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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923

16 Warships Guard Customs House At Canton, China REBELS ARE ROUTED IN MEXICO

Dictator Is Blocked In Scheme

Sun Yat Sen Says America Aids In Crushing Nation.

Seeking Finance

Japanese Decide to Cut Budget to Restore 'Quake' Cities.

(British United Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—Six American warships, five British, two Japanese and two French and one Portuguese now are assembled at Canton to prevent seizure of the customs house by Sun Yat Sen, Southern Dictator, according to a Hong Kong despatch to the Daily Mail.

In a message to the American people Sun Yat Sen cabled: "In the twelfth year of our struggle for liberty comes not a Lafayette, but an American admiral with more warships than any other power has in our waters. To those who wish to stand with us, so that the Republic of China may perish."

Calls It a Crime.

Sun Yat Sen, who wanted to seize the customs to finance his war against the Peking Government, adds it would be a "crime and an undying shame" if the naval power of the United States were used to collect Chinese revenue within his territory in order that "traitors and militarists may flourish at Peking."

To Reduce Budget.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Faced by the proposal that 700,000,000 yen (\$251,488,500) would be necessary to reconstruct the earthquake devastated cities of Tokyo and Yokohama, the majority party in the Japanese Diet has unanimously resolved that the restoration budget must be reduced twenty per cent.

A political crisis may develop over the situation. The majority party has also resolved to abolish the restoration board.

It was intended that the huge sum be spent within six years from the fiscal year of 1924. Heavy expenditures were to be made in the coming year but the Government did not intend to begin work on a grand scale until 1925.

Framers of the budget have expected to raise a loan to cover reconstruction expenses.

Smash Window; Steal Diamonds

Montreal, Dec. 20.—A daring early morning theft was committed by two men at 7 a.m. when one of the main St. Catharines street display windows of Henry Birks & Sons, Phillips Square, was smashed and over \$2,000 worth of diamond rings and other articles stolen.

Eight Are Injured In Train Crash

Bethesda, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Eight persons were reported injured, two seriously when a B. & O. passenger train bound from Wheeling to Chicago split turning over one day coach and derailed the front end of the station.

Stage Workman Is Electrocuted

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Lee Grandy, 34, an electrician with a vau-deville act at a local theatre was killed through receiving the full voltage of an electric circuit while arranging lighting effects.

Ottawa Women Little Interested

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—That local women take little interest in civic politics, was denoted last night when out of 25,000 women voters in the capital invited to attend a meeting of the Independent Women's Voters' League, only a scant half-dozen were present.

Alleged Fagin Says Booze Charge False

Slidford, Dec. 20.—The tale of a local Fagin who trained boys and girls in the art of bootlegging, and then sent them out with his wares while he waited in security for the gains to come pouring into his pockets, was told in the Police Court before Judge Snow by Alfred Mercier, seventeen years old.

He was given a jail sentence of two months and a fine of \$200 and costs.

The alleged trainer of Mercier and several other boys and some girls engaged in sales of alcohol at public places was summoned before the police after the lad was sentenced. He denied any connection with the traffic he is commonly supposed to sponsor here.

The boy was arrested in possession of four four-ounce bottles of alcohol.

Children Look On At Triple Tragedy

Denver Man Kills Wife and Her Sister and Commits Suicide.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Carrie O'Malley and her sister, Miss Flora Hanford, were shot and killed last night by Wm. O'Malley, husband of Mrs. O'Malley, who then shot and killed himself in the apartment of his wife in the downtown section of the city.

The double slaying and suicide was carried out before the three minor children of the couple. A baby was found unharmed in a nearby room unharmed. Neighbors declared that Mrs. O'Malley had been separated from her husband for some time and had been making her home with her sister.

They declared they never had seen O'Malley at the apartment.

Squelches Move to End Examination

New York, Dec. 20.—The proposal to abolish the examinations in the case of students who have attained high rank in their studies throughout the academic year was rejected at a meeting of the Faculty of Columbia College.

The resolution embodying the proposal, which originated with the Student Board, was introduced by Dean Herbert E. Hawkes. The vote, Dean Hawkes said, was decisive, the proposition finding relatively few supporters.

The meeting was presided over by President Nicholas Murray Butler, and its outcome, for the present at least, is regarded as putting an end to the recent agitation in the student body.

