

FIVE KILLED ON N.B. GRADE CROSSING

SEVEN DEAD IN DUTCH AIR DISASTER

WRECKAGE HOLDS SECRET OF CRASH

Pride of Dutch Commercial Air Fleet Won Recognition In Recent Air Derby.

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

BAGHDAD, Dec. 21—A charred pile of debris in the Syrian desert held the secret tonight of the disaster which befell the mammoth Dutch airliner "Uiver" and its seven occupants.

A scouting plane of the Royal Air Force found the wreckage where it had crashed, apparently in a violent thunder storm which swept the district two nights ago.

The bodies of the victims were brought into Rutba Wells by ambulance from the scene of the tragedy. Dutch officials were enroute here from Amsterdam to cooperate with British officials in an attempt to unravel the mystery of the airliner's destruction.

The Uiver, nicknamed the "Flying Hotel" because of its luxurious accommodations, was the pride of the Dutch commercial air fleet. Exactly a month ago the plane won the handicap prize in the England-to-Molboone air derby. At the time it crashed in the desert, the ship was expected to set a new record for trip.

It had on board mail and packages to be delivered to the East Indian colonies in time for Christmas. The victims of the disaster were three passengers, Professor Walsh of Batavia University; M. Borelli, director of Aneta, official news agency of the Dutch East Indies; and M. Kory, a business man and the winner of four, M. Bekhan, commander and chief pilot; second pilot Van Steenberg; H. A. Walewyn, the mechanic; and wireless operator C. Van Zeehooven.

When last heard from, soon after it had taken off from Cairo, the Uiver reported by wireless that it had encountered difficulties in a storm near Rutba Wells. This fact led officials here to believe the plane may have been struck by lightning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

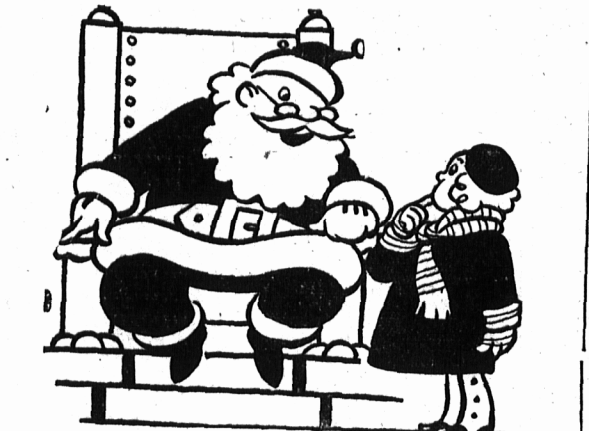
- *Come to the opening of the East Royalty rink Saturday night, L-3083
- *Borden rink tonight. Special skate 8 to 10.30. Admission 15 cents. L-3048-49
- *Opening Game Milton Rink tonight. Maple Leafs vs. Green Hornets. L-3014-12-22-11
- *The Bonshaw Peoples Society will present Xmas Song Service in the Church Sunday 7.30. L-3006-12-23-11
- *Poultry! George Leightner Co. next Queen Hotel, buying dressed Chickens and Fowl. Correct grading, highest prices. L-3044-45
- *Christmas Gifts, Toys, Novelties, genuine hand made fancy work 15c to \$5.00. Handy Shop, 44 Upper Queen Street, L-3002-12-18-20-22
- *Skating at Upper Queen St. rink this afternoon from 3 to 5. Admission, children 5c, adults 10c. L-3005
- *Hockey at Maristfield tonight. Dunstaffnage Red Wings vs. East Royalty Royals. Skate after. L-3039
- *Christmas Dinner—The Canadian National Hotel, 1 to 3 p. m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p. m. \$1.25 per person. Special Christmas dinner music from 1 to 3.30 p. m. L-3019-12-22-11
- *Be practical in your Christmas giving. The Sun Life offers a special Christmas Policy guaranteeing a continuation of good cheer. Ask about it of J. A. Moore, Business Manager.
- *For Buyer—Mr. M. Maurice just arrived from Montreal is located with P. E. I. Fur Traders, 182 Queen Street, buying Silver Fox Pelts and other furs. L-3006-12-20-21
- *Poultry. We shall be buying live and dressed Chickens and Fowl throughout the season, paying top market price. Signed Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-3120-12-7-12

A Last Appeal For Santa Pals

The Encouragement And Sympathy Of The Lieutenant Governor Greatly Appreciated.

