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The New York Times.

THE WEATHER
Probably light showers today; tomorrow fair; slightly cooler today.
Temperature yesterday—Max. 61, min. 49.
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THOUSANDS FLEE TO SAFETY FROM 18 FLOOD NIAGARAS POURING INTO LOUISIANA

ONE BREAK 3,200 FEET WIDE

More Towns Are Being Submerged as Waters Spread Out.

100,000 PEOPLE MENACED

They Drive Herds Before Them in Trek to Refuges Above Waste of Waters.

RESCUE FLEETS IN ACTION

Governor Simpson Sees Student Worker Leap Aflame to Death From a Burning Launch.

From a Staff Correspondent of The New York Times.

NEW ORLEANS, May 14.—The flood terror is tonight sweeping into the South through three great crevasses in the Bayou des Glaises levee system, while no fewer than fifteen other gaps, any or all of which may at any moment assume the proportions of a break of major proportions, are rendering more grave a situation which may mean the destitution of thousands of people in the "sugar bowl" of Louisiana and the flooding of more than a million acres of the finest farmlands in America.

The breaks today include two giant crevasses in the heart of the big bend of the Bayou des Glaises and flood waters from Tensas Basin and the backwaters from a dozen swollen streams are roaring like Niagaras into parishes to the south of the Tensas and west of the Atchafalaya.

The Weather Bureau tonight issued a bulletin warning that the waters from the Bayou des Glaises crevasses will pass down the western side of the Atchafalaya Basin and submerge most of lower Avoyelles, St. Landry, St. Martin and Iberia. Should the lower Teche overflow as a result of the deluge coming down from the north, the indications will point "to one of the greatest floods in the history of that region, including Morgan City." Morgan City is in the Parish of St. Mary. Its population is between 15,000 and 20,000.

Refugees crowd the highways as they seek safety on the hills on the western edge of the Atchafalaya basin. Little towns are rapidly being submerged, herds of horses, mules and cattle are being driven to the safe lands, while United States Coast Guard and every other kind of light draft vessel that can be commandeered is coming to the inundated areas in search of marooned victims, who, failing to heed warnings, had to take to the roofs of houses, the top branches of trees and rafts when the Bayou des Glaises line began to crumble.

Dikes "Honeycombed With Breaks."

Lieutenant Dixey Keifer, from the naval air station at Pensacola, flew over the new flood zones today. He reported the Bayou des Glaises and the Bayou Rouge levees as "honeycombed with breaks" and that the two crevasses at Moreauville have joined and the gap is now more than 3,200 feet wide. What this means can be appreciated when it is recalled that the Caernarvon crevasse at Poydras, which took two weeks to dynamite, is less by a thousand feet than this opening which the Tensas Basin flood waters gnawed into the Bayou des Glaises line in less than twenty-four hours.

The first major break today was a short distance from Borderlonville and the news that this vital link in the chain had been smashed was less than an hour old when came the bulletin that the Kleinwood link, in the very heart of the Big Bend, had yielded and that through this crevasse an avalanche of even more terrifying proportions than was the gap at Moreauville and Borderlonville was surging. And this was not all. Hardly half an hour had elapsed when the telephone heralded the third break, this time at Voorhis, a little village about half way between Moreauville and Borderlonville.

More than 100,000 people are in the path of the waters roaring through the gaps in the Bayou des Glaises and the Bayou Rouge. The sector immediately facing the fury of the flood is the southern part of the Parish of Avoyelles, North, Midde and Southern St. Landry, the western part of the Atchafalaya basin through St. Martin, Evangeline, the "imperial parish" of the Sugar Bowl, Iberia, St. Mary and the western fringe of Terrebonne to the Gulf of Mexico.

And yet the suffering and the misery of the people who are in the flood line does not mean the lessening of the danger that may in a few days face those to the east of the Atchafalaya or those whose homes and farms are on the Mississippi to the south of the Old River, which is the channel through which the crest of the Red is now pounding its way to a junction with the greater river.

Flood Crest in Tensas Basin.

