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Wilson's Ship Was Head On For Thatcher's Island in Fog

Destroyer Headed Her Off But 1,000 Yards From Shore

BOSTON'S ROUSING WELCOME

City Thronged With People to Greet Chief Executive of Nation—Speech in Mechanics Hall, Then Off to Washington

Boston, Feb. 24—President Wilson was the guest of Boston today. Thousands of people from all parts of New England arrived on early trains to swell the throngs in the streets through which it was arranged that he should pass on his way from Commonwealth pier to his hotel in the Back Bay district.

For the greater part of the crowd this was the only opportunity to see the president, as Mechanics hall, where he was to deliver his only address of the day, seats but 7,000 people. Buildings all along the route of the parade were ablaze with flags and bunting and recognition of the international character of the president's recent activities was shown in the frequent display of flags of the Allied nations.

The great steamer George Washington, upon which the president and his party made the voyage from Brest, dropped anchor off quarantine a little after dark last night. The most exciting moment of the trip came on Sunday afternoon, when it was suddenly discovered that the steamer, running through a dense fog, was headed directly for Thatcher's island off Cape Ann. It was the destroyer, Harding, running ahead as a guardship, which discovered the danger and gave a warning signal. Engines were reversed and the ship was stopped 1,000 yards from shore, in deep water. The presidential party remained on board over night. The storm which had hung over the coast for two days passed off to sea last night and the day opened clear.

The meeting at Mechanics Hall was set for half-past two o'clock this afternoon. A special train will start for Washington with the president and party at half-past four p. m.

AN INTERNATIONAL BANKERS' COMMITTEE

New York, Feb. 23—The organization of an international committee of bankers, ten from the United States and five each from England and France, for the purpose of protecting the holders of the securities of the Mexican Republic and of the various railway lines of Mexico, and generally such other enterprises as enter their field of operation in Mexico, was announced here today by J. P. Morgan & Co.

BRITISH MISSION AT WARSAW

Warsaw, Feb. 24—(By the Associated Press)—An economic mission composed of six British railway and mining experts, has arrived here to make studies preliminary to submitting a report on conditions to the British government.

MICHAEL DONOVAN

The death of Michael Donovan took place very suddenly last night at his residence, 30 Pond street. He attended church yesterday morning and returned home when he took a weak turn and died in the evening. He leaves three sisters, Misses Katie and Minnie at home and Mrs. Simon Bouche of Boston, and one nephew, Thomas Gordon Moshan, of this city. A large number of friends will extend sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Was Roosevelt's Sponsor

New York, Feb. 24—Abram J. Dittenhofer, an authority on international copyright law and chairman to the distinction of having introduced Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to political life, died at his home here last night of cerebral hemorrhage.

SMALLPOX

One smallpox case is being discharged from the isolation hospital today. There are still five cases in the hospital.

Possible They'll Go To Portland, Says Bosworth of the C. P. R.

Montreal, Feb. 24—"It is possible that Canadian Pacific steamers may go to Portland." This was an announcement this morning by G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in charge of the ocean services, when asked for an official statement in regard to the rumors that the best Atlantic ships of the C. P. O. S. will be transferred from the St. John to the Portland route.

"Have you anything to say as to why the C. P. O. S. liners are being diverted to Portland?" Mr. Bosworth was asked.

"On that I have nothing whatever to say," replied Mr. Bosworth.

WORD OF DESIGN TO KILL UNITED STATES PRESIDENT; ARRESTS MADE

Montreal, Feb. 24—The Gazette publishes the following despatch from New York:

Acting on information that two Spanish anarchists had agreed to kill the president and would arrive in this city yesterday from Philadelphia on the way to Boston, secret service operatives raided two resorts of Spanish radicals yesterday and arrested fourteen men.

Two of those arrested are suspected by the police of being a pair who were pledged to attempt the life of President Wilson. They were said to have arrived in this city from Philadelphia and to have planned to leave for Boston. While the secret service agents who uncovered the plot and planned the raids refused to give details of the conspiracy,

it was learned that a thorough search of the two places which were raided made for a bomb which was to have been thrown at the presidential party on Monday if the plot had been carried out successfully. No bomb was found in this city.