Christmas is coming, the geese are nice and fat. Please put a penny in the Santa Pals hat; if you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do; if you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!

Please do not let it happen. SANTA PALS: J. H. Patterson, Miss Marjorie Shaw, Miss Edith Shaw, Mrs. J. G. Bennett, Dorothy McDonald, Glasgow Road, Master Ronald McDonald, Joan Large, Mrs. E. Warren, Mrs. G. A. W. Robertson, "A Westerner".



No greater friend of underprivileged boys and girls is to be found anywhere than His Honour, Lieutenant Governor DeBiols. He has been their life-long friend and benefactor, and at the present time he is a very present help in time of need. The Summerville Santa Pals have been greatly encouraged by a letter and handsome contribution received by Scoutmaster E. J. Hallett.

James Gillis, Bennett Gillis, Newton Cross, Yvette Raymond, Michelle Raymond, Marion Andrew, Billy Andrew, Allan Andrew, Frank Andrew, Leroy McKimley, Phyllis Rossiter, Mrs. Hall, Louise Rossiter, Frances Rossiter, Phyllis Watson, C. E. McKenzie, Milton, George Bisset, Daphne Bisset, Mr. D. M. Cass, Mrs. E. W. McKinnon, Dr. A. J. Murchison, Jr., Mr. W. L. Brennan.

Dear Scoutmaster:— "I am glad to hear that the Summerville Boy Scouts have again undertaken to promote the interests of the Santa Pals Club for Summerville, and it gives me much pleasure in enclosing a little remembrance to help along this good work, and I ask you to accept it with my very best wishes that your efforts may be crowned with success.

"I always feel that in helping the underprivileged child that the recipient is deserving because, regardless of how unworthy the father or mother might be, the child itself is innocent and worthy of receiving our encouragement and assistance.

"After all is said and done, what would Christmas be without the children.

"A dreary place would be this earth. Were there no children in it; The song of life would lose its mirth, Did children not begin it." "Extending to you the Season's Greetings.

Faithfully yours, (Sgd.) George D. DeBiols, Lieutenant-Governor of Summerville, Prince Edward Island.

These are fine sentiments backed by practical help, which is what is needed today. It will be seen that our list has been extended to near the 700 mark, and so far many children have failed to find a Santa Pal.

This is our last appeal. On Monday the girls will be on their way to their destinations, and those unprovided for will rise on Tuesday morning to greet empty stockings and a cheerless Christmas.

New Brunswick Triples Tuber Export To Cuba

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 21—The Cuban seed market is the brightest spot in the potato export picture as far as New Brunswick producers are concerned. It was stated here today by C. H. Godwin, Federal inspector of seed potatoes, that already this season Cuba has taken three times as many New Brunswick seed potatoes as she did in the same period last year, and the prospect of the exports to Cuba from this province being tripled by New Brunswick for the season as a whole is decidedly favorable.

Shipping of seed potatoes from Saint John to Cuba is still active and is helping to reduce the potato surplus in this province, although the export trade in tablestock still is at a low ebb. One steamer is now loading 10,000 barrels of New Brunswick seed tubers for Cuba, the shipment being a mixture of Elise Triumphs, Irish Gobblers and Green Mountains. Cuban growers used the Triumphs for the season's first crop which is planted in November and early December.

Last season this province shipped 119,899 bushels of seed potatoes to Cuba. The fact that the Cuban seed business is tripling this year indicates that New Brunswick seed potatoes are more than holding their own in the world markets. The unfavorable feature is in regard to prices this season, these being down about fifty percent compared with last year.

SEAMEN CLAIM VESSEL WAS NOT TORPEDOED

Detailed Evidence Of Sinking Of The "Gypsum Queen" Is Given.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Two stocky colored seamen, Alex Allison of Staten Island, N.Y., and Ken with Steve of St. John, N.B., today gave a detailed description of the sinking of the schooner "Gypsum Queen" at the hearing of Crown evidence for the extradition of Captain Freeman Hatfield from the United States. Captain Hatfield is charged with defrauding the Dominion Government of some \$71,000 by claiming the "Gypsum Queen" was sunk by a German submarine in 1915 when, according to the seamen's claim, it was lost from stress of weather.