Despite their size and notwithstanding the vastness of the discharge the breaks in the Bayou des Glaises line will not, in the opinion of Dr. Kline, the United States meteorologist at New Orleans, have any appreciable ef-

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Rockefeller Gives Too Much And Geneva Returns Six Dimes

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By Wireless to The New York Times.

GENEVA, May 14.—An example of the financial integrity of the League of Nations, which is the largest political organization, developed when the Treasurer discovered that the Rockefeller contribution toward the publication of the international handbook was overpaid by 3 francs 15 centimes, or about 60 cents.

Following a conference of administrative officials the Treasurer was instructed to send to Mr. Rockefeller, one of the world's richest men, a check with the explanation that the League's original estimate for the job was 4,500 gold francs, but that the interest on the contribution from Mr. Rockefeller brought 8 francs, leaving the above surplus, which the League was returning with thanks.

GIRL, 12, STRANGLED; HUNT ON FOR SLAYER

Bronx Child Dies Soon After She Is Found on Apartment House Roof.

THINK YOUTH LURED HER

District Attorney and Police Seek Tall Stranger Who Had Annoyed Children.

A 12-year-old girl was strangled and beaten on the roof of a five-story apartment house at 1,013 Simpson Street, the Bronx, last night and died in a hospital soon after she was found. The murderer escaped, but twenty detectives and many uniformed policemen were hunting late last night and early today for a "tall young man" who was said to have tried to lure several young girls of the neighborhood into dark hallways and alleys.

The body was identified in the Fordham morgue at 1:30 o'clock this morning as that of Yetta Abramowitz, 12 years old, of 883 East 165th Street, near Stebbins Avenue, the Bronx, about five minutes' walk from the scene of the murder. Mrs. Louis Abramowitz, the girl's mother, made the identification.

Mrs. Abramowitz said she had sent Yetta, one of several children, to a store in the neighborhood about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When darkness came and the child did not return, her mother went out and looked for her throughout the vicinity, but did not think of notifying the police. About midnight she heard from neighbors about the murder on Simpson Street. Then she and her husband went to the Simpson Street police station, and Mrs. Abramowitz was taken to the Morgue, while her husband stayed at the police house and detectives tried to see whether he could give any information that would throw light on the crime. He did not know of anybody who might have committed the murder.

Inasmuch as the crime apparently was not committed until shortly before the girl was found dying about 10 o'clock at night, the police think that her murderer took her to a moving-picture show before inducing her to accompany him to the rooftop, where he killed her.

When the girl was found she wore a small chain with a heart-shaped locket around her neck. The locket bore the initials "D. C.," and her parents identified it as a gift from another child in the neighborhood. Near her body was a child's ring, which evidently had been torn from her hand during a struggle, in which several of her fingers were broken. Fifteen cents—a dime and a nickel—were found nearby. Her mother said she had given the child ten cents when she sent her to the store. The murderer may have given her the five-cent piece as an inducement to go to the rooftop. The

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MOSCOW PARADERS JEER LONDON RAID; SOVIET DRAFTS NOTE

Red Police Quietly Disperse 30,000 Advancing Toward the British Mission.

FLAMING ORATORY AT NIGHT

Government Prepares Protest Threatening Trade Reprisals, but Not a Break.

MISSING PAPERS NOT FOUND

High Officials Confer in London as Cabinet Dilemma Over Situation Is Reported.

By Wireless to The New York Times.

MOSCOW, May 14.—The Soviet is drafting a note which probably will be sent to London late tonight or early tomorrow. It will threaten commercial reprisals and may even specify that several important contracts for machinery, &c., placed in England, be canceled.

Although describing the police raids on the Arcos offices as a "provocation" and declaring the invasion of the Soviet Trade Delegation's precincts and the search of the Soviet officials holding diplomatic passports a flagrant breach of the Anglo-Russian agreement of 1921, the note will not contemplate other reprisals or break off relations.

It is hinted here that the Soviets may seek to place in the United States any orders withdrawn from the British market.

Cartoons Ridicule Chamberlain.

