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TUGBOAT DISASTER SHOCKS SAINT JOHN

THREE LOCAL MEN DROWNED WHEN OCEAN KING RAMMED BY MARLOCH AT QUEBEC PORT

Careful Watch During Morning Fails to Reveal Any Trace of Bodies of Nine Members Of Tugboat Crew

CAPTAIN STEVENS WELL KNOWN HERE

Other Saint John Men Lost Are R. Mannis, Mate, and J. Belmont, Deck Hand—Cause of Collision Which Nearly Cut Small Boat in Two Is Not Yet Ascertained

QUEBEC, Que., June 27.—Careful watch was being kept along the river St. Lawrence this morning for the bodies of the nine members of the crew of the Saint John tug Ocean King, which sank last evening after being rammed by the Canadian Pacific liner Marloch. The Ocean King had gone out into the stream to assist in warping her into her berth, so that third class passengers could be discharged. In some way, not yet explained, the little 198 ton craft got across the bows of the liner, and was cut nearly in two by the impact.

SIDE OF TUG SMASHED

The steamer's bow cut into the tug's side as though her plates had been made of paper mache. The Ocean King turned over twice, and plunged with her crew to the bottom of the river. Five minutes later the swirl of water on the river's surface had abated and numbers of small boats were rushing to the spot where the Ocean King was last seen.

A report that two of the crew of the Marloch had dived overboard, presumably with the idea of assisting in the rescue of the tug's survivors, could not be confirmed.

The dead: CAPTAIN F. D. STEVENS, Saint John, N. B. 54. R. MINNIS, mate, Saint John, N. B. 60. J. BELMONT, deck hand, Saint John, N. B. 28. A. BERNIER, chief engineer, Lewis, Que. 33. SAM POWELL, cook, Seaforth, N. S. 16. EDDIE BEAUBIEN, mess boy, Lewis, 24. E. POWELL, helper, son of Sam Powell, Seaforth, 15. O. YEZINA, fireman, Lewis, 26. A. MAROUCX, fireman, Lewis, 26.

EARL HAIG RECEPTION ON

Poignancy was added to the terrible affair through the fact that Earl Haig, former commander of the British forces in France during the world war, was being feted at the Chateau Frontenac just at the time the gallant crew went to an untimely death.

As soon as the accident happened scores of large and small craft rushed to the assistance of the stricken tug. Nothing could be done, however. She had sunk like a stone, funnels down, with her brave little complement.

SYMPATHY RAINED

When the word was flashed about the tug the utmost sympathy reigned in all circles. From the moment of the accident until late last night everything possible was being done to take the victims from the wreck. This work entailed the employment of the harbor commission's large crane to raise the hulk of the tug which apparently imprisons the majority of the little crew.

On every hand this morning expressions of deep regret and horror at the tragedy which occurred last evening in Quebec harbor could be heard along the local waterfront, where all three Saint John men were well known. One local shipping man said this morning that he had known Captain Stevens for many years and declared that he was one of the best tug boat captains who ever handled steamers in this harbor.

J. C. Chesley, local agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, whose son is manager for the Saint John Drydock and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., at Quebec, said this morning that he had received news of the disaster from his son last night. He said the latter often went out with the tug in the evenings, but fortunately he did not do so last night.

WIRE CAPTAIN'S SON

J. C. Chesley got in touch with the Laurentian this morning at Joggins and despatched the sad news by wireless to Captain Stevens' son, Frank L. Stevens, and he also gave him permission to leave the steamer at Joggins and proceed to Quebec if he wished to. The Laurentian will come direct to Saint John.

Wesley R. Belmont, deckhand on the Ocean King, was last seen on the tug.

Re-organization of Prohibition Forces Strongly Condemned

CONFERENCE OF STATES' PREMIERS CALLED

Fire Causes Death of Two In Quesnel

QUESNEL, B. C., June 27.—Two men were killed and two others slightly injured Thursday in a fire which destroyed half a block of buildings here. The dead are Jack Erickson, a trapper aged 30 and Jack Simister.

COMMONS FINISHES WORK OF SESSION

\$3,000,000 Vote For Relief of Home Bank Depositors Comes in Early Morning

OTTAWA, June 27.—At daybreak this morning the House of Commons concluded the work of the session. During the last few minutes of the sitting the Commons concurred in the Home Bank amendments made by the Senate, the supply bill, to provide for all the public services for the financial year ended March 31, 1926, was given third reading, and minor amendments made by the Senate in the Dominion Elections Act, were accepted. It only remained for the ceremony of prorogation to terminate the fourth session of the fourteenth parliament of Canada.