"They told me if I was to get any money I must see a submarine," Allison told the court. "I said I saw a submarine but I never really did see one."

Abandoned In Storm The sailor said the ship was abandoned after the foremast was overboard in a storm on July 31, 1915, between 200 and 300 miles off the coast of Ireland. The crew was rescued by the liner "SimERIC."

"Was anything said by anyone that the vessel had been torpedoed?" J. A. Ritchie, Crown Attorney, asked Stevens.

"I should say not," was the reply. "Lorcy" she had been torpedoed would I be here to tell you about it."

No Submarine "There was no submarine," declared Allison emphatically. He also suggested that as the schooner was 30 years old and rotten one or two of the shrouds might have snapped and carried away the mast.

Early in 1921, Allison went on, Captain Hatfield visited him on Staten Island and suggested he go before the Canadian Reparations Commission sitting in Boston to enter a claim. When he went to Boston he met Senator Hance J. Logan, Hatfield's lawyer, at a hotel.

"We went up to Senator Logan's room," he said, "and he explained how we were to go about it."

The following spring, he said Hatfield and Logan gave him \$500 and got him to endorse some document which he could not identify now. He was shown a cheque for \$779 in favor of A. Allison for reparations and endorsed on the back but was unable to identify that was the document he had signed.

The hearing was before Police Magistrate Glenn Strike and was adjourned until next Friday when it will be completed. The evidence taken here will be forwarded to Manchester, N.H., as the basis of the Canadian Government's demand for the extradition of Hatfield who is held here.

As the aged seamen will likely use every possible legal resource to escape extradition the matter may hang fire for some time in the United States courts and it may be several months before it is settled.

EASTERN STAR ORDER INSTALL OFFICERS

The annual installation of officers of the order of the Eastern Star took place last evening at the club house. The following are the officers:

Worthy Matron, Gladys Prowse. Worthy Patron, June MacKee. Associate Matron, Sadie Love. Secretary, Etta Dalling. Treasurer, Mabel MacLeod. Conductors, Elva Ives, Associate Conductor, Winifred Garrett.

Marshall, Olive Dunning. Chaplain, Hilda Harper. Organist, Annie Watson. Adah, Rebecca Scantlebury. Ruth, Margaret MacLeod. Esther, Mary Howatt. Electra, Berlie Stewart. Sentinel, Gladys White.

Installing Officer, Past Grand Matron, Ruby Houle was assisted by Past Grand Matron, Hazel Henry as Installing Matron.

After the close the newly installed Worthy Matron was presented with a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums by her Bridge Club. Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Sisters Hazel Henry, Hilda Harper, and Lilla French. Mrs. Broeze's little daughter Betty, rendered the violin solo "Star of the East." The Order is looking forward to a very busy winter.

WAITING LIST IN SMUGGLING CASE REDUCED

Accused Who Fail To Surrender Tomorrow Will Be Arrested On Sight.

MONTRÉAL, Dec. 21.—Ball having been set in all their cases and a warning given them to report before the court here Jan. 11, the great majority of 32 out of 36 residents of the Maritime Province who have been arraigned and formally charged in connection with a \$5,000,000 liquor-smuggling conspiracy, were on their way home tonight to spend Christmas and New Year's with their families.

Four Maritimers who failed to appear today for the preliminary hearing which was adjourned until Jan. 11, and were understood to have returned to their homes three or four days ago, had bench warrants issued against them on orders of Judge Jules Desmarais. "Even if they knew this was to be merely a formality," he said, "they should have been present in court."

The accused who were missing in the line-up of 43 out of the total of 61 persons wanted are: Colin MacKenzie, Truro, N. S., and Bedford Young, Thomas O'Laughlin and Benjamin Johnson, all of Halifax. The bench warrants will only be served if the four men fail to appear Jan. 11.

PREMIER WILL SPEND XMAS IN SACKVILLE

Premier Bennett Will Be Guest Of His Brother, Captain Ronald Bennett.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Including Prime Minister R. B. Bennett more than half the membership of the Dominion Cabinet will spend Christmas away from the scene of their labors in Ottawa.

The Prime Minister will leave at the weekend end for Sackville, N. B., there to be the guest of his brother, Captain Ronald Bennett. It is probable Hon. W. D. Herridge Minister to the United States and Mrs. Herridge, with their son, will also be guests of Captain Bennett for the holidays.