Secret service agents who are at work on the conspiracy in Boston and Philadelphia were said to have been seeking to trace the bomb elsewhere.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24—Ten Cubans and Spaniards were arrested here early yesterday by agents of the department of justice on information received from New York. A quantity of alleged seditious literature was seized and the authorities say the men arrested had some connection with those taken into custody in New York on Sunday.

PROPERTIES IN HEART OF CITY CHANGE HANDS

Dr. S. S. Skinner Sells Residence to C. A. Cameron and Purchases Berryman Home in Coburg Street

Two interesting transfers of real estate in the heart of the city have been arranged and are being completed this week. Both properties are well known to the citizens generally and the changes in ownership, which now are announced, set at rest some rumors regarding the possible future of these locations which have been current during the last week or so.

Dr. S. S. Skinner, who is giving up his military duties to resume private practice, has purchased the Berryman property in Coburg street for his own use. The new fill remains to his new quarters before long. This property includes a substantial and comfortable dwelling fronting on Coburg street and the lot extends back to Dorchester street, with stables fronting on the later street.

The property in Charlotte street, between Francis street and the King Square, now occupied by Dr. Skinner, has been sold by him to George A. Cameron of the Modern Pharmacy. This lot is fifty by two hundred feet with large three story and basement brick residence and with large stables in the rear. It was formerly the property of the late Doctor Holden. Mr. Cameron said today that he had purchased the property as an investment, for the present it probably would be used as a somewhat exclusive lodging house, with the prospect of remodeling it later on as an apartment house.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of James Mackin took place this morning from his late residence, 72 Brussels street, to the Cathedral where high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Allan. The funeral was attended by many friends. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Thomas Livingston took place this afternoon from his residence, 35 Erin street. The service was conducted by Rev. F. H. Wentworth, and interment was made in the family lot at Golden Grove.

The funeral of Mrs. Louis N. Jones took place this afternoon from her residence, 107 Sheffield street. The service was conducted by Rev. R. H. W. Pinkett, and interment was made in Cedar Hill. The funeral of W. H. Lingley took place this afternoon from the Mission church St. John Baptist. Service for the family was held at the church this morning by Rev. H. E. Bennett. Interment was made at Ingleside.

The funeral of Mrs. Gertrude Burton took place this afternoon from Brenna's mortuary chambers. Rev. L. Thompson conducted the service, and the body was placed in the receiving tomb at Fernhill until the family are well enough to take the body to their home in Quebec for interment.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF TELEGRAPH AND PHONES IN STATES

Washington, Feb. 24—Right of way for action on the resolution to end government control of telephone and telegraph systems on December 31 next will be proposed this week by the house committee. Chairman Poy announced this decision today after a meeting of the committee.

Julian Story Dead

Philadelphia, Feb. 24—Julian Story, artist, died in a hospital here today. He had been ill many months. Mr. Story was in his 62nd year.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A fairly important disturbance is passing eastward across the maritime provinces accompanied by strong winds, with snow and rain, and another shallow disturbance covers the southwestern states. The weather has turned decidedly cold in the western provinces.

Fair.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales shifting to northwest, snow or rain in east, mostly fair in west. Tuesday, northwest winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong winds and gales from northeast with snow, clearing in western portion; Tuesday, mostly fair and a little colder.

New England—Fair, somewhat colder tonight; Tuesday, fair, northwest winds, diminishing and becoming variable.



SUPERANNUATION AND SICK LEAVE PAY AT CITY HALL

Commissioners Discuss Matter on Presentation of Report on Mr. Winchester's Case—The C. P. R. and German Street

Superannuation, sick leave and allowances will for civil employees engaged in the operation of the city departments be discussed at a committee meeting this morning. There was considerable discussion of various phases of the subject, but it was decided to let the whole matter, including a particular case which led to the discussion, stand over until a sub-committee appointed previously reports.