ACTION UPON SECURITY PACT IS OBJECTIVE

Further Questions Will Probably Be Sent To French

MANY PROBLEMS

BRISTOL, June 27.—Preliminary consideration of the reply of Aristide Briand, the French Foreign Minister, to Germany's security pact proposal has progressed sufficiently to warrant Dr. Luther, the Chancellor, to call a conference of the plenipotentiaries of the federated states for today. After this conference the government will outline its programme for further action.

HOME BANK CONVICTIONS ARE QUASHED

TORONTO, Ont., June 27.—Convictions registered against directors of the Home Bank of Canada, by Senior County Judge Emerson Costworth, under bank act proceedings instituted following the failure of the bank in August, 1923, were quashed by the first appellate division of the Supreme Court of Ontario, in judgment handed down this morning.

CALLS ON SLEUTH PUT UNDER ARREST

Detective Patrick Biddiscombe's good memory for names and faces accounts for Daniel Sivyre of Missoua Centre, N. B., alias Donat Sivyre, alias Simon Ward, alias Ronald Gilbert, being lodged in the jail here this morning to await arrival of an officer from Bathurst, N. B., to take him back there to stand trial on forgery charges.

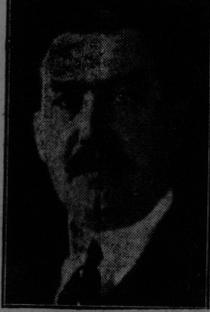
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Chinese Minister Visits State Department at Washington

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Resigns as Governor



Mr. Robert Kindersley, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, who is resigning his post for reasons of ill health.

Pension Vote Amounts To \$34,000,000

OTTAWA, June 27.—In a single vote, the House of Commons last night, passed \$34,000,000 for "pensions, European war and active militia." Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Establishment, explained, in passing, that the vote was one million more than last year, mostly due to the fact that the time for filing applications for pensions terminated during the year.

HOPE TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION

Commons Votes \$20,000 For Canada-West India Trade Conference

OTTAWA, June 26.—A vote of \$20,000 for the Canada-West India trade conference was passed in the House of Commons last night. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Opposition leader, asked what modifications of the 1920 agreement it was expected to obtain from this conference.

Gifts Presented To Pastor and Wife

The congregation of Trinity United Church at Bathurst tendered Rev. H. C. and Mrs. Rice a pleasant surprise on Wednesday evening. An address and purse were presented to the pastor on behalf of the congregation, while Mrs. Rice received an address and a number of silver spoons from the Ladies' Aid. A leather bag from the Laymen's Association was presented to Mr. Rice, while a beautiful silver flower basket was given to Mrs. Rice from the Young People's Club.

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RELAXATION IN ENFORCEMENT IS THE CLAIM

New Move Regarding Prohibition In U. S. Is Criticized

AIDS SMUGGLING

Opponents Say Plan Means More Liquor and Narcotics From Canada

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The recent reorganization of the "dry forces" by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the Treasury, under which the plan of a Federal director for each state was knocked out and the country divided into 22 enforcement districts, is being assailed here as "a relaxation of prohibition enforcement along the Canadian border."

Protesting members of the legislature and senate say the new system will discourage co-operation by the states in fighting rum and narcotic smuggling from the Dominion.

While the assistant secretary announces that he will take steps to bring about fullest co-operation between Canadian officials and those of the United States, a group headed by Senator Dale of Vermont has protested the reorganization to the Treasury Department. The senator points out that such of the enforcement activity along the northern border has been on the part of state officials, and he declares that this will now be crippled.

HAIG WELCOMED TO THE DOMINION

QUEBEC, June 26.—Thousands of citizens of Quebec lined wharves, Dufferin Heights, the ramparts and all the vantage points of the Quebec waterfront this afternoon to give a rousing welcome to Field Marshal Earl Haig and his countess. The appearance of the steamer carrying the Earl Haig and his party to Canada, near the St. Charles River breakwater, was the signal for the blowing of whistles and sirens on all the battleship and decorated steamers and smaller craft in the harbor and the noisy demonstration was kept up until the Letitia was alongside her wharf.

Given Warm Greeting at Quebec—Whistles Blow and Flags Fly

From the gaily decorated passage-way between the street and the wharf head the official welcoming party composed of Lieutenant Governor Narcisse Perreault, General MacBrien, Major General Sir Richard Turner, General Landry and others, went forward to go aboard and meet the distinguished visitors.