After the offices and factories of Moscow closed this afternoon, 30,000 workers, Soviet employes and students bearing banners, posters and cartoons ridiculing Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, and General Chiang Kai-shek, the Cantonese commander who turned against the Chinese Communists, and headed by a band playing popular airs, marched toward the Embassy quarter.

Along the main street of the district, which, overcrowded with many small legations and with its non-Russian social life, has the air almost of a foreign "concession," the paraders advanced, silent as the grave, in the direction of the British Mission.

Everything was beautifully managed and happened according to plan. Each column of the good-tempered but jaded marchers, as it had been forewarned, was headed off into a side street by strong squads of mounted police when it arrived within fifty yards of the British headquarters. At this point some whistled or shouted slogans or made hooting noises on wind instruments, but all joined finally in the general movement of quiet dispersal.

By 5:30 o'clock, Moscow's dilapidated droshkis might be seen in every direction carrying back the embroidered red banners to the trade union headquarters.

While soldiers of the Red Army stood guard about the legation quarter, lively protest meetings were held during the evening in other parts of the Soviet capital, flaming orations being delivered from the balcony of the headquarters of the Communist International and from the round forum in front of the Foreign Office.

High Officials Confer on Seizure.

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Special Cable to The New York Times.

LONDON, May 14.—The police examination of the papers found during the raid on Arcos, Limited, and the offices of the Russian trade delegation had a sequel in an important conference held at the Home Office tonight by representatives of the Home Office, the War Office and the Foreign Office.

Sir William Horwood, Sir Wyndham Childs and other officials belonging to the special branch of Scotland Yard were also present. They met, it is understood, to consider several documents which had been removed from Arcos House.

During the conference it was found necessary to obtain other documents

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Pola Negri Now Princess Serge Mdivani; Firemen's Band Escorts Pair After Wedding

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By Wireless to The New York Times.

PARIS, May 14.—Pola Negri this morning became the Princess Serge Mdivani in her chateau at the village of Seraincourt, some twenty miles from Paris. A garden fête attended by villagers followed.

The wedding being a love marriage, the motion picture star had wished the ceremony to be as simple as possible, she said, and except for music by the local firemen's band, it was as simple as any country wedding in France could be.

Tonight there were fireworks, but bride and bridegroom had departed meanwhile for Deauville, so the fireworks were for the enjoyment of the villagers, among whom Pola's wedding sun had shone brilliantly to the delight of the bride and of the inevitable movie camera men, who thronged the Chateau de Rueil, scene of the wedding, as guests.

The first ceremony, a religious one, was held in the chapel of the chateau. In the early afternoon it was the turn of Mayor Mercier at the town hall to declare Prince Mdivani and his bride wedded according to the laws of the republic and to inscribe their names in the register. Only the father and sister of the bridegroom, the bride's mother and her god-father, Casimir Houfewiz, were present at the ceremony and signed as witnesses. It was then the firemen's turn to play and escort the bride and bridegroom back to the chateau, where they drank to the happiness of the couple.

The Princess will return soon to Hollywood, accompanied by the Prince, she says, and resume work in the studios. Her brother-in-law, Prince David Mdivani, and her sister-in-law, the former Mae Murray, were not present at the wedding.

SEE ARTICLE ON MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina, in The Spur Magazine, May 15th.—Advt.

400,000 Filipinos Flock to Insane 'Emperor,' Who Wears Golden Crown in Thatched Palace

MANILA, May 14 (AP).—Followers of Flor Intrencherado, the insane Filipino who has proclaimed himself "Emperor of the Philippines," poured into Iloilo Province on the Island of Panay today, asserting their purpose was to defend the "Emperor."

All were armed, most of them with bolos, the heavy sword-like knives used in peace time to cut sugar cane and other crops. They zealously guarded the thatched "palace" of the "Emperor."

Intrencherado made a statement that he was willing to obey the law, but his followers declared they were prepared to die should the authorities attempt to seize him for incarceration in an asylum. He has been declared insane by a court, but a decision to place him in an asylum has not been reached.

Trouble in Iloilo Province is expected, as Intrencherado's followers are excited and threatening.