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Mr. Fisher asked authority to re-appoint Charles A. Berr as foreman of the stone-crusher at \$4.25 a day. Some questions regarding his qualifications were raised and the matter was allowed to stand.

Authority to retire Albert A. Winchester, district foreman in the public works department on half pay, \$21.10 a fortnight, was requested by Mr. Fisher. The commissioner said that Mr. Winchester joined the department in 1889 and was seventy-two years old. His health did not enable him to perform the duties of his office. He had been ill from time to time and had been drawing full pay.

The mayor said that a committee had been appointed to report on a superannuation policy for the city, but that report had not been received. It was explained that the committee still is at work compiling data.

A discussion regarding payments to civil employees during illness followed. The city comptroller was summoned and in reply to the mayor, explained that when a city employee was ill for a few days, it was customary for the commissioner to pay him his full salary in advance on the payroll and full pay was allowed. For longer periods the question of full or half pay had been referred to the council.

Mr. Fisher said that he had a regular system of allowing full pay for short illnesses, if the illness was of longer duration the matter was taken up with him.

Mr. Jones said there should be a superannuation system.

It was decided that the committee on pensions, Messrs. Fisher and Bullock, should prepare a schedule for pay during illness. Mr. Winchester's case also stands over.

Mr. Jones submitted a bill of \$313.34 from T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., incurred before he took office, for excavating for water main to the McAvity plant in Rothsay avenue from the new sixteen-inch main in Russell street. He explained that the work was done under agreement, owing to the fact that the city could not find laborers at the time. The bill was ordered paid.

Referring to the matter of the C. P. R. tracks in Germain street, West End, Mr. Fisher said that in dealing with another matter he had occasion to ask the company if they intended to acquire any land in West St. John, and was informed that they had no such intention. In view of this, he thought the city should take some action to secure the use of at least part of Germain street for a roadway. He moved that the C. P. R. be asked to name a date, not very distant, when it would remove its tracks from Germain street, St. John West, and provide a roadway connecting Union street with Germain street as provided in the agreement of several years ago.

For the benefit of the newer members of the council, the mayor explained that the C. P. R. agreement was made in view of an undertaking by the federal government to do certain work which had been held up by the war.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Fisher suggested that a second discount date be allowed this year, say three months later than the first, but it was agreed that, as the assessment might be late this year, it would not be advisable to make any change at present.

Mr. Thornton drew attention to the fact that his department had on hand a quantity of rifles secured for use in the city rifle range in 1914 and said he would ask the council on Tuesday for authority to dispose of them.

Grave Warning As To Russia

U. S. Ambassador Francis Very Pronounced

RESTORE ORDER THERE

If Not He Sees Probability of Germany Being Stronger Than Ever Twenty Years From Now—Bolshevism Must be Rooted Out

Boston, Feb. 24—Ambassador Francis, home from Russia for the first time in two years, had several conferences with President Wilson on the voyage of the steamer George Washington and made several recommendations for action on the part of the Allied governments for meeting the Bolsheviki menace and restoring Russia to the family of nations. Mr. Francis probably will disclose them later before one of the congressional committees.

"A reign of terror instituted by the Bolsheviki with the purpose of maintaining themselves in power is prevailing in Central and Northern Russia," said the ambassador. "The outrages they have committed are incredible. I think it impossible to restore peace to Europe with chaos prevailing in Russia. In fact, with Germany practically uninjured industrially, I am persuaded that if a peace is negotiated with Bolshevism continuing in Russia, Germany in twenty years or a decade will be stronger than she was at the beginning of the war. She is familiar with the Russian character and for a generation has been studying it to influence it. If this turns out to be a fact, Germany instead of having been defeated will have gained a victory."

GOVERNMENT TO ACT IF CONFERENCE WILL NOT AGREE

Statement Relative to Some Nova Scotia Coal Troubles

SOME 1,500 MEN OUT OF WORK

Conference of Cape Breton Operators and Miners Reaches Agreement on the Eight Flour Day and Permission to Affiliate With U. M. W. of America Given

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 24—A statement from Hon. E. H. Armstrong, commissioner of works and mines, appearing in the Chronicle this morning deals with the situation at Florence and Sydney Mines, growing out of the enforced unemployment of 1,500 miners, following action of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company in closing down Number 5 Florence mine as a protest against alleged interference in their operations in the part of the Dominion Coal Company.