ZEPPELIN ORDERED FOR POLAR TRIPS

Airship to be Placed at Disposal of Dr. Nansen For Flight North

BERLIN, June 27.—The Zeppelin plant at Friedrichshafen is to be authorized to construct an airship which will be placed at the disposal of Dr. Nansen, the Norwegian explorer for two polar exploration trips. This was decided upon at a conference at the German traffic ministry yesterday between the International Research Society for aeronaute exploration of the Arctic, and officials of the Zeppelin plant.

ITALIAN, AGED 120, MARRIES AT VALONA

ROME, June 27.—News comes from Valona, in Albania, that an old man, 120 years of age, and blessed with numerous children and grandchildren, has just taken as his second wife a woman of 40.

Rode to Wedding on Horseback—Youngest Son Assists at Ceremony

The old man, Nure Laure, is an important landowner in the country near Valona, where the patriarchal system of life still prevails, and his wedding was made the occasion of a great festival by his servants and retainers.

FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

OTTAWA, June 27.—Resolution urging the Dominion Parliament to consider legislation to mobilize the whole power of the nation for national service in the event of war was adopted by Great War Veterans Association convention here yesterday afternoon, following a discussion on world peace.

WILL APPEAR LATER

BECAUSE of pressure of advertising it was found necessary today to withhold this week's story of the industries of Saint John. It will appear at the first opportunity.

EXPLAINS POSITION

Hon. E. M. Macdonald, one of the Commons managers, said the Senate had firmly declined to increase the amount of the grant a single dollar. The amendments were then agreed to at 4:20 in the morning. The effect of the bill, as it finally passed, is to make the amount of reimbursement \$30,000,000 instead of \$5,000,000. On deposits of \$500 or less, 55 per cent. will be paid, and claimants having larger deposits will be required to prove their claims before the president of the exchequer, Canada. All organizations, members of parliament and senators are excited over the carrying out of the bill.

French Seaman Gets The Legion of Honor

PARIS, June 27.—Alexis Bego, Dean of French seafarers, is to be decorated with the Legion of Honor in time to wear the red ribbon in his buttonhole on his 100th birthday, tomorrow. Born in Brittany on June 28, 1825, he went to sea at the age of ten, and served for many years as a coastwise captain. He won a medal for bravery during the Crimean war.

Greater Confidence Shown In the Stability of Europe

Brussels, June 27.—Sessions of the third congress of the International Chamber of Commerce have ended a little less gloomily than they began and amid a feeling of greater confidence in the ultimate economic stability of Europe.

CARE FOR CHILD

Greta Parsons, aged three years, was found wandering about Union street early last evening and was taken to police headquarters for safety. She was called for later by her mother and taken to her home, 78 Sewell street.

GERMANS SEEK MONEY IN LONDON

Industrial Magnates and Financiers Want Capital For Businesses. LONDON, June 27.—A group of German industrial magnates and financiers is reported to be coming to London next week, to try to raise capital for their industries, which are said to be in difficulties owing to lack of money. The industries represented, it is stated, are steel, electrical and motor.

Greeks Name New Cabinet

PREMIER AND MINISTER OF WAR—General Pangalos. FOREIGN MINISTER—M. Rendis. MINISTER OF NAVY AND NATIONAL ECONOMY—Admiral Hadjipliakos. MINISTER OF FINANCE—M. Kophinas. MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR—M. Pangytopoulos. MINISTER OF JUSTICE—M. Stamoullis. MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS—M. Tavoularis. MINISTER OF EDUCATION—M. Livothypoulos.

MYSTERY IN RED RAIN

HUMAN blood is found in Samuel Honeybun's rain-gauge. Sir Francis Lathrop's lifeless body is discovered in the rear of the Lathrop home five miles distant on the same day.

Honeybun and Lathrop were not known to be even acquainted with each other. And added to that is the fact that Honeybun is a quiet, peace-loving, respected citizen. He likes to see justice done, and wishes to uphold the law.

He immediately notifies the police of the gruesome find in his rain gauge, and orders the blood analyzed.

INSECURITY

It is admitted that the cabinet discussions have been rather negative. The ministers have seemed to agree that M. Briand's reply leaves the entire question of the formulation of a security pact in a state of "insecurity," inasmuch as it projects a multitude of complicated juridical problems into the discussion.

FEDERATED W. I. CLOSE SESSIONS

VANCOUVER, June 27.—The concluding session of the Federated Women's Institutes was held yesterday. The committee on international relations recommended that the Canadian federation should hold to the "international" composed at present of the institutes in England, Scotland and Canada, and should look forward to further international affiliations.

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THE WEATHER

Cooler. Maritime Fresh southwest winds; mostly fair; probably local showers. Northern New England—Mostly cloudy; probably light local rains Saturday night. Sunday fair; fresh south and southwest winds.