Finance Minister E. N. Rhodes is another Cabinet member who will be out of Ottawa for Christmas. He is now in New York with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bonbright, and will remain there over Christmas.

Christmas will be spent by Minister of National Revenue R. C. Mathews in the pleasant climate of the West Indies. The Revenue Minister is already on his way south with a party. Minister of Pensions, D. M. Sutherland, will go to Norwich, Ont. there to spend the holiday with his sister in the home atmosphere. Minister of Public Works H. A. Stewart will go to his home in Brookville for the holiday. Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie will go to Guelph, Ont.

French ministers of the Cabinet will all be in Quebec Province for the Christmas festivities. Minister of Marine Alfred Durnan will be in Montreal with his family; Solicitor General Maurice Durois will go to Quebec. Postmaster General Arthur Sasse is planning to be with his family in St. Eustache for the day.

Cabinet members who will spend the Christmas holiday in Ottawa include: Minister of Railways R. J. Mackay; Minister of Trade and Commerce, R. B. Hanson; Minister of Agriculture Robert Weir; Minister of Labor W. A. Gordon; Minister of Interior T. G. Murphy; Secretary of State C. H. Cahon; Minister of National Defence George Stirling.

BOYNE LODGE ELECT OFFICERS

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of Boyne L. O. L. 614 which was held in the Lodge rooms, Richmond Street, Thursday night. After the usual routine business had been transacted the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Worthy Master, W. A. MacCallum. Deputy Master, Christopher Ford. Chaplain, Frederick Chandler. Recording Secretary, G. A. Watkins. Financial Secretary, John W. Doherty.

Treasurer, G. Arthur Oudmore. Lecturer, Kenneth Matheson. Deputy Lecturer, I. W. Chandler. Marshall, L. Spencer.

A committee consisting of the executive and the financial secretary. After the business of the evening was over a beautiful lunch, which was very much enjoyed by the lodge members was served. This was under the skilful direction of Brother S. B. French. The installing officers were Brother C. E. MacKenzie, Past Grand Master.

Tragedy Occurs In The Village Of Petitediac

West Bound Gull Express From Moncton Crashes Into Ford Coach Wiping Out Entire Family.

(Canadian Press, by Guardian's Special Wire) MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 21.—Five persons, four of which comprised one family, were swept into eternity this afternoon about 5.30 o'clock at the grade crossing on the Canadian National Railway main line west, in the village of Petitediac 27 miles from here, when the Ford coach in which they were riding was struck by the westbound Gull Express, No. 31, running one hour late bound from Moncton to Saint John with Boston connections.

The dead are Raymond Mitton, 29, of Prosser Brook, Albert County; his wife Daisy (Ayles) Mitton, 30, their children Roy, 5, and Rose Marie, 8; and Curtis Garland, 25, farmer of Flint Hill.

The tragedy occurred at the highway crossing near the Burlington Hotel, where the party were returning from a Christmas shopping trip to Moncton. It is reported that Mr. Mitton, who was the driver of the car did not notice the approach of the train until the car was but a few feet from the crossing. He immediately applied the brakes, which, it is said, were frozen and refused to hold. The car skidded onto the tracks into the path of the oncoming train, which struck the vehicle trackside and carried it a distance of more than one hundred feet.

Car Demolished The visitors were not thrown clear of the car and all with the exception of Garland, who died within a few minutes, were instantly killed. The car was absolutely demolished. The bodies were removed from the wreckage and taken to the Burlington Hotel, where they remained until the arrival of acting coroner Dr. H. L. Logan, of Salisbury who was called immediately after the accident occurred. Dr. Logan viewed the bodies and ordered their removal to Dumfries Undertaking Parlor. He then got in touch with Dr. A. E. Forbes, coroner, Moncton, who took charge of the case and is conducting an inquest.

The following official statement was issued tonight by C. N. R. headquarters respecting the tragedy:

Railway Bulletin "At 5.22 p. m. this date, an automobile containing five passengers in attempting to cross over the tracks of the Canadian National Railway at the public crossing just east of Petitediac Station was struck by the Gull Express, fatally injuring all of the occupants. Those riding in the automobile at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mitton of Prosser Brook and their two children, Roy, aged 5 years, and Rose, aged 3 years, and Curtis Garland, 25, also of Prosser Brook.

