

## Biggest Airplane Hunt Ever Begun for Lost Aviators

**M. M. Merrill and Edwin Ronne Down on Buffalo  
New York Trip Commenced Monday — Over  
Twenty Planes in Search.**

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.)

CURTISS FIELD, L.I., Aug. 29—The biggest airplane hunt in history was begun today for M. M. Merrill, manager of the Curtiss Flying Service and Edwin M. Ronne of the Buffalo airport. The two popular aviators have been lost since Monday when they left Buffalo in Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's falcon monoplane for New York. It is certain they are down, for they carried but a five hours gasoline supply. Today a rescue mission of 20 planes started out in war formation to make observations over the wooded and hilly territory lying along the Buffalo to New York route.

### Reported Missing

Curtis Field, N. Y., Aug. 28—M. M. Merrill, diminutive boss of the Curtis Flying Service who has been quick in the past to offer sympathy and aid when other fliers disappeared, was himself missing today. He and Edward Ronne, manager of the Buffalo Aeroplane port, left the up-state city at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to fly an Orange Curtiss Falcon belonging to Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh to New York but they failed to arrive.

## FRENCH CLAIM NO SECRET CLAUSES IN NAVAL TREATY

**Franco-British Pact on  
Limitation of Big  
Craft.**

Geneva, Aug. 28—The essence of the provisional naval agreement between France and Great Britain is in the opinion of French circles expressed to the Associated Press today, that an attempt should be made to reach an international agreement limiting the construction of large cruisers and large submarine but that for the moment limitation of smaller units should not be attempted.

In thus summarizing the accord French circles denied categorically that the agreement contains any secret clauses and they joined British quarters in characterizing as untrue reports that it provides for associated British and French fleets.

### Annual Reunion

The second annual reunion of the officers and men of the 55th Battalion of the N. B. and P. E. I. will be held in this city on Thursday Sept. 20th at the Canadian Legion quarters on Queen street, according to notice in one of the St. John papers. It is expected that a large number of those who served in that battalion will be present and all are cordially welcomed. A list of those in attendance will be sent in and kept for reference. A number of officers will be present from this province and the sister province.

## JAPAN WILL MAINTAIN ORDER IN MANCHURIA SAYS TANAKA

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.)

BERLIN, Aug. 29—An interview appearing in the Vossische Zeitung and credited to Premier Baron Tanaka of Japan said that the Japanese Manchurian policy was dictated by the necessity of maintaining order at any cost. He denied that Japan was refusing to negotiate with China but added, "However, the preliminary condition is that the existing government be entitled to represent all China." He added that Chinese unification was not yet accomplished and thus all powers were compelled to wait and see what would happen.

## GERMANY TO ASK FOR RHINELAND TO BE EVACUATED

(Special cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)  
Berlin, Aug. 29—Germany will demand complete evacuation of the Rhineland at the September session of the League of Nations assembly, it was clearly indicated in the official socialist press service today. Chancellor Hermann Mueller will present the demand at Geneva.

## BIRTHS SHOW SOME INCREASE

Ottawa, Aug. 28—The total number of births reported for the nine provinces of Canada in February, 1928 was 18,143, as against 17,592 for February of last year. The provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta showed an increase, while the other provinces showed a decrease.

There were altogether 18,566 confinements. Single confinements numbered 18,331, resulting in 17,726 children born alive, and 605 children were born dead. Twin births numbered 232; in 196 cases both infants were born alive, while in 18 cases one only was born alive and in 18 cases both were born dead.

## FLIERS MAY HAVE HIT GREENLAND

Copenhagen, Aug. 28—Possible proof that the Rockford-to-Stockholm fliers, Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer reached the east coast of Greenland, was contained in a communique issued by the Danish government today, saying that noise like that of an aeroplane had been heard in the native colony at Akigsemish.

### BOOTLEGGERS SENTENCED

Montreal, Aug. 28—The last chapter of what was proven to be a conspiracy to furnish a bootlegging ring in the United States with forged labels and documents on the Quebec Liquor Commission was written today when Judge Lacroix sentenced the conspirators.

### Football Practice

A large number of candidates for the Fredericton High School rugby football team turned out last evening at Queen's Square for the first workout. The squad was in charge of Coach Egbert Cass who has successfully coached yellow and black rugby teams for the past decade. A light workout was had, for the weather, which is still on the summer side, permits of no strenuous gridiron work. Expectations are that there will be six of last year's regulars for duty again this year and with some good new material, F. H. S. should retain the honors which she has procured during the past few years on the gridiron. Carl Watson is captain of this year's squad and the big blonde is in fine trim for the rugby season, having played baseball in the York County league all summer. It is not known for a surety whether Mr. Cass will coach this year's team but strenuous efforts will be made to secure his services for another season. In the meantime the team will have light workouts preparatory to their more rugged grind later in the season.

We wish we could veto some of the bills that are presented to us.

## STORM DAMAGE IN HAITI WORSE THAN REPORTED

**More Than 100,000 are  
in Serious Danger of  
Starvation.**

## VEGETATION DESTROYED

**Thousands Homeless as  
a Result of Hurri-  
cane.**

(Special cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Port Au Prince Haiti, Aug. 29—More than 100,000 persons are in danger of starvation in Haiti, President Louis Borno said today.

President Borno in issuing a report summarizing the damage of the recent hurricane said the situation was much more serious than at first supposed.

"The condition of Haiti is much worse than original reports showed. More than 100,000 are in a starving condition in the stricken area due to the complete destruction of crops, causing three to six months delay in the local output of food supply.

