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THE MARQUIS OF CLYDESDALE.

## A "ROUSE CASE" OF THE AIR?

### AMAZING CITY OF LIVERPOOL FIRE THEORY

MAN WHO PLANNED SUICIDE

"Daily Express" Special Representative.

WAS Albert Voss a "Rouse of the air"? Did he set fire to the City of Liverpool in mid-air in the hope that he could escape and yet deceive the world into thinking he was dead? Did Nemesis overtake him and make him a victim of his own foul deed?

### INQUEST TO-DAY

Those questions may be answered during the inquest which opens at Salford to-day on this Manchester dentist, who perished in the disaster at Dixmude, Belgium, last Tuesday, and whose funeral was dramatically stopped on Sunday.

The answers will depend on the result of the inquiries which are to be made in Manchester by Chief Inspector Charles Wesley, of Scotland-yard.

Albert Voss had good reason to disappear. The "Daily Express" stated yesterday that he was wanted by the Continental police in connection with charges of embezzlement.

### POISON ATTEMPT

He was desperately anxious to escape examination of the state of his finances. It is known that he had recently attempted to take poison in Manchester. Before his last journey he made the statement that he intended to commit suicide.

Voss fell from the airplane before it crashed. His body was picked up nearly two miles from the scene of the disaster.

His parachute had failed him in his last frantic bid for life.

The nature of his burns shows that the interior of the City of Liverpool was only partly afloat when he left it at least a minute before the crash. Their position shows that his left side was exposed to the fiercest part of the flames.

### INFLAMMABLE BOMB?

It is suggested that his scoured left hand may have carried an inflammable bomb which burst slightly sooner than expected. That would have accounted for the serious burning of the hand and the less extensive burning of the upper parts of the body.

Or perhaps he found a piece of inflammable material alight among the passengers, and then jumped for his life in the midst of the inferno.

Was his plan to land by parachute some miles from the wrecked airplane? The flames would consume the bodies beyond recognition. It would be assumed that he had died with his fellow passengers.

In the meantime he could hide till dawn, and then, while the City of Liverpool was burning itself and its cargo to ashes, he could sink away to obscurity, in the same way as Rouse intended when he left his blazing car on the Great North-road.

### WHERE THE FIRE BEGAN

Whatever his plan may have been, Voss entrusted his life to his parachute, the parachute failed to open. Voss was hurled to death.

Many of the facts suit this theory. Experts agree that the fire started at the back of the machine. Voss occupied the back of the airplane. The burns on his body confirm that he was near the seat of the flames before he jumped to earth.

Mr. A. H. Flint, the Salford coroner, that he did not rule out the possibility that Voss set the fire started at the back of the machine. The evidence gained during the inquest will prove whether he was a victim of disaster or of his own design.

See Page Thirteen.

# TRIUMPHAL FLIGHT OVER EVEREST

## Britons Encircle Summit 5 Miles High For 15 Minutes

### CAMERAMAN'S LIFE IN PERIL

### OXYGEN LEAK STOPPED WITH HANDKERCHIEF

### 320-MILE FLIGHT

### SPECTACLE NO HUMAN EYES HAD EVER SEEN



Flight-Lieutenant D. F. McIntyre.

MOUNT EVEREST, THE ONLY REMAINING LANDMARK ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE TO HAVE REMAINED UNCONQUERED BY MAN, HAS AT LAST PROVIDED ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR THE EXPLORER.

Both of the airplanes of the expedition financed by Lady Houston yesterday flew over its topmost peak, which soars 29,141 feet—more than five miles—into the skies. They cleared the summit by 100 feet, and during the fifteen minutes they spent encircling it secured some magnificent close-range photographs.

The flight almost ended in tragedy, the photographer, Mr. S. R. Bonnett, becoming faint and suffering severe pain owing to a fracture of his oxygen supply pipe. He managed to repair the leak with his handkerchief, and recovered sufficiently to resume work.

There were four men who, by this historic flight, saw a spectacle on which no human eyes have ever looked before—the Marquis of Clydesdale, the thirty-year-old boxing M.P., Lieutenant-Colonel L. V. S. Blacker, Flight-Lieutenant McIntyre, and Mr. Bonnett. Thirteen lives have been lost in previous attempts to scale the mountain.

### LORD CLYDESDALE'S STORY

From Our Special Correspondent with the Houston Mount Everest Flight Expedition.