Railway officials state there was a good view of the approaching train and the crossing is protected by a "wig-wag" signal which was operating at the time. It is believed the driver of the automobile attempted to cross over the crossing ahead of the train."

COMMISSION ADJOURNS

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Royal Commission on meat buying adjourned over Christmas today after hearing auditors discuss relationships between Canadian Canners, Ltd. of Hamilton, Ont., and fruit and vegetable growers and the wage records of the vast organization with plants in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

Canadian Canners dropped its prices to fruit and vegetable growers 42.76 percent between 1928 and 1933. H. M. Coopes of Toronto told the commission. A deputation of Ontario and Quebec farmers told the commission last spring the company forced down prices unreasonably.

While prices to the farmer were tumbling, Canadian Canners continued to make money. In the last five years, net profits of \$2,137,768 have been rolled up with \$342,908 resulting from the 1933 pack.

Captain Kean Will Again Lead Nfld. Seal Fleet

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 21.—Captain the Hon. Abraham Kean, O.B.E., hailed as the world's greatest seal-killer, has no thought of retiring as he approaches his 80th birthday. Still vigorous and alert, he announced today he would lead the Newfoundland fleet again next spring on the annual foray into the northern icefields.

The veteran commodore, who first went to sea at the age of 13 on a fishing vessel, said he would hold his colors on the Beothic, the steel steamship he commanded last season when he brought his total catch for 65 years of "going on the ice" over the million mark.

He added that the fleet would consist of nine steamships, one more than last season, the most profitable in five years.

The addition is the Caribou, now carrying passengers, mail and freight between Port aux Basques and North Sydney. The Caribou will be chartered by Chesley Crosbie and replaced on the Cabot Street by the government steamship Kyle.

Other vessels in the fleet are the ice-covered Terra Nova, which has been butting the floes of the south and north Atlantic since 1885, the Imogene, Eagle, Ranger, Ungava, Neptune and Thetis. These and the Beothic last season brought in 227,390 seals valued at \$225,000 for their oil and skins. With customs returns for export the actual value of the expedition was about half a million dollars.

MARKETING OF SURPLUS CROPPED

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 21.—New Brunswick delegates returned home today from Ottawa where they spent several days this week in conference with Dominion officials in regard to plans for the marketing of this year's surplus crop in potatoes.

Representatives of this province at the Ottawa conference were K. K. King, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and chairman of the N. B. Marketing Board, and H. L. Mulholland, of Grand Falls, and G. C. Cunningham, of New Mills, New Brunswick's members of the Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board.

Four of the Eastern Canada potato-producing provinces, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Ontario, filed with the Dominion Board a scheme for the marketing of table stock potatoes and this is now under consideration by the federal body. Quebec did not participate this year in the scheme, having secured permission to withdraw due to most of its crop being already marketed in the Province of Quebec and also due to the fact that Quebec does not assume an important part in the potato export trade. The withdrawal of Quebec this year, it is felt, will not injure the scheme for united action by the provinces and the federal board to improve the marketing situation.

Moderate northwest to northeast winds; fair at first and moderately cold; probably scattered snowflurries near the Bay of Fundy at night.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

PITY THE POOR PAPA WHO LIKES TO PLAY WITH TOY TRAINS AND WHOSE CHILDREN ARE ALL GIRLS

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 21 Minimum and maximum temperatures—

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| Dawson | 42-40B |
| Edmonton | 20B-20B |
| Victoria | 44-40 |
| Vancouver | 40-30 |
| Regina | 30-20 |
| Calgary | 30-20 |
| Winnipeg | 20-10 |
| Toronto | 30-20 |
| Ottawa | 30-20 |
| Montreal | 30-20 |
| Quebec | 30-20 |
| Saint John | 30-20 |
| Halifax | 30-20 |
| Charlottetown | 30-20 |

FORECAST

Maritime East—Moderate northwest winds; fair at first and moderately cold; probably scattered snowflurries near the Bay of Fundy at night. High this morning at 12.20 and tonight at 11.15.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.21 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.35.

Last quarter moon, Thursday, Dec. 28, 6.4 p. m.

Summer time this afternoon 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

Leave Borden 9.45 A. M. (Winter) 1 P. M.

Leave Fredericton (Return) 11 A. M. 2.35 P. M. daily except Sundays.