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OLYMPIC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLISION

Admiralty Court Judgment in Matter of Clash With British Cruiser

NO DAMAGES TO PAY

Commander of Hawke Wins With Costs in Suit Brought by White Star Company, but Cross Suit Fails on Defence of Compulsory Pilotage

(Canadian Press) London, Dec. 18.—The admiralty court today that the White Star line steamship Olympic was responsible for the collision with the British protected cruiser Hawke near Osborne Bay, on the north side of the Isle of Wight, on September 20 last. While the judgment of the court finds against the owners of the Olympic on all points raised at the trial and the decision is given for Commander Wm. F. Blunt of the Hawke, with costs in the suit brought against him by the owners of the liner, this cross suit brought by the admiralty against the owners of the Olympic failed on the defence raised by them of compulsory pilotage. The liner was in charge of a pilot at the time of the collision and this is compulsory on all vessels sailing at that part of the British coast. In the cross suit brought by the admiralty each side has to pay its own costs and the effect of the decision is that neither side is entitled in damages. Liverpool, Dec. 18.—A meeting of the Cunard Steamship Company held here today voted its approval of an increase of the capital by \$3,000,000. The additional capital is to be extended chiefly in carrying out the recent purchase of the control of the Anchor Line of steamships running between Glasgow and New York.

DEATH IN YARMOUTH

Mrs. Robbins Was Formerly of Chatham, N. B.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 18.—(Special) Mrs. Harold S. B. Robbins died yesterday after an illness of a few months. She was the daughter of the late John A. Ellis, a leading lawyer of Chatham, N. B., and leaves behind her husband, one son, Clark, of the firm of Porter & Robbins, one daughter, Miss Minnie, head teacher in the Brockton, Mass. schools, one brother, John Ellis of Doughton, N. B., and a step-brother and step-sister in Chatham. She was much beloved by all who knew her and the Presbyterian church loses a valued member.

GREAT POULTRY SHOW OPENED

New York, Dec. 18.—Great Britain, Canada, Belgium and twenty-two states of the union are represented by entries at the twenty-seventh annual show of the New York Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, which opened today in Madison Square Gardens. It is said to be the largest and most valuable collection of birds ever gathered under one roof. There is also a valuable exhibition of prize cats.

WEATHER BULLETIN issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT. Temperatures: Toronto, 32; Montreal, 28; Quebec, 24; Chatham, 28; Charlottetown, 28; Sydney, 28; Halifax, 32; Yarmouth, 30; St. John, 29; Boston, 38; New York, 38.

TIMES GIVES WARNING

Persian Independence Not Worth Bones of Single British Soldier

Sands Fast Running Out and English Who Encourage Persia in Her Stand Must Assume a Grave Responsibility

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 18.—The Tehran correspondent of the Times commenting on the national council's refusal to yield, says that the situation is extremely grave. Some change in Persian sovereignty, he adds, seems inevitable. The article concludes: "The foreign office on the attacks of those opposing the Anglo-Russian agreement with respect to Persia. The Times contends that the only alternative to the British policy of upholding the agreement is the employment of force and, adds the paper: "Persian independence is not worth the bones of a single British soldier."

SUDDEN DEATH OF YOUNG CHATHAM BUSINESS MAN

Frank McEwen Was Only Thirty Years Old—First Curling Match of Season

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 18.—(Special) Frank McEwen, for several years an employe of the W. S. Loggie Co., and a familiar figure in Water street business life died suddenly this morning aged thirty years. Very few knew that he was ill as he was around until Saturday. Acute Bright's disease was said to be the cause of death. Mr. McEwen leaves his wife and three young children. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Robert McEwen, four brothers—George, Chatham, Horace of Rumford, Palmers of Berwick, Mass., and Alexander of Vancouver—and two sisters—Bessie, studying in the Boston City Hospital, and Ethel at home. An only son, John McEwen, also lives here. Mr. McEwen took a great interest in baseball and other amusements and was a very popular young man. His sudden death was a severe shock to all.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

Seventy-Six Cases in Samia, Ont., and the Water is Blamed

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, chief medical health officer for the city, made public yesterday the fact that Samia is suffering from a serious typhoid epidemic due to the drinking of polluted water from the St. Clair river. Seventy-six cases of the disease were reported on Saturday. Some of those ill are in a serious condition.

THE VETO OF MAYOR FITZGERALD OVERIDDEN IN BRITAIN MATTER

(Special to Times) Boston, Dec. 18.—The Boston school committee has overridden Mayor Fitzgerald's veto of the appointment of Horace L. Brittain, a New Brunswick, as school principal in Hyde Park. Chairman Ellis declared that the mayor's opposition was due to the fact that Brittain was a provincialist, and on religious grounds.

