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BRITISH FREIGHTER SUNK BY AIR - RAIDERS

FOUR MEN ADRIFT ON DREDGE OFF HALIFAX

Crew Escape As Craft Is Bombed By Pirate Plane

Attack Occurs Off Coast Of Catalonia Province—British Warship To Investigate.

VALENCIA, Oct. 31—(CP)—A seaman who survived the sinking of the British freighter Jean Weems declared tonight a pirate seaplane "bearing skull and crossbones markings" machine-gunned the vessel and then sank it with bombs.

The 2,430-ton freighter, bound from Marseille, France, for Barcelona, Spain, with a cargo of wheat and condensed milk for Spanish Government purchasers, was sunk in the Mediterranean Saturday, 16 miles off the coast of Catalonia Province. The crew of 26 reached shore in boats.

William Bamborough, a Scottish sailor, telephoned an account of the disaster from a coastal village where the crew was cared for.

He said a plane appeared from the direction of Mallorca, insurgent-held Balearic Island and centre of the insurgent blockade of the Government-held Mediterranean coast of Spain.

WARNED TO CLEAR SHIP

"It gave us five minutes to take to our boats, saying it intended to sink us," Bamborough said. "The last boat had just cleared the ship when the first bomb was dropped."

The seaplane dropped 16 bombs, Bamborough said. Four projectiles fell in the ship's number four hold. The freighter sank in flames, stern first, 15 minutes later.

The crew, which included two non-intervention committee observers, spent 6-12 hours in small boats through a heavy swell, rain and wind.

Bamborough said the attacking seaplane was a biplane painted black and white and bearing "skull and crossbones" markings.

The seaplane disappeared in the direction of Mallorca, Bamborough added.

In London an Admiralty spokesman said a British warship probably would be sent to aid in investigating the incident. Lloyd's disclosed that though the freighter had been American-owned and registered from Baltimore, the ship was changed to British registry last July.

INCREASES TENSION

VALENCIA, Oct. 31—Spanish Government circles today saw in the sinking of the British freighter Jean Weems off the coast of Catalonia by an insurgent aircraft a new international incident certain to increase electric Mediterranean tension.

The freighter, with two neutrality observers aboard and bound from Marseille, France, for Barcelona, Spain, with a cargo of wheat and condensed milk, was

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COMING EVENTS

**Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

**Special Dance, Rollo Bay Hall, Tuesday, November 2nd. L-1287-11-1-11.

FREE—8 x 10 Enlarged Photograph. Consult Craswell Studio. L-1286-11-1-31.

**Hunter River Starch Factory is receiving potatoes daily by truck or car load. L-1085-10-27-41.

**One Act Play and Variety Concert, Flat River Hall, Tuesday, November 2nd. L-1197-10-30-11-1.

**Supper, Dance, Wednesday, November 3rd, Murray River Public Hall. 25 cents. L-1177-10-29-31.

**Murray Harbor Starch Factory is receiving potatoes daily. F. W. Lachue, Manager. L-1085-10-27-41.

**Come to the Armistice Dance. Where? Orwell Hall, When? Thursday, November 11th. L-1283-11-1-11.

**See "Hired Husbands" in Pownal Hall tonight. Sale of boxes. L-1289.

**Masquerade Dance Lorne Valley Hall Wednesday, November 3rd. Webster's orchestra. Prizes. L-982-10-27-30-11-1.

**Halloween Dance Emerald Hall Friday 5 o'clock. Auspices of Women's Institute. Summerville orchestra. Lunch. L-1276-10-30-21.

**Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany. Hours 12-3. L-2091-10-M T W T T

**KINKORA HALL. Bingo and dance on Friday evenings, November 5th, 12th and 19th. L-1305-11-1-21.

**Charlottetown Male Chorus in a variety program Eldon Hall Tuesday next at 8 p. m. Auspices Piesette W. M. S. L-1277-10-30-21.

**Reserve Tuesday, November 9 for lecture by Dr. H. L. Stewart, the well-known authority on international events. L-1288-11-1-11.

**North Wiltshire w.l. present their play "The Gate to Happiness" in Wiltshire Hall Tuesday, November 2nd. L-1295-11-1-11.

**Official Receiver for Farmers Creditors' Arrangement Act will be at Lennox Hotel, Souris, on November 3rd and 4th. Wm. D. Wight. L-1231-10-29-31.

