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PIRATES LOOT SHIP FLYING BRITISH FLAG

Sailed as Passengers But Turned On Officers and Crew and Captured The Steamer.

KILLED ONE GUARD AND SECURED \$30,000

Entire Coast of China Infested With Pirates.—Government Powerless to Interfere.

San Francisco, May 6.—Details of a raid made by Chinese pirates on the steamer Shingtai, on March 31st, in which a number of the ship's officers and crew were killed, and \$30,000 stolen, were brought here yesterday by the Japanese liner Nippon Maru. The Shingtai was a Chinese-owned vessel, flying the British flag. She sailed from Hong Kong in the evening with 17 passengers, who proved to be pirates. Three hours after leaving port, at a pre-arranged signal, the pirates drew their pistols and knives and attacked the four soldiers who had been supplied by the Canton government to guard the vessel's treasure. One soldier was killed and another wounded. The pirates then rushed into the engine room and took charge. The keeper of the ship's stores was killed. By disguising himself as a coolie, the Chinese skipper escaped with his life. According to the Maru's officers the entire coast of China is infested with pirates, the government being without funds to operate the coast patrol, and powerless. Thus far only native vessels have been attacked.

Try To Suppress "The Suffragette"

Because of Many Articles That Incite To Acts of Gross Criminality.

London, May 5.—It is understood that another attempt is to be made to put an end to "The Suffragette," the organ of the militants. The plague of incendiarism all over the country has caused such an outcry that Home Secretary McKenna will be compelled to make another repressive move. The Bishop of Norwich, whom the militants selected as a special victim of their attentions, said in an interview on the question which they put to him in regard to forcible feeding of Suffragettes prisoners: "It appears to me that the most obvious way to end forcible feeding would be that the women should eat the food provided for them." The Bishop complains of the lack of courtesy of the women who interviewed him.

Will Not Discuss Increased Wages

Employers Refuse to go Further into the Matter with the L.S.P.U.

The Employers' Protective Association met at the Board of Trade Rooms, yesterday afternoon, when a letter was read from Hon. M. P. Gibbs, solicitor of the L.S.P.U., that he had received a new scale of wages to be submitted to the employers for their approval, and asked that a delegation be received to discuss the matter. The meeting decided that the answer they had already given was sufficient, and the members were not prepared to go into the matter further. President McGrath of the L.S.P.U. informed us that up to 11 a.m. he had not received the reply of the employers. As far as he knew the Union would not hold a special meeting to-night to discuss the reply. Citizens generally, including many Union men, are not in sympathy with the demand, because they believe that if the increase be given higher price of goods is sure to follow.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh to strong north to north west winds, fair in west part, clearing in east part. Friday, fair.

Lord's Reject Suffrage Bill

Upper British House Gives Majority of 44 Against Enfranchisement of Women.

London, May 7.—The Woman's Suffrage Bill was rejected by the House of Lords on a vote of 104 to 60. Speeches in favor of the Bill were delivered by Baron Courtney, of Penweth, Earl Lytton and Baron Willoughby De Broke, while Baron Wear-dale, Marquis Crewe and Viscount St. Aldwyn spoke against it.

NINETEEN MEN OF BURNT SHIP STILL ADRIFT

The Manhattan Which Rescued Thirteen Men is Searching for the Castaways.

THE MEN PICKED UP WERE ADRIFT FIFTY HOURS

And the Others Who Are Still Undiscovered Must Be Suffering Much Hardship.

Sable Island, May 6.—Capt. McDon-ald, the Marconi operator and nine members of the crew of the Columbian, have been saved by the steamer Manhattan, from New York to Antwerp. A wireless received from the Manhattan says that she picked up one of the boats with these men aboard. One engineer was killed in an explosion, and one man was drowned while leaving the ship. The Manhattan is still searching for the other boat, in which are the first and second officers and 17 men. When the first boat was picked up it had been adrift for more than fifty hours.

Missing Boat Crew Not Yet Located

Search Steamers Fail to Find Remainder of Crew of Burnt Line Columbian.

Halifax, May 7.—Search by several steamers in the waters south of Sable Island has failed to add to the list of the twenty-seven known survivors of the burnt liner Columbian. The grand total of contributions to the Disasters Fund, as announced today by Hon. Treasurer Watson, is \$149,311.77.

