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U. S. SHIPPING BILL DEAD. Exactly One Year Ago To-Day It Was Born.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The United States administration shipping bill died today, just a year to the day after it was born.

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FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER. London Man Honorably Discharged At St. Thomas Assizes.

COURTROOM IS CROWDED. Justice Masten Expresses Belief In Prisoner's Testimony.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 28.—Shortly before midnight after deliberations of an hour and 30 minutes the jury in the manslaughter charge against Clair Kincaid of London brought in a verdict of "not guilty." Justice Masten, hearing the case, immediately gave the prisoner an honorable discharge, which was received with satisfaction throughout the courtroom.

Kincaid, who throughout the trial had maintained a reserved and quiet demeanor, and whose testimony on his own behalf, Justice Masten said, impressed him as being straightforward and sincere, smiled happily on hearing the verdict. He left the court a free man and was congratulated on all sides by friends.

The fact that the trial lasted until nearly midnight did not deter large crowds from staying until the verdict was received. The night session was taken up entirely with the plea for the defense, the summary by the prosecution and the charge of the judge.

Justice Masten's charge was unbiased. He charged neither for nor against the prisoner, although there were some points in the evidence which he called to the attention of the jury which were favorable to the prisoner. He pointed out, for instance, that he did not credit the assumption which had been made in evidence that the Kincaid car was traveling at a speed of 35 miles an hour.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Barnum, counsel for the defense, comprehensively analyzed the evidence and delivered an earnest and eloquent plea for an unbiased consideration of the case. He pointed out in opening that it was not a matter of law, but a matter of fact, that a man being branded a criminal and probably receiving a long prison term if it were not a matter of dollars, time would be right.

NO REAR LIGHT. "I liked to see more like an invitation to suicide on the part of the victim than negligence on the part of the accused," Mr. Barnum said after pointing out that if the rear light was not working, the car was not being driven at a fast pace, as the distance which the car had been moved was the light distance the car indicated that it had been hit a pushing blow.

In concluding his address to the jury he asked the individual members to put themselves in the place of the prisoner at the time of the accident. "What would they have done that he didn't do or what he did leave undone that they would have done under the same circumstances?"

The crown attorney in his opening remarks stated that the evidence of Mr. Barnum to a long sentence were for the purpose of arousing the sympathy of the jury and that they should not allow sentiment to sway their judgment in any way. The matter of the sentence to be given to the prisoner was left to the jury. He pointed out that whether or not Kincaid took every reasonable precaution to prevent the tragedy.

Kincaid himself was the last and most important witness called by Mr. Barnum for the defense. He told the happenings of the fatal night without exaggeration and with apparent sincerity and candor. His evident honesty and fairness was commented on by Justice Masten in his charge to the jury. Kincaid's explanation of the accident was simple.

BLINDED BY LIGHTS. "I'm sure I did not exceed 20 miles an hour as I approached Caughell's at the point at which the fatal collision occurred," he told the jury. At that point he was partially blinded by the glare of lights of an auto approaching from the east.

"I then put my foot on the brake and got the car under control," he testified. "Do you mean to say that it wasn't under control up till that time?" queried Crown Attorney McCrimmon.

"No, by 'under control' I meant taking my foot off the accelerator and putting it on the brake."

"Did you slow down the car?" "Yes, to between 15 and 18 miles an hour."

"When did you first see the Ford car with which you collided?" "When 10 or 12 feet from it."

"How far were you from the Ford when you were blinded by the lights of the approaching car?" "Between 30 and 40 feet from the Ford at that time."

"What did you do when you saw the Ford?" "I applied the brakes and turned to

THE FREE PRESS, LONDON, ONTARIO. THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1923. THE FLIRT "A CHARMING FILM"

Department and Commerce Officials Picture Bright Future. Tarkington's Story Portrayed At Allen By Strong Company.

Like a moth irresistibly drawn to the flaming candle, so were men drawn to Cora Madison; just a wee side glance from those coy eyes and the damage was done. Yet you couldn't blame one ditty, beautiful as she was, for it was as it was to eat, but like all her kind, there came a time when she had to pay the penalty.