**Reserve Wednesday, November 3rd, United Church Chicken Supper and Bazaar, Hunter River Masonic Hall. L-1043-10-26-11-1-2-3.

**Come to the chicken and ham supper in Marshfield Hall Wednesday evening Nov. 3. Proceeds in aid of hall. L-1288.

**Annual Meeting of the Milk Producers and Vendors Association Friday, November 2nd at 8 o'clock in Agricultural Hall. All members urged to attend. L-1255-10-30-31.

**Mill feeds advanced in price while our car was enroute, but we are passing the advantage of a lucky buy on to you. Call at our car Monday or Tuesday. Livestock Marketing Board. L-1311.

**Come to Pownal Hall Monday Nov. 1st at 8 p. m. and see Marshall's Duna-staffage Y. P. S. present their play "Hired Husbands". Admission 25 and 15. L-1274-10-30-21.

**The Borden Players will present their three Act Comedy Drama "Eyes of Love" in Malpeque Hall Tuesday, November 2nd. Auspices of Malpeque Women's Institute. Proceeds in aid of Sanatorium. II stormy, Wednesday, Nov. 3. L-1258-10-30-11-1-21.

**Seven Mile Bay card parties. Friday evening, November 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Cape Traverse. Saturday evening, November 6th, at the home of Mr. W. P. MacNeill, Borden. L-1314.

**Livestock Marketing Board distributing "Gilt Edge Flour", Bran, Shorts and Middlings, from car at railway dump Charlotte Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday night. Don't miss this opportunity of buying at a 'close-to-cost' price. L-1311.

**The period in which the bonus granted by Provincial Holstein Friesian Association, to first purifiers of Holstein Males and Females will soon expire. Intending purchasers should conclude negotiations promptly. In order to qualify for this assistance. For further particulars apply Cecil J. Stewart, Hampden. L-1293-11-1-21.

Parochial House At Sturgeon Is Razed By Flames

Loss Is Believed To Exceed \$5,000 — Residence Built Forty-seven Years Ago.

The residence of the Roman Catholic parish priest at Sturgeon was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Loss was tentatively estimated to be at least \$5,000, partly covered by insurance. All furniture and equipment was included in the loss. Details available last night were few but it was known that the fire, discovered about 3 a. m. yesterday, spread with great rapidity through the wooden building. A high wind was blowing. Origin of the blaze was believed

to be around the furnace in the basement. The Rev. Finlay Mullaly, parish priest, awakened by the flames, had not time to gather personal belongings before the fire forced him to leave the blazing structure. The glare of the fire was visible for many miles. The burned building was of wood construction and was built about 47 years ago when the Rev. William Phelan was parish priest at Sturgeon. Diocesan authorities in Charlottetown said last night.

FEAR CARGO TOTAL LOSS

Freighter Aakre Still Aground Off Grand Manan.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) SAINT JOHN, N. B., Oct. 31—With the "Norwegian" motorship Aakre remaining aground tonight southeast of Grand Manan Island, her cargo of New Brunswick seed potatoes, worth \$250,000, was expected to be a total loss.

This belief was expressed by the shipper, A. D. McCain, of Florenceville, N. B. He is coming to Saint John tomorrow, and insurance adjusters will inspect the situation this week.

Officials believed the cargo would have to be lightened before the 2,336-ton freighter could be floated. The vessel itself was not believed in any danger of breaking up, owing to her sheltered position between two small islands.

Since the stranding early Friday the Aakre has leaked badly. Steady use of pumps was keeping the water from gaining dangerous headway through the punctured hull. The captain and his crew of 32, in no danger, stayed aboard.

A tug from New York arrived at the scene this afternoon, two Saint John tugs having returned to this port without attempting to free the motorship under the weight of her heavy cargo.

The Aakre, owned in Norway, is under charter to the Lambert and Hook Line. She strayed from her course in fog after leaving Saint John Friday night for Buenos Aires.

English Minister Passes Suddenly

LONDON, Oct. 31—Rev. Canon Hugh Richard (Dick) Sheppard, long known as one of England's outstanding pacifists died today at his home near St. Paul's Cathedral, where he had been Canon and Precentor since 1934.

