Days Ago After It Had Been Evacuated by Insurgent Troops.

REBELS CLAIMING MANY VICTORIES Report Says Troops Advancing Along Railway Defeated Federal Troops From Apizaco, Causing Damage.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Almost coincident with the news of the victory of the rebel troops under General Rafael Buelna, over the Federal forces commanded by General Cardenas in a battle near Irapuato, insurgent headquarters here received word that the Obregon forces had abandoned the city of Puebla from which the rebels withdrew for "strategic reasons" several days ago.

The decision of the federals to evacuate Puebla, it was said, was taken in consequence of the defeat the loyalists sustained at Chignahuapan, a railroad town about sixty miles to the north.

The rebel troops advancing over the Mexican railway line met and defeated federals from Apizaco, it is reported, the victory being facilitated by the defection of the major part of the federals.

Thus it appears here that the rebels have gained important ground on both the western and Vera Cruz fronts. They are also said to have occupied Manzanillo on the west coast.

General Estrada, commander of the revolutionary forces in Western Mexico, reports that General Buelna not only completely routed the 2,000 federals under General Cardenas, but made prisoners of Cardenas and 500 of his men, and captured about 1,000 rifles. General Paulino Navarro was killed.

Amnesty to Rebel Leaders. Austin, Texas, Dec. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Amnesty of fifteen days has been granted to Mexican revolutionary generals by President Obregon, according to J. L. Schleimer, who arrived here today from Mexico City, to confer with Governor Neg. of Texas, as representative from the Mexican president. He stated he was not at liberty to disclose his mission.

Coroner's Inquest to Determine Fire Cause. Jury Will Also Fix Blame For Fire in Illinois Insane Asylum.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A coroner's inquest to determine the cause and fix the blame for the fire which on Wednesday night destroyed an annex building of the Danzing Insane Asylum with a loss of 18 lives will get underway today. Meanwhile hospital authorities are endeavoring to identify eight bodies, and are searching for five missing inmates, thought to have escaped and fled to relatives.

Typhoid Death Rate Lowest Ever Recorded. Washington, Dec. 27.—The typhoid death rate last year was the lowest ever recorded in the registration area, comprising 85 per cent of the country's population, the census bureau announced tonight. There were 6,981 deaths of typhoid fever in 1922, as compared with 8,007 in 1921, and 6,805 in 1920. The rate per 100,000 population was 7.5 last year, 9.0 in 1921, 7.8 in 1920, 9.2 in 1919 and 12.6 in 1918.

Only four of the 34 states in the registration area showed increases in the death rate of typhoid. They were New Hampshire with an increase of 1.6 per 100,000 over 1921, Colorado with 1.3, and Mississippi and California with an increase of .4. Kentucky and Tennessee had the largest decrease in their rates with 6.9 and 5.8 respectively. Georgia had the highest rate with 23.5 per 100,000 and South Carolina next with 22.6.

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