The "Emperor" has eagerly received newspaper men, being avid for publicity. He wears a crown of gold, a rich, imperial robe and diamond rings, all obtained through levies and contributions.

His followers are variously estimated to number up to 400,000.

Living peaceably in his shack at Jaro, a suburb of the City of Iloilo, Intrencherado has taken no part in the uprising, although his followers have congregated close to his home.

Seizure of the municipal building at Victoria, on the Island of Negros, reported today, and disturbances at Silay and Lacarlota were purely local affairs, of which Intrencherado had no knowledge. The Philippine constabulary suppressed them and controlled the situation. In these disturbances one policeman was killed, one was wounded and two Intrencherados were killed and thirteen arrested before they were dispersed.

WOMEN POLITICIANS IN AN ELECTION ROW

Loser, After 260 Ballots, Says Chairman Voted Twice to Break Tie for President.

TURMOIL LASTS TO 2:30 A. M.

Mrs. Imhoff, Defeated, Disputes Mrs. Gallagher's Victory in Democratic Club.

The Women's Democratic Club tried to hold an election on Friday the thirteenth and the result was a tie, which, according to the defeated candidate for President, who now threatens legal action, was decided in favor of her opponent by the vote of the outgoing President.

There was no contest for any office except that of President. The two candidates for President were Mrs. John Marshall Gallagher from the Seventh Assembly District, who has been an attaché of the controller's staff, and Mrs. Hannah Imhoff, a Democratic worker in the Eleventh Assembly District, where James J. Hines is the leader. Mrs. Gallagher was declared the winner after Mrs. John Enos Quinn, retiring President had cast her vote to break the tie of 127 votes for each, according to Mrs. Imhoff.

The election was held at the Hotel Commodore and the balloting did not end until 2:30 yesterday morning. The canvass of the vote was not completed until late yesterday afternoon and last night official announcement of the result, which was to have been sent to the newspapers, had not come in.

Calls Her Defeat "Irregular."

Mrs. Imhoff said last night that she intended to consult her attorney to see if something could be done to correct what she called the marked irregularity of her defeat.

"When the vote was found to be a tie Mrs. Quinn should have declared it no election," Mrs. Imhoff said. "Instead, she took it upon herself to decide the election by casting a deciding vote, which, as I view it, was nothing less than repeating, Mrs. Quinn already having voted once."

Extreme vigilance was exercised by both sides in the contest and this, it was said last night, was largely responsible for the long time required to poll the 260 ballots that were cast. The club claims a membership of about 1,800. Among the honorary Vice Presidents are Mrs. Alfred E. Smith, Mrs. Bernard Baruch, Mrs. William Randolph Hearst and Miss Ann Matthews, Register.

Almost every vote cast was challenged, according to some accounts that reached the outside while the election was in progress. Would-be voters were required to present receipts from the Treasurer of the club to prove they were not behind in their dues. The Treasurer was not present, but had to be called on the telephone in instances where prospective voters were unable to show receipted bills for dues up to date. This, according to some women, took much time and greatly tried the patience of would-be electors.

According to Miss Martha Byrne, who was elected First Vice President by unanimous vote, Mrs. Gallagher had been elected by a slender majority of one vote. Miss Byrne, however, said nothing about Mrs. Quinn providing the majority by voting to break a tie.

Defection Was Threatened.

There was a report that Miss Elisabeth Marbury, Democratic National Committeewoman from this State, who was elected Second Vice President, had sent word to the hotel through Magistrate Jean Morris that she would not serve in that capacity if Mrs. Imhoff was elected President. Mrs. Imhoff was asked about this last night.

"Yes, I am told she said it all right," Mrs. Imhoff replied. "I am going to make her take that back either in public or in private as soon as I can get around to it."

Mrs. Imhoff said the trouble had originated in the Nominating Committee, of which Mrs. Charles D. Hirst was the head.