HOME RULE ECLIPSED, BUT ONLY TEMPORARILY

Budget is for the Moment Uppermost, But Irish Question is Undeniably Paramount.

KING GETS BIG PETITION WITH 300,000 SIGNATURES

Asking For a General Election Before Home Rule Bill is Assented To.

London, May 6.—Although the budget overshadows the Irish question for the moment at Westminster, the Ulster problem is still uppermost in the minds of many members. A statement has been made on good authority that Asquith will fathom Irish opinion regardless of party or geography.

The Daily Mail has forwarded to the King a petition with 300,000 signatures, praying that he withhold the royal assent from the Home Rule Bill until an election is held. The petition was merely acknowledged and laid before His Majesty.

Prospects Not Good.

As a matter of fact the prospects for an election seem to be receding, and even such papers as the Pall Mall Gazette speak as though it may not come until next spring.

An autumn session is being mentioned, but whatever arrangements the ministers may make will be subject to Ulster's attitude. That province is unlikely to remain patient

WOULD CAUSE BIG CHANGE IN WARFARE

Liberal M. P. Would Have Rights of Private Property in War Better Protected.

ALL NON-COMBATANT SHIPS TO BE IMMUNE

Except When Carrying Arms or Contraband or Participating in Hostile Acts.

London, May 7.—The question of rights in private property in Naval warfare came up for discussion in the Commons yesterday, when Phillip Morrel, Liberal M.P., moved that "In the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should negotiate with other leading Maritime Powers, with a view of obtaining such a revision of the laws of Naval warfare as would secure immunity to all private property, except in the case of ships carrying materials for war, or attempting to violate a blockade."

Position of Government

Sir Edward Grey, speaking on the motion said, "The Government could not accept any motion which could commit it to the abolition of the right of blockade in time of war. With the question of blockade eliminated, however, in my opinion, there is no reason why the Government should not devote itself during the interval which will elapse before the next Hague conference, to examining the condition under which we could instruct our delegates to accept the resolution."

No vote was taken on the motion, owing to the expiration of the time limit for its discussion.

People Of Victoria Help Swell Fund

Public Meeting of Newfoundlanders in British Columbia to Organize for Collecting.

A public meeting of Newfoundlanders and others interested was held at the offices of Messrs. Macfarlane and Gordon, Union Bank Building, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 21st of April, at 8 p.m., to consider some method of assisting those who have suffered from the recent sealing disaster in Newfoundland.—B. C. paper.

PREACHES AGAIN.

Rev. G. Lloyd will preach again at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening.

Nation's Tribute To Dead Warriors

Official U. S. Memorial Service To Be Held to Honor Men Killed at Vera Cruz.

Washington, May 6.—President Wilson will voice the Nation's tribute to the marines and bluejackets who died in the occupation of Vera Cruz, at a memorial service to take place in the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Monday.

THREE THOUSAND U. S. CITIZENS IN MEXICO

And Americans Fear Lest They Will Be Murdered If War Breaks Out.

PRESENCE THERE HANDICAPS MOVEMENTS OF U. S. TROOPS

Being Hurried From the Country As Fast as Transportation Can Be Provided.

Washington, May 3.—The first thought of the American forces now in Mexico is the relief of American refugees. All other operations are being held up until steps can be taken to remove the larger part of the refugees to protected ports, where warships and chartered steamers are waiting to transport them to the United States.

Handicapped

The United States is unable to push military operations for fear vengeance will be wreaked by Huerta upon the Americans within Mexico. It is unable to send forces to the relief of the refugees for fear the murderous knife and bullet will be used before these forces could reach their destinations.

So long as the lives of Americans in the interior are at stake, the United States will spare no pains, will even accept the humiliation of conducting indirect negotiations with Huerta, for the purpose of bringing these to a place of safety.

Many Americans

The best estimate possible upon data in possession of the State Department is that there were approximately 7,500 Americans in the Republic of Mexico when the first shot was fired at Vera Cruz. By the emergency measures which have been employed since that time 4,800 have been located, and the larger part of these brought to protected ports. Nearly 2,000 are now on ships bound for the United States. There remains nearly 3,000, distributed, for the most part, in small numbers through the various small towns and mining settlements in Central and Northern Mexico. Officials realize that a most difficult task is faced in opening the way of escape to this number.