"All animals were killed and cultivated farms drowned out.

"Government resources are not sufficient to provide food and shelter for the victims and rebuild roads and bridges.

"The condition of Haiti is serious." The hurricane, which occurred about two weeks ago, devastated a large area in the interior of the island, killing more than two hundred people, injuring many others and making thousands homeless.

## BAPTISTS MEET AT WOLFVILLE

Wolfville, N. S. Aug. 28—Wolfville is the centre of Baptist interest in the Maritime Provinces this week as the annual meeting of the convention of the United Baptist churches opens here tomorrow. A meeting preliminary to the convention was held last evening and today a pastors retreat was in session.

The general subject considered was "Jesus, the Minister's Ideal." Rev. C. A. Britten opened the session with an address on "Jesus, the Ideal in Character."

## RAPID AIR MAIL SERVICE SEEN

Montreal, Aug. 28—A rapid mail service by airship between Great Britain and Canada was forecasted today by W. G. Williams, parliamentary secretary of the British Board of Trade. There were two great airships under construction in Great Britain one by the government the other by Commander Burney, and the latter was likely to have its trials towards the end of the year.

"I should be surprised" Mr. Williams said "if we do not see the development of rapid mail communications between England and Canada through airships."

### HAS 95TH BIRTHDAY

Paget, Bermuda, Aug. 28—Playing hostess to her 50 grand children, Mrs. Malvins Doe, of Woodstock, celebrated her 95th birthday here. She has 12 living children. She was born in 1834 the same year that African slavery was abolished in Bermuda. Mrs. Doe is still hale and hearty and resides in the old homestead where she was born.

There is joy in the job after the disagreeable part of it is done.

## U. S. Invitation to Russia to Sign Pact Has Complications

**If Soviets Sign Kellogg Treaty United States  
Must Give De Jure Recognition of Red Gov-  
ernment—Present Attitude Farical.**

(By HERBERT BAILEY, British United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Aug. 29—The farcical position of the United States caused by Secretary of State Kellogg's invitation to the Soviets to participate in the signing of the outlawry of war pact, was emphasized today by constitutional lawyers, who point out that if Russia signs the pact the United States would thereby acknowledge her sovereignty de jure in spite of the refusal to accord her diplomatic recognition.

By international law, it is explained, one country cannot enter into a contract such as a peace pact, with another country and then plead that one of the contracting parties had no capacity to sign. Hence the United States will find it impossible to avoid de jure recognition.

Great Britain's position is different because she has merely broken off relations with Moscow and has not refused de jure recognition.

## BOSTON MAN DIES WHEN CAR GOES OVER A BRIDGE

Moncton, Aug. 28—While driving through darkness and a dense fog, Harry A. Budd, 47, a former resident of Coatesville, Kent County, and for the last four years a resident of Boston, was almost instantly killed when his motor car went over a bridge crossing a creek about two miles from this city about 4 o'clock this morning. With Mr. Budd in the car at the time were his wife and son, Clarke, who was driving at the time. Mr. and Mrs. William Forsythe, their two daughters Dorothy and Greta, and little son, Hardy.

## FIVE DIE IN FIRE IN TORONTO

Toronto, Aug. 28—Morris Klianman aged 7, was the sole survivor tonight of a family of six persons, his parents, two brothers and a sister losing their lives in a fire which swept through the apartment of Joseph Klianmann, a local merchant, early this morning. At St. Michael's Hospital it was stated that the boy has a fighting chance to live.

### BEAVERBROOK WILL

Montreal, Aug. 28—With the exception of personal effects all property belonging to Lady eBeaverbrook who died in Westminster, Eng., on December 1, 1927, is left to her husband, Lord Beaverbrook according to a will now being probated in the court of fices here. Petition to probate the will was filed by Lord Beaverbrook, and will be dealt with in the usual legal delays.

## KRASSIN STARTS ON SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE SURVIVORS OF ITALIA

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

BERGEN, NORWAY, Aug. 28—The Russian icebreaker Krassin has started its lonely and humanitarian search back into the frozen Arctic area. The big steel prowed craft, which rescued seventeen men of the Italia and rescue groups is enroute to King's Bay, Spitzbergen today from where it will put back into the northland to search for the six men who floated away with the envelope of the Italian polar dirigible and for the six men of the Roald Amundsen Expedition.

## LAWYERS IN CONVENTION AT REGINA

Regia, Sask., Aug. 28—With representatives present from practically every province of Canada, the second conference of the governing bodies of the legal profession in Canada, opened this morning here under the chairmanship of Sir James Atkins, of Winnipeg, president of the Canadian Bar Association.

A welcome to the province and the city was extended by H. J. Schull, K. C., president of the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

### WON CHESS TOURNEY

Hungary won the team tournament of the International Chess Federation held recently at The Hague. The United States team finished second, and Poland third.

### Estate Probated

Letters testamentary in the will of the late Michael Ryan were granted to J. Fred Ryan and Arthur J. Ryan, sons of the deceased and Fred S. Mundle, son-in-law, when the will was admitted to probate before Judge Fenety of the Probate Court on Monday. The estate was probated at \$24,399. \$18,500 of this amount is personal property and \$1,000 life insurance and \$4,800 real estate. By the terms of the will, the residence on Woodstock Road occupied by the deceased belongs to the daughters, Mrs. Annie Wheeler and Mrs. Fred S. Mundle and a son Thomas all of this city. J. Fred Ryan and Mrs. Fred. Mundle each are left a share of the interest of the deceased in the brick manufacturing business. Winslow and McNair were the proctors of the will.