Now that the election is over, the list of officers of the club, barring a successful contest by Mrs. Imhoff, will stand as follows, according to announcement made by one of the officers-elect:

President, Mrs. Gallagher; First Vice President, Miss Martha Byrne; Second Vice President, Miss Marbury; Third Vice President, Mrs. James Cleary; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Antonio C. Gonsalez; Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Thomas F. McPartland; Sixth Vice President, Mrs. Jack Loeb; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Walter Blackhall; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Theresa Quinn Minot; Treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth O'Brien; and Historian, Mrs. Maxwell Hall Elliot.

Earl Carroll Vanities, Moran & Mack, Julius Tannen, Johnny Dooley, Dorothy Knapp. Earl Carroll Theatre.—Advt.

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PANIC AT BALL GAME WHEN STAND FALLS

One Killed, Scores of Men and Women Hurt at Grounds of Philadelphia Naticnals.

JAMMED TO ESCAPE RAIN

7,000 Rushed to Cover From Bleachers to Section Which Weakened Under Strain.

Special to The New York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 14.—During the seventh inning of today's game between the Phillies and Cardinals at the antiquated Broad and Huntingdon Streets National League ball park one man was killed and scores injured when the lower right field stands collapsed.

A man later identified as Frederick Haas, aged 50, a lithographer, was trampled to death in the wild rush. His body was taken to the morgue.

More than twenty persons were treated for minor injuries at the ball park and as many more hurried away to hospitals near by. Cut hands and legs and bruises constituted most of the injuries.

The point where the collapse occurred is just back of first base and part of the double-decked stand.

A big holiday crowd of 18,000 was on hand. It started to rain in the third inning and the bleacher fans made a rush for the protected left and right field stands. Soon after the Phillies scored eight runs in the sixth inning there seemed to be a thousand persons bunched back of first base, all trying to keep out of the wet.

Rush Starts as Seat Sections Sag.

Suddenly there was a wild scramble when the sections sagged toward the aisles that ran between them and the spectators slid down from their seats. The accident caused the panic and crush.

Many thought with terror of the fatal collapse at the same ball park on Aug. 8, 1903, when a railing gave way over Broad Street, hundreds were pushed over into the street and twelve were killed and thirty injured.

Fans in the upper pavilion today feared the entire stands had collapsed and made a mad rush down the old iron steps just back of the press box.

The stands did not plunge through to the ground, but sagged into a pocket formation into which the spectators were jammed. The supports under the stands evidently were weakened by the stamping and jumping of the exultant fans in the sixth inning, when the home team scored six runs in a batting rally. The crash came in the first half of the seventh inning, with St. Louis at bat and one man out. The panic forced the umpires to stop the game with the score standing 12 to 3 in favor of Philadelphia.

The body of the man who lost his life was carried out on a stretcher. Ambulances came from all directions, but the big crowd on the field delayed the work of the rescuers. The police, club officials and baseball players all took a hand in offering first aid. Even the trainers of the two ball clubs had their emergency kits out and patched up some of the cuts and bruises.

Clothes Torn Off Man's Back.

Mrs. Irving Ludering from Reading was cut about the arms and legs. Harry Fromsen of this city was cut on both legs and badly trampled upon.

J. W. Vaughn of Altoona had a brand-new suit torn off his back and was cut about the scalp.

Among others injured and treated at St. Joseph's, Samaritan, Women's Homeopathic and Episcopal Hospitals, as well as by doctors on the field, were: J. E. Cleary, George Clark, Morris Blank, Alfred Vinclette, S. L. Gransback, Henry Thoman, Albert Ross, Herman Copeland, Fred Wolfran, Charles H. Bailey, Harry Reset, Jacob Dirviker, F. L. Brown, Benjamin Bidenbach, Dominik Salvato, Daniel Heller, Isadore Litwack, E. S. Massey, Charles Harris, Mrs. Howard Campton, W. L. Camber, L. Teker, H. J. Moore and John Birney.

Crash Laid to Extra Pressure.

Secretary Jerry Nugent said tonight that the stands were inspected only two months ago by the city and found to be safe. He was unable to give the direct cause for the crash, as he did not believe the structure was in a weakened condition.

"I think there is no doubt, however, that the crash may have been caused by the section in the stands being overtaxed by the additional 7,000 fans who entered it from the bleachers when rain fell in the third inning," he said.