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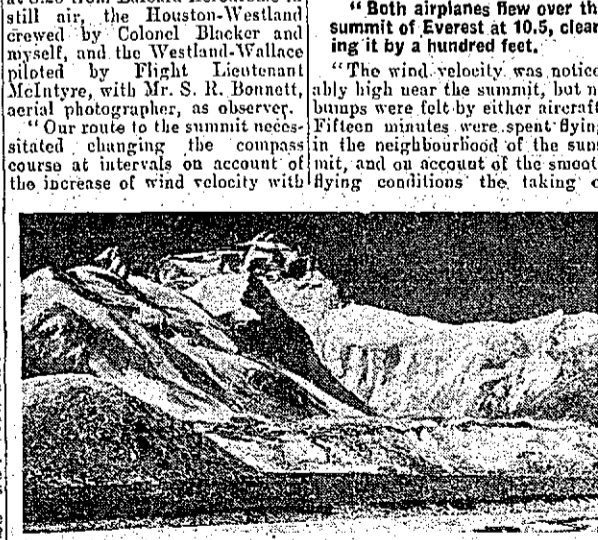
PURNEA (Bihar), Monday, April 3.

THE following official report has been drawn up by Squadron-Leader Lord Clydesdale—

"The morning the Indian meteorological officer at Purnea, Mr. S. N. Gupta, reported from balloon observations that the wind, which previously had been unsuitable, had dropped to a velocity of 57 m.p.h. at 93,000 feet, which, we had decided, would be the most suitable working height for photographic survey.

"Our two machines took off at 9.25 from Lalbalu Aerodrome in still air, the Houston-Westland crewed by Colonel Blacker and myself, and the Westland-Wallace piloted by Flight-Lieutenant McIntyre, with Mr. S. R. Bonnett, aerial photographer, as observer.

"Our route to the summit necessitated changing the compass course at intervals on account of the increase of wind velocity with



THE SNOWY PEAK of Mount Everest seen from the base camp.

height, according to our weather report.

"We had relied on overcoming to some extent the difficulty of accurate compass navigation caused by frequent change of wind speed by the good landmarks, near and along our track.

"A heavy dust haze rising to a considerable height almost completely obscured the ground from Forbesganj to the higher mountain ranges. This made aerial survey work impossible.

"We climbed slowly at low engine revolutions to a height of 10,000 feet. By this height the crews of both machines had tested their respective electrical heating sets, and McIntyre and I signalled to each other that everything was satisfactory.

"After thirty minutes' flying

### 103,000 MORE PEOPLE AT WORK

### UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOWN BY OVER 80,000

### TRADES THAT ARE IMPROVING

Unemployment figures showed a fall of more than 80,000 on March 20 as compared with those of a month before.

Moreover, the estimated number of insured persons aged sixteen to sixty-four in employment in Great Britain increased by 103,000. The estimated total was 9,443,000.

The difference of 23,000 between the two figures apparently represents young people who have been absorbed into industry.

Last night's Ministry of Labour return shows that the improvement in employment occurred chiefly in the building, public works contracting, and tailoring industries.

There was also some improvement in the iron and steel, engineering, motor vehicle, shipbuilding and ship-repairing, woollen and worsted, boot and shoe, brick and pottery industries, and in the distributive trades.

### LONDON AT THE TOP

The exact figures for unemployment show a total of 2,776,184, comprising:—

Wholly unemployed	2,170,232
Temporarily stopped	505,377
Normally in casual employ.	102,535
men	

This total is 80,454 fewer than the number on the registers on February 20 last.

A table giving the differences between the figures for March 20 and February 20 last in the various areas of Great Britain reveals that only in the north-western area and Wales has unemployment increased.

The largest decreases are in London (19,235), north-eastern (17,612), south-eastern (15,751), and Scotland (12,728) areas. The local increases are comparatively small; Wales had 1,219 more unemployed, and the north-western area 1,147.

### £4,200 FOR GIRL CARNERA JILTED

"Daily Express" Special Representative.

Miss Emilia Tersini, the Soho ex-widow, who was awarded damages of £4,200 against Primo Carnera for breach of promise, yesterday, is an unhappy girl.

She gave her evidence in a manner whose very restraint betrayed the depth of her feelings. Only once did her voice fail her: Counsel had referred to an evening at a dance hall.

"What did Carnera do?"

"He ignored me."

"You were distressed about that?"

Miss Tersini nodded in reply. Her lips formed the word "Yes," but the barest whisper came.

"I still love him," she said outside the court, after the verdict had been given in her favour.

