

SPEEDIER SHIPS FRENCH ANSWER TO SKY ROUTES

PARIS—(AP)—Speed is a major object in plan for a successor to the fire-wrecked French liner *Atlantique* on the ship-line to South America.

Eugene Prot, French minister of merchant marine, has announced that internal combustion motors and new designs for the hull are being studied in an effort to build a vessel swift enough to compete against the growing competition of the airplane.

"Before ten years," he predicted, "trans-oceanic postal service will be made regularly by airplanes."

His study of the question, M. Prot said, shows that a liner of 28,000 to 30,000 tons would be sufficiently large for the service between France and South America, providing it was fast enough, safe and steady. The *Atlantique* was a 40,000-ton ship.

"Speed is the essential quality today on land, on water and in the air," M. Prot said. "Soon liners will have to combat the competition of airplanes. If ships wish to keep their place in the world's passenger traffic they must achieve increasingly greater speed."

As for the hull of the burned *Atlantique*, now a subject of dispute between the owners and the insurers, P. Gayral, a French engineer, suggests that it be anchored in the North Atlantic halfway between Cherbourg and New York as a mid-ocean air-drome for trans-Atlantic flights.

CHILD FINDS RICHEST SPECIMEN OF QUARTZ BUT FORGETS WHERE

NAIROBI, East Africa—(AP)—A small girl here is the only person who knows the clue to one of Kake-mega's richest gold secrets—and she has forgotten it.

Her mining engineer father took his family on a tour of the gold fields and halted to sample some rock. His daughter, aged 11, amused herself by going with papa.

In the evening the engineer tested in the day's specimens but found nothing. The child said "Daddy try this one" and handed him a piece of quartz.

Recognizing "this one" as one of the richest pieces of gold-bearing quartz he had ever seen, he asked excitedly "Where did you pick it up?"

But the child's sample gathering had been so haphazard she couldn't remember.

PORTLAND CLERIC LEAPS OFF BRIDGE

PORTLAND, June 16.—(AP)—Ill and despondent, the Rev. Albert T. Foster, 81, leaped into the Willamette river here last night from the Ross Island bridge, and drowned. A former pastor of the Wilshire Community Methodist church, he was relieved of the position several months ago because of ill health. His widow, five daughters and two sons survive.

Two additional drownings occurred in the Portland vicinity yesterday. Robert Fisher, 18, lost his life in a pond in the Lincoln Memorial park cemetery when he tried to swim from a raft in the middle of the pond. Renauld Davis, 20, of Portland, drowned while swimming in Lake Oswego.

BIGGER AND BETTER AUTO CRASHES NOW

SALEM, June 16.—(AP)—Fewer but more disastrous automobile accidents were reported in May this year than last, the secretary of state's announces.

During May, 1,567 automobile accidents in Oregon brought death to 18 persons and injuries to 346 others. Last year 1,750 accidents in May resulted in 13 deaths and injuries to 402.

The year's total of automobile accidents reported up to the first of June was 7,807, injured persons, 1,398 and deaths 89, as compared to 9,188 accidents, 1,728 injured and 98 deaths over the same period last year.

FOOTS CREEK

FOOTS CREEK, June 16.—(Sp.)—Meadows, Effie, Birdseye, Victor Birdseye, R. L. Miller and L. L. Smith attended the Civic Improvement club at Rogue River June 9. This was the last meeting of the low cost meal project. Mable Mack demonstrated several new dishes.

Mrs. Frank Tompkins who suffered

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a paralytic stroke June 6, is slightly improved.

Bertha Coy and Ernest Ross of Gold Hill called at Riveria June 9.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Pickett of the colony have traded their ranch for property in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. George West and daughter Pauline, of Medford and Mrs. Pauline Wahl spent June 11 with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott at the Cook and Rowe mine.

Dorothy Smith spent several days last week in Grants Pass with her sister, Mrs. Nelson Boosmiller.

Mary Gay, Marjorie and Jean Skeleton and Phyllis Miller attended a meeting of the Girl Scouts at Gold Hill June 8.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hull and daughter Georgann of Salem, enroute to Ashland to visit their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Helms, called on the Marion and George Lance families June 6.