Mr. Nugent believes that the supports were unable to hold the excess weight of the additional fans and gradually weakened during the next four innings.

NEW YORK-FLORIDA LIMITED—6:40 P. M. Daily—Jacksonville next eve'g—Miami, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Sarasota—St. Petersburg second morning. SEABOARD, 142 West 42nd St. Tel. Wis. 5413.—Advt.

HEAR GOV. FULLER WILL NAME BOARD FOR SACCO INQUIRY

Rumors Here Put Hughes at the Head of Commission, but They Are Denied.

DYNAMITE SENT TO FULLER

Postal Officials Intercept Package and Find Threat From Sacco Sympathizer.

HE WARNED THE GOVERNOR

Said He Would "Use" Explosive if Death Sentence Was Carried Out.

Governor Alvin T. Fuller of Massachusetts, according to a report current in New York yesterday, is to appoint a commission of inquiry to examine the facts in the Sacco-Vanzetti case.

In Boston last night Governor Fuller denied a report that he would ask Charles Evans Hughes to act as Chairman of the commission. Mr. Hughes was asked here about the report which linked his name with that of the Chairmanship of the commission, and he replied, "I have not heard anything about it officially."

The commission, it was reported, will consist of eminent citizens and study the facts surrounding the case of Sacco and Vanzetti to ascertain whether the men had a fair trial.

Herman A. MacDonald, secretary to Governor Fuller, informed The New York Times by telephone from Beverly Farms, Mass., that Governor Fuller would make his decision as to his action in a few days, but not later than the end of this week. Mr. MacDonald said Governor Fuller was giving very careful consideration to the the case of the two men convicted in 1921 for murder in connection with a payroll hold-up and sentenced to be put to death during the week of July 10.

Governor Fuller has been flooded with appeals from people in all walks of life importuning him either to pardon the men or appoint a commission to study the facts surrounding their trial, on the ground that the men really were being punished as radicals. He has also had letters denouncing the men as murderers and urging him not to exercise clemency.

The most reliable reports hitherto have indicated that Governor Fuller was likely to appoint a commission consisting of eminent citizens to furnish him with an advisory opinion on which he may base such action as he would deem necessary. The Massachusetts laws do not provide for a review of facts in a capital case by the courts, the appeals to the Supreme Court of that State being decided only on points of law.

Stop Package Directed to Governor.

Special to The New York Times.

BOSTON, May 14.—A package of dynamite, addressed with a menacing letter to Governor Fuller at the State House by a Sacco-Vanzetti sympathizer has been intercepted by the postal officials.

The postoffice authorities said they had no clue as to the sender, nor did they know, other than that it was at some point in the Boston district, where the dynamite was mailed. The letter threatened to blow up the Governor if the two condemned men were executed. No apparatus by which the dynamite could have been exploded was found in the package.

The envelope containing the letter was addressed, "Mr. Governor of Massachusetts." The letter which accompanied the explosive read as follows:

"Governor of Massachusetts:—

"I have succeeded in getting a quarter of a ton of this. If Sacco and Vanzetti are going to be murder I am going to get more and use it.

"A Citizen of the World."

Postoffice Destroys the Dynamite.

Postal Inspector Colvin today forwarded the letter to the Governor, with a note stating:

"The enclosed threatening communication was found in the Burlington Avenue Parcel Post Station of this office on May 10, bound to a parcel with wire. From its appearance, it might contain unmailable matter. It was withdrawn from the mails, turned over to Assistant Postmaster N. H. Hanson and by him turned over to this office.

"On examination here by Inspector J. E. A. Sullivan, the parcel was found to contain dynamite, which has been disposed of.

"This office has no clue as to the identity of the person who mailed the parcel, nor are we able to determine in what section of the city the mailing took place."

Mr. Colvin said the Postoffice offi-

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THREE SAW A WHITE PLANE PASS NEAR HARBOR GRACE; STORMS DELAY FLIERS HERE

Quebec to Search Labrador With Plane for Nungesser

Special to The New York Times.