Both Tarkington's story, "The Flirt," opened at the Allen Theater and was considered as a spectacular masterpiece by the capacity crowds who witnessed the initial screening of the film in London yesterday.

There are few persons who have not had a heart-breaking experience with a flirt, because species combine in both male and female form, hence there are few that will fail to understand the psychology of Mr. Tarkington's story, and they are not now in the midst of a similar experience, to thoroughly enjoy each minute of the performance.

"The Flirt" is about folks—typical folks of the day, who are so typical along the line of the picture. The story opens with the Madisons as the head, daughters on either side, and a head, which was alleged by the crowd to reach out and box his impish little ears.

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DIG OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE SEEN. Department and Commerce Officials Picture Bright Future.

That Canadian manufacturers are face to face with an unprecedented opportunity of creating an extensive export trade with the nations of the world and especially with the British colonies, was the keynote of addresses given at a meeting last night in the Central Collegiate Institute by representatives of the department of trade and commerce.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Foot, who acted as chairman. Mr. Egan, Canadian trade commissioner in South Africa; P. W. Ward, Canadian trade commissioner in the Straits Settlements; and Mr. J. S. McKinnon, who is to be placed in charge of the trade of the department of trade and commerce, were also present.

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In a composition class in London a school teacher asked the class to write a letter to any lawyer, returning classmate, and to describe the accident. What they every one wrote was identical. "Nash, My Jeweler, 182 Dundas Street, here you will eventually buy."

SNOWFALL DOUBLED THAT OF FEB., 1922.

Official Weather Figures For the Past Month Shows Jack Frost a Frequent Visitor.

The snowfall in London for the past month almost doubled that of the corresponding month last year. More than 25 inches fell in the past month, according to official statistics of the local weather bureau, while only slightly over 14 inches fell in February, 1922.

During the past month, there were six days that zero weather prevailed, the coldest occurring on the 24th, when the temperature dropped to seven below zero. In 1922 the temperature only dropped to zero once, that occurring on the 17th. More rain fell in February, 1923.

Following are the official figures for February, this year, and February, 1922: 1923—Rainfall, 5.2 inches; snowfall, 25.5 inches; highest temperature, 3.8, on the 24th; lowest, seven below zero, on the 21st. Zero weather prevailed on the following days: Four below on the 4th, zero on the 5th, one below on the 6th, one below on the 7th, one below on the 21st and seven below on the 24th.

1922—Rainfall, 2.12 inches; snowfall, 14.65 inches; highest temperature, 4.8, on the 23rd; lowest, zero, on the 17th.

UNDOUBTEDLY MARCH CAME IN LIKE A LION.

Sure To Go Out Like a Lamb If the Old Prophesies Are True.

If that old adage "If March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb" be true, then spring is well on the way. At midnight last night when March, 1923, was ushered in by a west wind was blowing, accompanied by snow, and it was freezing.

The weatherman promises mild weather for today and still milder in the Western provinces, so it appears that Old Man Winter is passing out. So to matter what happens Old Sol is again on our side, and "day by day in every way" he's getting stronger and stronger.

FREE STATE TROOPS REPULSE ATTACK ON THE TOWN OF CLONMEL.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Irregulars today strongly attacked Clonmel from the hillside with rifles and machine guns, but Free State forces, using an 18-pounder, dispersed the attacking party after a half hour's battle, saving a dispatch to the Central News from Dublin.

250 AUTOS BURNED.

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—Damage set off by fire to-night here totaled over \$200,000, wrecked by fire of unknown origin that wrecked the Central Garage in the east end of the city and destroyed 250 automobiles.

WILL PRACTICE IN HENSALL.

HENSALL, Feb. 28.—Dr. G. W. Purfin, of Thorndale has opened up an office here in Joyn's block on the second floor. He is a graduate of Western University and has acquired valuable experience in Detroit, where he served two years on the staffs of Grace and Receiving hospitals.

GRIP FOLLOWS THE SNOW.

Influenza by taking laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets which act as a tonic laxative and keep the system in condition to throw off attacks of Colds, Grip, and Influenza. The box bears the signature of E. W. Grove, 20c.—Advt. B20a

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