Egyptian Government Takes Possession

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 18.—The Egyptian government is taking possession of the Soudan district of Barca, which forms the eastern division of Tripoli. The Soudan district borders on Egypt and was ceded by Turkey to the Egyptian government, which will retain possession pending the end of the war, when the definite status of the territory will be determined.

Cardinal O'Connell's Farewell

Rome, Dec. 18.—The Pope today received Cardinal O'Connell in farewell audience and assured the cardinal that he was sure he had done a wise thing in Catholicism in America by granting a large number of cardinals to that country. He said he knew of the good work done by the Catholic societies of which he heartily approved.

BUILDING LOSS \$3,425

The loss on the McLaughlin building, German street, in the Sunday fire, has been fixed at \$3,425. Messrs. E. H. Fairweather and C. E. L. Jarvis were the adjusters. The same gentlemen are acting as appraisers on the stock of Brook & Peterson which was destroyed or damaged in the fire. They are at work on the adjustment and expect to complete the figures this afternoon.

BRITAIN AND OTHER POWERS HELP RESTORE PEACE AMONG CHINESE

Situation Today is More Hopeful Than Ever.

MANCHU RULE DOOMED

Monarchy or Republic Not Decided But in Either Case Yuan Shi Kai Will Be the Great Man—Peace Conference Opens Very Smoothly

(Canadian Press)

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—Promise of peace in China today is coupled with the announcement that six of the great powers—Great Britain, Japan, United States, Russia, France and Germany—are engaged in a co-operative effort to assist Dr. Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi in their negotiations. There was rejoicing today when it was learned that the six powers were preparing to formally offer their assistance for the speedy conclusion of the understanding. It is clearly understood that this action by the powers is taken in the most friendly manner.

The post parliaments between Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi opened with surprising smoothness and there was a complete absence of any sense of strain which might have seriously impeded the diplomatic progress of the conference. It is unmistakably evident, however, that the continuation of Manchu rule, even as concerns the imperial throne in Peking, is considered unlikely by either side. In this connection much significance is attached to the statement of Tang Shao Yi that he does not represent the Manchus, but the Chinese people.

Coupled with Wu Ting Fang's early insistence upon the establishment of a republic, it is taken for granted that Yuan Shi Kai is prepared to concede the ending of the dynasty. Even though the present dynasty be ousted, the premier evidently hopes to retain the imperial form of government, possibly with a republican character.

A LONDON VIEW OF ABRIGATION OF RUSSIAN TREATY

Leader Says Russia Will Be Wise Not to Pretend to Ignore Such Expression of Feeling

London, Dec. 18.—(Canadian Press) —The London morning papers make no comment on the abrogation of the Russo-American treaty. The Morning Leader, in an editorial, expresses the opinion that indignation over the Shuster affair had much to do with the immense majority in favor of the Suler resolution.

HALIFAX HAS FIRE

Halifax, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Fire in the Currier Patterson tarpaper works at 6:30 o'clock this morning destroyed boiler house. The damage is about \$6,000, covered by insurance.

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IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER ARRIVES FOR CONFERENCE

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Representatives Arrive--Afternoon Meeting With Board of Trade Men Cancelled--A Talk With Mr. Hawkes

(Canadian Press)

Arthur Hawkes, special immigration commissioner for the dominion, arrived in the city this morning from Ottawa, and will confer with Premier Fleming, Hon. John Morrey, and the council of the board of trade, relative to the development of immigration in New Brunswick, and also concerning the extent to which it is possible for the federal government to co-operate with the local legislature in this regard. Mr. Hawkes, in conversation with a Times reporter said that he came to learn rather than to propose, and he was anxious to hear what schemes, if any, the government representatives of the Board of Trade members had in mind for the betterment of the coast through a more active immigration policy.

He said he thought it better for the immigration to be of a private nature because there were different matters which might come up which it would probably be better for the public not to know at present. He could not say as to whether or not the east would be as yet unfamiliar with what was being done to this end, and with what advantages were offered to settlers. He could see no reason why the provinces should not get a fair share of the immigrants coming to Canada, and could not understand why they could not compete favorably with the western territories.

New Brunswick were not receiving their proper share of attention in this connection, he could not say whether or not it was the fault of the dominion or local governments—that would be determined when he learned what was really being done to better immigration in this province. He spoke of the necessity of having contact with the federal government, and he hoped the province would be able to do so. He said he would be glad to see what could be done for

"GANG" BATTLE IN NEW YORK; TWO MEN ARE KILLED

Italians in Gun Fight in Park—So Far Police Have Failed to Learn Cause of Fight

New York, Dec. 18.—(Canadian Press)—A "gang" battle before daylight today in Thomas Jefferson Park, left two men dead and a third man dying. All the victims and several others under arrest are Italians. Thus far the police have not learned the cause of the fight.