At 2 a.m. S.S. Sardinian was 120 miles west Cape Race, dense fog.

MEXICAN FORCES ARMY AND NAVY

Mexico's Army

Federal army of Mexico, according to President Huerta's message to Congress, 83,000.

Rebel army, Northern Mexico, according to General Carranza's figures, 42,000.

Rebel army, Southern Mexico, under command of Emilio Zapata, Genevo de la O and Jesus Mora, which probably will be thrown into the common defence of the Republic, 19,000.

Volunteer forces in 22 loyal States, each of which has been ordered to furnish 50,000 men, with the proviso that they are to be used only to repel foreign invasion, as announced by Minister of War Blanquez in El Diado official of the Mexican Government, 900,000.

Mexico's Navy

Armored transport—Gunboat General Guerrero.

Gunboats—Vera Cruz, Bravo Morelos, Democrata, Tampico, latter held by rebels.

Corvettes—Saragoza and Yucatan.

Transport—Progresso.

FRANK HAYNES MENTIONS TWO ACCOMPLICES

Charges Mrs. Atkinson With Complicity in the Murder of Her Husband.

AN INSURANCE BROKER IS ALSO IMPLICATED

Haynes' Confession Supposed to Be Cause By Motives Of Jealousy.

Sydney, May 7.—With the shadow of the gallows looming over him and realizing that all efforts to save him from execution had failed and that he must hang within thirty-six hours for the murder of B. S. Atkinson, Frank Haynes, broke down and made a full confession, on the strength of which Mrs. Tena Atkinson, widow of the murdered man, and John Donalds, insurance broker, were arrested last night for complicity in the crime.

Stay of Execution.

Stay of execution has been asked for and Haynes is now ready to assist in the prosecution of Mrs. Atkinson and Donalds, whom he charges with being an actual participant in the crime.

Mrs. Atkinson, he claims, instigated the whole plot and paid him a sum of money, said to have been One thousand Dollars, for committing the deed.

For some time past it has been reported that Mrs. Atkinson was shortly to be married to John Gannon, of North Sydney.

This is believed to have been one of the motives that impelled Haynes to confess, as he has been suspected of having desired to marry Mrs. Atkinson himself.

Mother's Right To Name Baby

Decision Against Greek Who Wanted to Call Baby After Helen of Troy.

Los Angeles, May 3.—Judge Charles Monroe, in the Superior Court rendered a decision that a wife has absolute authority in the naming of children. The husband has nothing to do with it. The ruling was made in the case of Christos Malamatinos, a Greek, who insisted that his baby daughter be named for Helen of Troy. His wife, an American, insisted on Muriel, and the court sustained her choice and ordered Malamatinos to pay the family \$5 a week.

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST NEW BRUNSWICK PREMIER

Premier Fleming Involved in Allegations of Bribery and Blackmail.

MADE FROM HIS SEAT BY MEMBER OF LEGISLATURE

Charge Also States That Members of Government Took Graft From Contractors.

St. John, May 5.—The gravest charges made against public men or against any government in Canada within many years have been laid against Premier Fleming of New Brunswick, and the government, of which he is the head.

Briefly the charges are these: That Mr. Fleming, through an agent, has extorted from the lumbermen of New Brunswick more than \$100,000 by a process of blackmail and has made no accounting of the money to the province.

Forced Payment of Bribes.

That members of the Fleming government, a conservative administration, compelled railway contractors to pay them large sums of money to obtain the contracts on the construction of the St. John Valley Railway.

That, under the Fleming government, large sums of money which were supposed to go into the construction of that railway has been diverted from the road and used for other purposes.

These staggering charges have not

Hold Enquiry Into Fatality

Investigation of the Death of Henry Pridham on the Bonaventure.

The enquiry into the death of the man Pridham on the Bonaventure, took place yesterday afternoon, and was continued to-day.

S.S. Shenandoah left London yesterday afternoon for St. John's with 1,000 tons cargo.