QUEBEC, May 14.—With a fast Vickers scouting plane winging its way to the Labrador and Newfoundland coasts and with hundreds of men searching in the vicinity of Anticosti Island, the Province of Quebec today entered the hunt for the missing French aviators, Captains Nungesser and Coli.

Captain Quigley, a war-time veteran, is in charge of the plane, while he has M. A. Hebert of the Quebec Department of Lands and Forests as official observer.

The points that will first be visited are Tadousac, Anticosti Island and Seven Islands in the Province of Quebec. From there the fliers will scour the Labrador coast line in the immediate vicinity of this Province and thence will wing their way over the Cornerbrook sector, this being one of the outposts of Newfoundland.

FLIERS TEST PLANES, AWAITING GOOD DAY

Byrd Goes Up in His Fokker for First Time Since Accident—Wanamaker Accepts It.

LINDBERGH IN TWO FLIGHTS

Breaks Skid Dodging Crowd—Bellanca Also Flies—Good Day Tomorrow Hoped For.

The New York-to-Paris flight was still blocked by bad weather over the Atlantic yesterday. Last night the pilots said the weather was worse than the day before, and showed little sign of clearing up before tomorrow. That was the belief of James H. Kimball of the Weather Bureau also, and he said that a flight for the next day or two would be inadvisable.

All three of the contending planes were in the air yesterday. Commander Richard E. Byrd, who said he had several days of tests ahead of him before he would be ready to leave, flew his big plane for the first time and tested his instruments. He said he was greatly pleased with the ship, but that he would not know just what it would do until he had made load and consumption and speed tests.

The Bellanca, was flown once by Clarence D. Chamberlin with Charles A. Levine, owner of the plane, as passenger, and Captain Charles A. Lindbergh took his plane up twice for instrument tests. His plane and the Bellanca are all ready now to take off at any moment, and Lindbergh may fly his plane to Roosevelt Field today so it will be near the runway.

Crowds at Field All Day.

A huge crowd was around the planes all day long. Spaces in front of the hangars were roped off, and about forty Nassau County policemen under Captain Frank McCahill and Sergeant Wilson kept the crowds back. There was little confusion, and the spectators learned very quickly that it was not safe to go too close to a whirling propeller while a plane is warming up. There were at least 4,000 cars and 7,500 persons on the two fields during the day. Captain René Fonck, who piloted the Sikorsky when it crashed last year in the first attempt to get off for Paris, and Lieutenant Alvord J. Williams, winner of many speed races, visited the field yesterday.

Lindbergh was the centre of attention all day. The Bellanca has been so long in preparation that visitors have got used to reading about it and seeing it, but the tall youth from the West, whose rapid flight here from the Coast attracted so much attention, is brand-new and has made friends of every one by his good nature and modesty. He was besieged by all sorts of people until he took refuge in his hangar with a rope across the front to keep them out. He made an

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Woman Slain as She Enters Line of Fire When Policeman and Thieves Battle

Mrs. Annie Coombs, 48 years old, of 399 Ninth Avenue, was shot and almost instantly killed last night when she walked into a pistol battle between a patrolman and two thieves at Ninth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street.

The patrolman, Peter Pfeiffer of the West Thirtieth Street Station, and another man, John Mavajosky of Alderson, Pa., were taken to the French Hospital. Mavajosky was wounded in three places in the abdomen and little hope was held out for his recovery. Pfeiffer was struck twice in the left thigh.

Pfeiffer was at Tenth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street when a man ran up to him and told him that two young men had just thrown a bottle through the window of a delicatessen in Ninth Avenue, near Twenty-ninth Street. Pfeiffer hurried toward the store and as he rounded the corner on Ninth Avenue the two men who had broken the window, apparently in a robbery attempt, pulled out pistols and opened fire. The patrolman fired back.

The pistol battle started with such suddenness that before Mrs. Coombs, who had been to a near-by store, knew what was happening, she was right in the middle of the affray. A bullet hit her in the back and she died before help could reach her. A moment after she went down, Patrolman Pfeiffer said, one of his bullets hit one of the thugs in the leg. The man arose and with his companion raced past him and into Twenty-ninth Street.