KALGOORLIE ROARING AGAIN AS GOLD NEED SPURS OLD DIGGINGS

PERTH, Australia.—(AP)—Kalgoorlie, chief city of Western Australia's famous golden mile, is again the rip-roaring mining town of 20 years ago.

The high price of gold awakened it from its long somnolence and it is today the most prosperous city in Australia.

Large dumps of old tailings have been bought by a chemical syndicate which is getting sufficient of

the precious metal to make the venture pay.

Saloons, cafes, and dancing dens keep open all night and the gold fever has seized everyone.

Many miners work only long enough to save a "stake," then go into the desert in an effort to locate a field for themselves.

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ARCTIC TRADE LANE VIA BERING STRAITS PLANNED BY SOVIETS

MOSCOW.—(AP)—A regular ocean route across the top of the world from the White Sea to the Pacific is planned by the soviet government.

The project sprang from the success of the ice-breaker *Sibirskov* in negotiating this passage through the Arctic last summer.

Prof. Otto Schmidt, who commanded the *Sibirskov* and who, with his crew, was decorated with the order of the Red Banner, has been named

head of a special agency to chart the course and plan safeguards for navigators.

This commission will supervise erection of weather and radio stations along the coast and on some of the islands en route to keep ships informed of ice and storm conditions.

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ITALY PROHIBITS WINE FOR YOUNGSTERS UPON ARGUMENT OF HEALTH

ROME.—(AP)—In the face of warnings that she is bringing up a generation of teetotalers, Italy has preferred to retain a law prohibiting wine for children in public institutions.

The anti, championing the grape industry, put up a strong argument in the chamber of deputies, but were overridden.

Holding that wine is injurious to minors, Under-secretary Arpinati of

the interior department said their health is of prime importance. He pooh-poohed the idea that any considerable section of the public ever would be teetotalers.

Deputy Luigi Capri-Cruciani, for the anti, stressed America's experience to show that beverages of small alcoholic content are desirable. He insisted that moderate use of wine by children is a safeguard against abuse of stronger drinks in later life.

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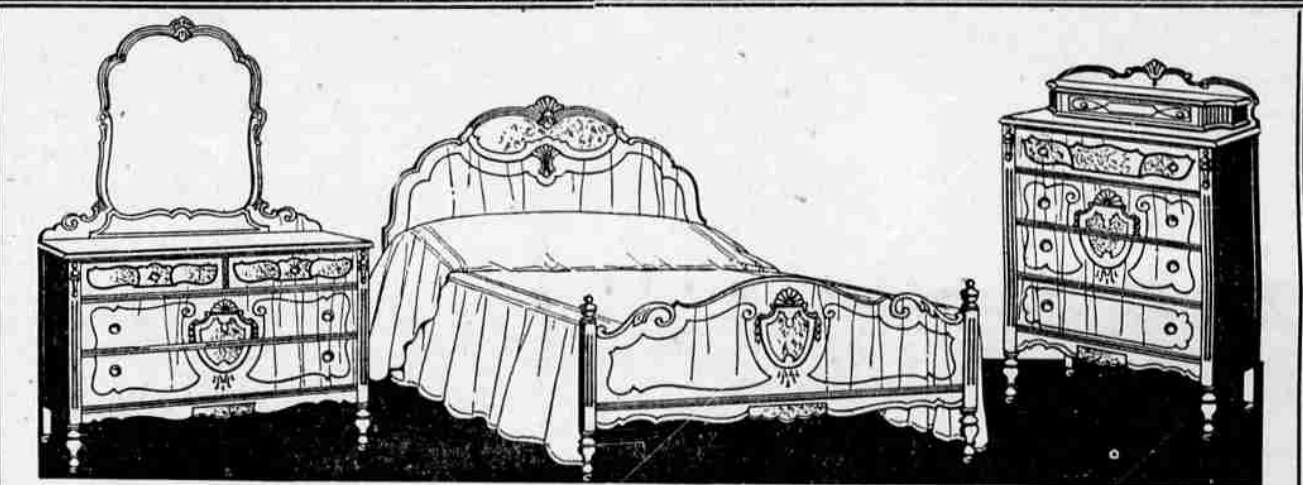
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