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SENDS IRISH AND SCOTCH POTATOES TO THE STATES

Houlton, Dec. 18.—A. G. Rich, one of Houlton's potato buyers in Edinburgh, Scotland, has shipped to the States 20,000 sacks of potatoes to a United States port in the south. He has shipped more than 60,000 sacks of potatoes from Edinburgh.

HUNGARIAN'S STORMY VOYAGE

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CHRISTMAS PAY

The officials in the employ of the city will receive on Wednesday not only their regular semi-monthly pay but also the pay in advance for the next month. The laborers will get their fortnightly pay on Friday.

LEADERS' VIEWS DIFFER

Laurier, Foster, Bourassa and Dougherty at Banquet of Travelers

Sir Wilfrid Ught Looking After Foreign Trade and Guarding Against Being Cut Out By the European Nations

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Members of the Commercial Travelers' Association at their annual banquet last night, had the advantage of hearing two members of the dominion cabinet, together with the leader of the opposition and the leader of the Nationalists, each of whom expressed divergent views and ideas. While Sir Wilfrid Laurier emphasized the necessity of looking after foreign trade and being cut out by European nations, Hon. Geo. E. Foster argued that inter-provincial trade relations were perhaps more important still, and Mr. Bourassa, speaking in the Province of Quebec, made an eloquent and forceful plea for the use of the French language throughout the dominion. Hon. Charles Dougherty, minister of justice, also spoke briefly.

BOY STRICKEN BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB IN NEW YORK SCHOOL

New York, Dec. 18.—Solomon Jackowitz, star pupil in one of the biggest east side public schools, is dying today, in Governor hospital of an ailment which has not been identified by the physicians. The lad was reciting a spelling lesson in the class room yesterday when he was suddenly stricken blind, deaf and dumb. He has not been able to see, hear or talk since.

TRIES TO WALK ON THE WATER AND IS DROWNED

Woman Crazed by the "Holy Roller" Services in Macon

Macon, Ga., 18.—After attending a "Holy Roller" meeting in East Macon, Mrs. Ellen Tharpe became so filled with religious fervor that she thought she could walk on the water. Her husband sat up with her until daylight restraining her. When her husband left to go to work she called several of the neighbors and ran to the river. She took off her shoes and tried to walk on the water. In a minute she was swept under by the strong current, and when her body was recovered, ten minutes later she was dead.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Dolan took place this morning at eight o'clock from her late home in Union street. The body was conveyed to the cathedral, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, assisted by Rev. E. J. Conway as deacon, Rev. M. O'Brien sub-deacon and Rev. A. W. McManus, master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop Casey was in the sanctuary. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Golden Grove. The pall-bearers were John Dolan, H. Dolan, M. Dolan, P. McGuire, J. McGuire, and M. McGuire. The funeral was attended by many.

QUEBEC MOTHER GIVES BIRTH TO FOUR BABES

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Rose suicide alarmist and depopulation fanatics merely receive an effective setback, for in the little village of St. Jerome, some miles out of Montreal, there is a mother of four babes, all born within ten months' time. Adelaire Allaire, was the lucky father of a ten month child the day before yesterday, but now he is the father of four his legitimate having given birth to three more yesterday. All are in perfect health. Mr. and Mrs. Allaire were married ten months ago.

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ANXIOUS OVER THE EMPEROR

Condition of Francis Joseph Of Austria is Causing Alarm

(Canadian Press)

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE

Princess Royal's Jewels Lost—Son Born to Crown Princess of Germany and Daughter To Canadian Who is Now Countess—Sir Charles Tupper's Improvement

(Canadian Press)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—It is reported here, that the condition of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, is causing the most extreme anxiety. He has been unable to go out for a week. Tangier, Dec. 18.—The Princess Royal, Duchess of Fife, now that she has recovered from her trying experiences, is extremely concerned over the loss of her jewel case, which was swept from the cutter when the boat was stranded. The case contained a diamond tiara and other handsome jewels, which she had intended to wear upon the occasion of the opening of the Khartoum cathedral. It is believed that the case has been covered by the sands.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Crown Princess Corilla, the wife of Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, gave birth to a son at one o'clock this morning. The crown princess was Duchess Elisabeth of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Her marriage with Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, took place on June 4, 1895. The family of the royal couple now consists of four sons.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Comtesse Jacques De Lesseps, who was Miss Grace Mackenzie, daughter of Sir William Mackenzie, of Toronto, has given birth to a daughter.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Charles Tupper, is slightly easier, though still in a critical condition. Three weeks ago he set for a portrait which is being painted for the Canadian house of commons.

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