As Pfeiffer started after them, Mavajosky, a passerby, joined the chase. The young men and the patrolman continued to exchange shots and three of the fugitives' bullets hit Mavajosky.

Pfeiffer sped after the fugitives, and just before they turned into a hallway at 340 West Twenty-ninth Street two of their bullets hit him in the thigh. Despite his wounds, he caught up with them in the hallway and grappled with them, but they broke loose and escaped over the roofs. The neighborhood was thrown into great excitement by the shots.

FIRST TO SIGHT AIRCRAFT

Two Men and a Woman Observed Big Machine Monday Forenoon.

FLYING FROM EAST TO WEST

Machine Seen Apparently the Same One Heard by Harbor Grace Residents.

EXPLOSION ALSO REPORTED

Lumberman Said to Have Heard Plane Fall Near Inland Town of Whitbourne.

By SIR PATRICK McGRATH,
President of the Legislative Council of Newfoundland.

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ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 14.—Three persons who say they actually saw an airplane passing overhead near Harbor Grace last Monday forenoon have been added to the five residents of Harbor Grace itself who have already reported that they heard a plane, now supposed to be the missing Nungesser-Coli craft, droning over them at about the same time.

Mrs. Ann Kelly, aged 70 and living at Otterbury, west of Harbor Grace, states that on Monday morning between 9:30 and 10 o'clock she was out in her garden doing her usual morning work with her poultry, when suddenly she heard a queer, loud noise overhead. She looked up and saw what she took to be two large white birds going southward.

She says she thought it strange for birds to be making so much noise and also for them to be flying so closely together. Likewise she wondered what sort of birds they were, because they seemed unusually large.

Now Sure She Saw Plane.

She did not trouble about the incident and made no mention of it to her husband. She did not know of the Nungesser flight until last night, when she went to a neighbor's house some distance from here. While she was there somebody read about the mysterious airplane visit in The Harbor Grace Standard, a weekly newspaper which was published yesterday.

Mrs. Kelly upon hearing this at once told those present of her seeing and hearing the strange birds Monday morning. Visiting Harbor Grace this morning she gave the same information to people there, adding that she had become convinced that what she saw was an airplane because she was familiar with that Handley-Page machine prepared at Harbor Grace eight years ago by Admiral Mark Kerr for an attempted flight across the Atlantic to England.

The distance from Mrs. Kelly's home, which is on low land west of Harbor Grace, to that of Patrick O'Brien, who first reported hearing the plane in Harbor Grace, is one and one-half miles.

Sighted at Bear Cove.

Two men, Ebenezer Peddle, aged 56, and his son James, aged 18, both belonging to Bear Cove, one mile east of Harbor Grace, on visiting the town today reported seeing and hearing the machine. They were working in a field near their house soon after 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning when they heard a strange noise above them which they thought was caused by an airplane.

Looking up they descried a large, white machine bearing about northwest from them. They heard the noise of the engine for nearly fifteen minutes before the sound died out, but the machine was visible for only a few minutes as the weather was hazy.

The Peddles knew nothing about any transatlantic flight, supposed the machine was from St. John's and gave the matter no further attention till they came to Harbor Grace today for their weekly marketing.

Heard News of Flight.

There on hearing the talk about the flight and the missing plane they contributed this new piece of information. They are positive they saw a machine and that the noise was not caused by birds.

The distance between their home and that of O'Brien is about two miles, so that if these stories are correct the machine was seen and heard by the Peddles east of Harbor Grace and then heard by O'Brien, Stapleton, Moriarty, Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Munn in about the centre of Harbor Grace, but not seen by them probably because the smoke of the coal fires of the town made the atmosphere too dull.

But after the machine emerged from this haze it was seen and heard by Mrs. Kelly, a mile and a half west of the town.

These statements are accepted in Harbor Grace as genuine.

To Investigate Reported Plane Crash.

The commanding officer of our constabulary tonight informed me that he had a report from Whitbourne, sixty miles from here, that a lumberman in the forest there heard an airplane passing Monday morning and shortly afterward heard an explosion and

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