MANY SET FREE WHEN U.S. FLAG WAS HOISTED

Stars and Stripes Hoisted for the Second Time Over Mexican Prison, San Juan de Ulua.

OFFICERS SAY ITS CONDITION IS ALMOST INDESCRIBABLE

Some Cells Knee-deep in Water.—No Light.—Food Depended on Whims of Jailers.

Vera Cruz, May 5.—When the U. S. flag went up over San Juan de Ulua, the bastille of Mexico, a dozen or more well known Mexicans, held as political prisoners were released from its damp dungeons.

The Star and Stripes were up there once before, in 1847.

Terrible State

The naval officers who visited the place refer to its condition as almost indescribable. Many of the dungeons are below the waterline and in some of them the water is knee deep. There is no light and the food depends upon the whim of the jailers. There are about 100 desperate prisoners in the fortress justly condemned and dangerous to the community. They will remain. But hundreds sent there for purely political reasons have been freed.

Admiral Fletcher telegraphed the Navy Department that he had taken charge of San Juan de Ulua prison at Vera Cruz on account of the "frightful conditions" discovered there.

Unjust Imprisonment

He said in his despatch that 325 prisoners who had not been accused of any misdemeanor or crime whatever, arrested within the last two months in order to force them into the Federal army, were confined in the prison. Admiral Fletcher recommended that these be immediately released, and Secretary Daniels so ordered by telegraph.

There were confined, in addition, 43 persons sentenced for crime and 75

GEN. CARRANZA IS REQUESTED TO TAKE A HAND

Was Temporarily Excluded Because of His Recent Refusal to Declare a Truce.

HAS BEEN ASKED TO SEND ALONG A REPRESENTATIVE

To the Mediation Conference at Niagara Falls in Canada During This Month.

Washington, May 6.—Renewed efforts by the South American envoys to bring Carranza into the preliminary mediation negotiations, came as a swift turn in events, and excited interest in the Mexican crisis to-day.

While it had appeared that Carranza had been eliminated temporarily from mediation proceedings because of his refusal to declare a truce, it developed to-day that the envoys were seeking to induce him to send an agent to a conference between representatives of Huerta and of the United States to begin at Niagara Falls in Canada on May 18th.

Jilted By Wireless And Then Suicided

Radiogram From Naples Made Count Despondent.—Took His Own Life.

New York, May 3.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance at sea of Count Domenico Calcei, a young Italian, from the Italian liner Stambella. Soon after the steamer left Gibraltar, Calcei received a radiogram from his sweetheart in Naples.

The contents of the message made him despondent, fellow passengers say he was jilted, and two days later he was missed.

The Count left some hand baggage and \$1,000 in money. This has been turned over to the Italian Consul, who will make inquiries in Italy as to Calcei's identity.

Aviators of France Flew Many Miles

Distance Record During 1913 Was Almost Nine Million Miles

Paris, France, May 5.—In his report on aviation in France, Secretary Besancon, of the Aero Club, shows that the progress of flying as a sport and as a commercial enterprise, has been more rapid than the progress of automobilism was in its early days.

During 1913, French aviators flew 8,500,000 miles, as against 2,000,000 miles in 1912, while the time occupied in flights was 135,000 hours, compared with 39,000 in 1912. There were 24,000 long-distance flights last year; only 9,000 in 1912. Four times as many passengers were carried last year as in the preceding twelve months, the figures being 48,000 and 12,000 respectively.

Case Goes To Supreme Court

Charge Against Dr. Tait Referred, by Request, to Higher Tribunal.

The preliminary hearing in the charge against Dr. J. S. Tait for attempted assault was held in camera before Judge Knight, yesterday afternoon, when the little girl Moakler who is 15 years old and will not be 16 until July, and her mother gave evidence.

At 5 p.m. the hearing was adjourned until noon to-day when it was resumed and the deft. was committed to the Supreme Court for trial.

The deft. requested to be tried in the Supreme Court, and the Justice Department assented.

Mr. W. J. Higgins appeared for the Crown and W. R. Howley, K.C., for the accused. The deft. was admitted out on bail, the bondsman being Messrs. J. Roper and W. Campbell, butcher, the latter taking the place of Mr. M. Connors, who is going out of town.