Despairing Mother Turns From Bible To Slay Five Children

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) NORWALK, Iowa, Oct. 31—A despairing mother, who turned from the Bible to a shotgun, killed five of her seven children as they slept last night and then shot herself before two surviving sons could interfere.

A terse note beside the open Bible told graphically the mother's story of the tragedy. It read: "I have stood all I could and I'm taking the children with me."

**A meeting of the Orwell Dairying Co. will be held in Factory Building, November 4th at 2 p. m. Patrons are requested to attend. L-1297-11-1-11

**Livestock Marketing Board loading livestock at Railway stock pens every Tuesday until three o'clock. Direct sales to packing houses or their present low prices, never pep up again. For further particulars apply Cecil J. Stewart, Hampden. L-1293-11-1-21.

NOTED CLERIC AND AUTHOR SUCCEUMBS

Demise Of Rev. C. W. Gordon Follows Shortly After That Of a Brother Dr. H. F. Gordon.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) WINNIPEG, Oct. 31—Rev. Charles W. Gordon, widely known for his church work and for his authorship under the pseudonym Ralph Connor, died in hospital here today. He was 77.

A former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1921-22, he began his writings to acquaint the people of his church with problems and importance of religious work in western mission fields.

Retired from the active ministry of St. Stephen's United Church, Winnipeg, in 1924, he had since maintained keen interest in the progress of church union. He was stricken while at his summer home on Lake of the Woods and entered hospital here Oct. 1 for an abdominal operation from which he failed to rally.

His death at 6:10 a. m. today followed by less than 24 hours that of a brother, Dr. H. F. Gordon, M. D., of Winnipeg, who died suddenly Saturday aged 71. They were the only surviving members of the family of the late Rev. Daniel and Mary (Robertson) Gordon, the father, a missionary sent to Ontario by the Free Church of Scot'land.

Born in Glangary County, Ont., Sept. 13, 1860, Dr. C. W. Gordon was educated in the county's public schools and later in Oxford County, Ont. After matriculating from St. Mary's High School he taught school for 18 months before furthering his education at University of Toronto and Knox College, Toronto.

After a post-graduate course at New College, Edinburgh, he was appointed in 1890 as missionary to Banff and the Rocky Mountains, 1890-94, coming to Winnipeg as pastor of St. Stephen's in August of the latter year.

His eager church work led him to accept, convership of the Presbyterian Church assembly's committee on social service and presidency of the social service council for Manitoba.

In May, 1915, he became Chaplain of the 43rd Battalion (Winnipeg), Cameron Highlanders of Canada. The next year he was made senior Chaplain of Canadian forces in England, with rank of major. He proceeded to France in 1916 as senior chaplain, 9th Brigade, British Expeditionary force.

The "Lost Battalion" escaped Sunday, running a blazing machine-gun gauntlet to sanctuary in Shanghai's international settlement. At the height of a furious battle that sprayed shells over foreign-owned areas of Central Shanghai, 388 Chinese dashed down a 20 yard opening to safety.

Twenty-six were gravely wounded and survivors said they left behind 200 dead who fulfilled their pledge to defend the warehouse until death in the face of a Japanese "surrender or die" ultimatum.

Colonel Hsieh, whose battalion was a part of General Chiang's force.

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Loan Issue Will Open Wednesday

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Oct. 31—Subscriptions will be opened Wednesday on a new \$100,000,000 loan to meet the maturity Dec. 1 of the last of the war-time Victory Bonds which paid 5 1/2 per cent and were tax free.

Those holding the Victory Bonds maturing Dec. 1 may exchange them with final coupon detached at par up to the amount required for payment for allotments of new bonds.

The Canadian Press erroneously reported Friday that the bonds could be exchanged with final coupon attached.

Scientists Conclude Visit With Quints

CALLANDER, Ont., Oct. 31—(CP)—Scientists' two-day meeting to study the Dionne quintuplets moved into Callander today for a visit with the famous babies whose development 300 child specialists, psychologists and students studied and discussed at a day-long meeting in Toronto Saturday.

They came to Callander in a special train, spending 10 1/2 hours travel to get to the babies at the Dafoe nursery, 2 1/2 miles from here. They left Toronto early Sunday morning and returned there tonight.