The case is reported on Page Seven.

### RUSSIANS CONFESS TO STARVATION

### PEASANTS DIE OF HUNGER: CHILDREN BEG FOR FOOD

### BRITISH M.P.s REVOLT OVER MOSCOW ARRESTS

### CABINET CLIMB DOWN: FULL REPORT TO BE ISSUED

A RAPID climb-down by the Government late last night followed organised obstruction by M.P.s who were dissatisfied with the Prime Minister's reticence over Britain's steps to protect her arrested nationals in Moscow.

When Mr. MacDonald had refused to answer questions about the arrested men or to issue sufficiently early a White-paper on recent Anglo-Russian conversations, the National Government, for the first time in their career, found themselves out-manoeuvred by the House before the end of the evening.

The Ministers, having seen their business held up and their Parliamentary time-table disorganised by the rebellious M.P.s, decided to issue the White-paper giving the diplomatic history of our protests against the arrests of Metropolitan-Vickers employees.

### BILL TO CONTROL IMPORTS

A Bill to control Russian imports will be debated in the House to-morrow.

Deaths from starvation in the hunger-stricken Russian villages are openly admitted by Soviet peasants in interview which Mr. Gareth Jones describes below.

Following his startling article in yesterday's "Daily Express," which indicated that the discontent of the disillusioned workers had driven the Soviet Government to distract their attention by arresting the British engineers, Mr. Gareth Jones tells how the "battered peasantry," unable to get bread, while they roam in the streets of Moscow.

The writer has known Russia from the inside for a number of years, and his just returned from there to write his revelations in an exclusive series of articles for the "Daily Express." Until recently he was Research Adviser on Foreign Affairs to Mr. Lloyd George.

Yesterday's happenings in Parliament are reported on Page Two.

### 'Bread! We Are Dying'

By GARETH JONES

ONE cry haunts the Russia of to-day, and that is "Hleba niet" (There is no bread).

As you walk through the Tverskaya-street in Moscow, a rough-bearded peasant in a sheepskin coat will lumber up to you and say: "Give for the sake of God, I am from the Ukraine, and there 'hleba niet.' In my village they are dying off."

"I have come to Moscow for bread, which I shall send to my home by post. We are doomed in the Ukraine. In my village we had eighty horses. Now we have only eighteen. We had a hundred and fifty cows. Now there are only six."

"We are dying. Give us bread."

"I AM FREEZING"

Further on, a little girl, about eight years of age, with dark brown eyes, her little face wrapped in a shawl, sells his scented white spring flowers for a rouble a bunch.

"Where do you come from?" I ask.

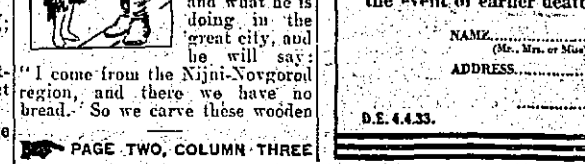
"I am from the Crimea," she replies, "where there is warm sunshine. Here it is cold, and I am freezing."

"Then why have you come up north to Moscow?"

"Because there is no bread in the Crimea and people are dying. There will be plenty of fruit there of all kinds, but that will not be until the summer."

"So my mother and I have brought flowers to Moscow and have come to find bread."

Ask that poor, pitted youth who sells his wooden bowls with burnt-in designs on a street corner where he comes from and what he is doing in the great city, and he will say: "I come from the Nijni-Novgorod region, and there we have no bread. So we carve these wooden



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### HEAT WAVE COMING

### WITH HUNDREDS OF MILES OF SUNSHINE

A little heat wave is on the way.

The warmest weather so far recorded this year is likely to be experienced over a wide area of south-eastern England during the next forty-eight hours.

There will be brilliant uninterrupted sunshine over practically the whole of England and Wales, while shade temperatures should attain 65 degrees locally, and may exceed this figure at a few places inland.

At least three days of real summer-like weather are anticipated.

Hundreds of miles of fine weather are spreading northward across Great Britain.

All coastal resorts east and south of a line from the Wash to Land's End should enjoy between nine and eleven hours of sunshine to-day and to-morrow.

### LATE NEWS

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## How would you answer these questions?

Can you say for certain how long you will live?

Are you likely to save money for investment as regularly as you would pay an insurance premium?

Is there any investment, other than life insurance, which enables you to save income tax?

What will be your income when you retire?

Can you think of any form of investment which will provide on retirement an income which is absolutely guaranteed?

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