The commissioner states that some difficulty has been experienced in reaching the responsible authorities of the Dominion Coal Company, owing to absence of members of the board. A meeting of the board, however, had been summoned for this week and will take action on the proposition that the Scotia Company be permitted to enter the areas of the Dominion Coal Company adjoining the Florence area to the north.

The commissioner says his department has given every phase of the matter its careful consideration, and if its good offices in endeavoring to find a remedy for an acute situation at Sydney Mines should prove abortive, which the commissioner did not anticipate, the government, in his opinion, would not delay taking such steps as would best and most effectively relieve the situation.

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SOME STOCKS UP WITH A BOUND

Pools Resume Bullish Operations in Special Issues

New York, Feb. 24—Pools resumed their bullish operations in the special issues at the active opening of today's stock market, motors, oils and tobaccos being especially conspicuous. Kelly-Springfield led the jump six and a quarter points to a new high price of 106 in the first half hour and advances of one and a half to five points marked the rise in Goodrich, United States Rubber, Ajax Rubber, General Motors, Sunatra, Tobacco and American Sugar. U. S. Steel added a fraction to its maximum quotations of the previous week, but shipings and coppers eased moderately.

Noon Report

According to reports current on the exchange the extensive trading of the first hour included considerable buying for the long account, as well as general short covering. This was borne out by the activity of commission business houses with interior connections. Pressure upon Marine Preferred, Baldwin Locomotive, and coppers invited profit-taking and consequent reactions of one to three points later, but not before oils, rubbers, tobaccos and equipments increased their early gains. At noon another expansive upward movement was in progress, led by various specialties which featured the strong first hour.

ANOTHER TAKEN IN HOLD-UP CASE

Sensational Arrest in Connection With Theft of General Electric Pay Roll

Everett, Mass., Feb. 24—Charles S. Whittemore, general auditor for the General Electric Company, was arrested at his home in Malden today charged with conspiracy and assault in connection with an attack on Frank D. Brown, assistant paymaster at the local plant of the company, who was held up on December 20 last and robbed of the weekly pay roll, amounting to \$12,000.

Louis Bennett of Boston and Charles Mortall, alias Charles Celeste, also were arrested today in the same connection, a charge of assault being placed against them. Four men who were arrested in New York are already under indictment. Brown had been to a bank in Everett in connection with the weekly pay roll for the company's foundry here and was on his way back to the plant with the money in a leather handbag when another machine suddenly drew across the road, and Brown's driver had to come to a halt. Almost immediately half a dozen men stepped out and forced Brown to deliver the bag. Their appearance was so sudden that neither Brown

nor a guard who was riding with him had opportunity to resist. As the highwaymen turned and started away, one of them fired point blank at Brown, seriously wounding him. He recovered at a Boston hospital after several weeks.

RUSSIANS OF THE CANADIAN ARMY IN STABBING IN TORONTO

May be Fatal Result for Innocent Patron of Restaurant Where Trouble Occurred

Toronto, Feb. 24—Vasell Nezhretsky, a Russian soldier who was with the Canadian forces overseas, was stabbed in the abdomen in a row in a restaurant here yesterday afternoon, and was removed to the general hospital in a critical condition. His alleged assailants, so returned soldiers, natives of Russia, are in the military hospital badly beaten up, and under arrest. They are George Serenko and Wassil Kolomis. Policeman Levis is in St. Michael's hospital suffering from a severely injured shoulder, bruises, which injures are said to have been secured when he tried to arrest the men who did the stabbing.

The trouble started through an alleged unsatisfactory meal served to Serenko and Kolomis in the restaurant, which is run by a Russian. They left the table and were proceeding to the kitchen to remonstrate with the cook when they met Nezhretsky, who boarded them. They mistook him for the cook, and in a moment the innocent boarder was dangerously wounded by an army knife.