Dr. A. R. Dafoe, the children's physician, closed the busy day at Toronto with a dinner address in which he said "the scientific side is all very well but the human side is infinitely more important so far as I am concerned."

Floods Take Heavy Death Toll In Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria, Oct. 31—Syria mobilized its relief forces tonight to cope with a rapidly mounting toll taken by floodwaters which have covered more than 3,500 square miles of territory and cost at least 1,200 lives in the past three days.

More than 60,000 were estimated as left destitute by the roaring floods which swept over Central Syria, wiping out hundreds of villages in their path and destroying crops and cattle herds.

French army engineers and troops helped the refugees. The Syrian Lower House voted 1,000,000 Francs (about \$33,000) for relief.

An end to the floods appeared to be in sight today with waters reported receding.

The death toll was possible, but it was believed to be well over 1,200, perhaps as high as 2,000.

JAPS BATTLE WAY ACROSS THE SOOCHOW

Anglo-Japanese Bitterness Mounts As Three More Britons Are Wounded.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 1—(Monday) —(AP)—Japanese troops attempting to encircle Shanghai today succeeded in crossing Soochow Creek at two points after a night-long artillery barrage, maintaining a precarious foothold in the face of determined Chinese resistance.

The advances were made west where foreign troops guarded the frequently endangered settlement borders.

Japanese planes bombed and strafed Chinese positions last night and several times peppered British outposts. It was disclosed this morning that British machine-guns returned the fire at least three or four times.

Bitterness between Japanese and British forces at Shanghai was intensified further by the serious wounding Sunday of three British soldiers by Japanese shells falling short.

This brought the total of British Army losses here to 10, including five deaths. Private Robert DeLange, one of three members of the Royal Ulster Rifles wounded Friday—when three of the same unit were killed—died Sunday. The British have blamed all these losses on Japanese fire.

The latest casualties were caused by two shells striking a hut near Jessfield Park occupied by British troops.

Major General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, commanding British troops here, made vigorous representations to the Japanese Army and Navy commanders, urging that the direction of the Japanese artillery fire, apparently aimed at the new Chinese lines in the Hungjiao area west of Shanghai, be altered.

Chinese held these lines in spite of an intensive 15-hour bombardment.

Many shells fell dangerously near the British lines at the International Settlement boundary.

Adds To Friction

The assistance given by British troops in the escape of the Chinese "lost battalion" from Chapel Hill to the International Settlement early Sunday and continued disputes over the attempt of Japanese naval launches to navigate Soochow Creek along the British defence lines contributed to Anglo-Japanese frictions.

Seek Quick End To Far Eastern Conflict

(By The Associated Press) BRUSSELS, Oct. 31—Members of the United States delegation to the Brussels conference on the Chinese-Japanese conflict said today Great Britain and the United States had been in close touch for some time in search for a method to achieve a quick armistice in the Far Eastern conflict.

PLANES AND SHIPS SCOUR SEA FOR CRAFT

Foundation Scarborough Breaks Away In Heavy Seas — Crew Hails From Saint John.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) GUYSBORO, N. S., Oct. 31—Two Royal Canadian Air Force planes returned to a temporary base at this eastern Nova Scotia town tonight after a futile search for the dredge Foundation Scarborough, adrift off the coast since she broke away from her tug Saturday night with four men aboard.

The four aboard were Captain George Morgan, C. Grover, Daniel Morris and T. Morris, the latter two father and son, all of Saint John, N. B.

The five men aboard the aircraft reported a 30-mile gale "very rough" seas, snowstorm and no sign of the dredge in an area stretching from 30 miles south-east of Cape Canso to 30 miles east of Scahari Island, more than 100 miles long.

The two planes will take off again at 7 a. m. tomorrow and the stretch between here and Sable Island will be combed systematically.

The planes left Halifax at one o'clock today. On the 149-mile trip to Guysboro they ran into intermittent snow squalls. Aboard were Flying Officer R. F. Davenport and Sergeant J. C. Mirabelli in one plane, and Leading Aircraftman J. G. Pytlak and C. E. Elliott and Aircraftman A. E. McKean in the second.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police cutters Macdonald and Alachasse combed the heavy seas in search of the missing dredge but likewise without success. The Canadian Government Steamship Lady Laurier was steaming east from Halifax under forced draft to assist.

The Foundation Scarborough left Halifax Friday in tow of the Halifax tug Banscot and bound for Montreal. The tug had two lines—a steel hawser and a rope—aboard the dredge but the lines parted late Saturday night in heavy seas and a stiff gale.

Seven Are Killed In Auto Plunge

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Oct. 31—(AP)—Seven persons were killed early today when an automobile hurled from a mountain road three miles east of here.

The dead were Miss Vivian Elledge, 18, Mack Gray, 28; his wife, Irene Gray; Miss Frances Gray, 20, sister of Mack Gray; Leland Preston, 22, C. L. Osborne, 28, and Billie Slayton, 20.

Island Nurse Is Among Graduates

AMHERST, N. S., Oct. 31—(CP)—Six student nurses of Highland View Hospital will receive graduation diplomas Wednesday from Judge George Patterson of New Glasgow, N.S. Miss Jean Chandler of Springhill and Miss Norma Nickerson of Clark's Harbor, Kill-kill, in a motor accident last summer, would have received diplomas.

Graduates include Miss Freda Stultz, Petitediac, N.B., and Miss Barbara Louise Burns of Prince Edward Island.

Cabinet Council Prepares For Parliament Opening

OTTAWA, Oct. 31—With about 10 weeks to go before Parliament assembles work of the Government has begun to concentrate more and more on preparations for the session, although the general impression has been given that the legislative program will be brief.

Departmental estimates are passing through early stages of preparation and within a few weeks will go to Cabinet Council for final paring and readjustment before Finance Minister Dunning presents them to Parliament. It has been his custom to present estimates at the start of the session.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King meets his colleagues Tuesday for

the first council of the week. Feature of the deliberations of this particular meeting will probably be the Government's final decision on Alberta's banking, credit and newspaper legislation.

Customarily the Government at this time speeds up activity in Cabinet Council so that sessional plans may be contemplated before the Christmas and New Year holidays, particularly when the plan is to open Parliament early in January which is the present intention.

The second or third Thursday in January will probably be the opening date, with the likelihood that Jan. 13 will be chosen.

REBELS PLAN MAJOR DRIVE

Franco Plans To Employ Fleet On Aragon Offensive.

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Oct. 31—Government guns and warplanes bombarded insurgent defences along the Aragon front today in warning that the threatened insurgent drive through eastern Spain would be more difficult than the campaign which conquered the northwest.

Insurgent officers at Trun admitted the Aragon push would be different from that on the Bayona front, where the government had almost no planes and few guns.

They said General Franco was preparing "the greatest offensive in Spain's history" to crush Republican morale and end the 15-month old war with a decisive drive from Aragon into the heart of Government Spain.

For the first time in the war, insurgents said, General Franco would use the full strength of his navy to cooperate with his land offensive.

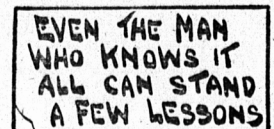
Insurgent forces said General Franco had enough troops at Mallorca, largest of the Balearic Islands, where his fleet was concentrated, to attempt a landing on the Government coast, where landing units could have the protection of warships.

Pierlot To Form Belgian Cabinet

BRUSSELS, Oct. 31—(CP-Havas)—King Leopold III today instructed Senator Hubert Pierlot, former agriculture minister and member of the Catholic Party, to form a cabinet.

Pierlot accepted the commission after Henri De Man, finance minister in the resigned cabinet of Premier Paul Van Zeeland, had failed. De Man, vice-president of the Socialist Party, explained to the press that he was refused the support of Liberals, who, he said, "could not give their confidence to the author of the labor plan."

De Man created and supported a labor program which the Liberals regarded as concentrating too much power in the state.



METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
Toronto, Oct. 31—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Victoria	44	54
Edmonton	34	42
Winnipeg	24	30
Toronto	35	48
Montreal	34	42
Saint John	40	40
Halifax	38	46
Charlottetown	38	44

FORECASTS: Decreasing northerly winds; fair and quite cool. High tide this morning at 9:21 and tonight at 9:25. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:41 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:39. New moon Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 11:16 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY

Leaves Borden 9:45 a. m.; 1 p. m. Leaves Toronto 11 a. m.; 2:35 p. m. From Sept. 27 to Oct. 30 Leave Borden 4:30 p. m., leave Toronto 5:45 p. m.