Wire Briefs

Chicago, Dec. 20.—An estate of \$1,200,000 was left by Wm. A. Pinkerton, noted private detective, who died recently in California.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Crushing of the revolutionary movement in the region of Toluca, State of Mexico, with the death of Gen. Rafael Pimentel is officially reported.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—Abbe M. P. Hudon, cure of Malbaie, died suddenly today in his presbytery at the age of sixty-six years. Death is thought to have been due to angina pectoris.

Athens, Dec. 20.—A group representing four thousand officers of the Greek army and navy sent a telegram today to former Premier Venizelos in Paris urging him to come to Athens immediately.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press cable)—The New South Wales legislative assembly has passed a resolution in favor of the appointment of a royal commission to enquire into the proposed creation of new states.

London, Dec. 20.—A special correspondent of the Canadian Press in industrial northern districts writes that there are undoubtedly signs of trade expansion and great hopes are entertained that 1924 will witness an all round revival.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The Turkish Government has annulled the Chester Concessions. The decision was made yesterday. It is asserted here that the concession was cancelled due to the alleged non-compliance of the Concessionaires with stipulations that construction work on the railroad line between Samson and Sivras be started within a fixed period.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The treasury department has arranged to send out the widowed mothers' allowance money some eight days earlier than usual this month. Ontario's bill for fatherless children is \$138,290 this month and is divided among 3,960 mothers.

Ottawa Is Eager For Kent News

Outcome of Voting in Election Today Awaited With Interest.

Result Important

Government Defeat Would Wipe Out Majority in House of Commons.

(By Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The result of the voting in the Kent by-election today will be eagerly looked for by members of the Government and supporters of parties in the House of Commons. The recent victory of the Conservative candidate in Halifax county, coupled with the fact that the Government should be defeated in Kent, must face the coming session with a minority in the House, has focused the attention of politicians on the New Brunswick constituency.

The seat would ordinarily be regarded as a fairly safe one for the Government, but it is recognized that factors which were not present when the former member, A. T. Leger, was returned with a majority of 1,000, must now be taken into consideration.

Returns May Be Late.

Richibucto, N. B., Dec. 20.—The election of Kent County are today being canvassed by a representative to fill the (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

Steamer Is Seized

Canadian Customs Authorities Take Herbert Green at North Sydney.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 20.—The steamer Herbert Green, Captain Vatcher, was seized by the Canadian customs authorities last night at this port for an infringement of the customs regulations. Twenty-nine cases of liquor, not declared on the steamer's manifest, were found on board by preventive officers.

The ship's registry was seized by Captain McKinnon of the revenue cutter Vagrant, and a watch placed on board. A search of the steamer disclosed the suspected contraband liquor. The Herbert Green is owned in Burgo, Nfld.

Harry C. MacKay Is Dead at Fredericton

Fredericton, Dec. 20.—Harry C. MacKay, who had been connected with the lumber trade in Fredericton for many years, and since 1907 had been a member of the Board of Assessors of the city of Fredericton, died at Victoria Hospital today, after a short illness.

He was 58 years of age and was one of the charter members of the Fredericton Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Steamer Is Forced Into Halifax Port

Halifax, Dec. 20.—The French steamer L'Aurock, 438 tons, Captain E. Genau, put into Halifax last night for repairs after battling with heavy seas and violent storms since leaving North Sydney on November 29. The L'Aurock arrived here in a crippled condition, covered with ice, one mast dismantled and her stern badly damaged.

It is estimated that the damage will amount to approximately \$24,000. The steamer now has on board a cargo of 3,500 cases of champagne, wines and brandy, loaded at Havre, France, and is bound for Nassau.

Plan An Apartment Hotel For Portland

Portland, Me., Dec. 20.—A new apartment hotel, to cost approximately \$800,000, is being planned for Portland by a syndicate of local men, in which James C. Hamlen is one of the leading figures. The new building, for which tentative plans have been formulated, will be erected on the Tabor lot at Pine and Carlton streets. The new apartment building is to be a modern institution, with all such hotel facilities as a restaurant and ballroom.

Sends Out Mothers' Allowances Early

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The treasury department has arranged to send out the widowed mothers' allowance money some eight days earlier than usual this month. Ontario's bill for fatherless children is \$138,290 this month and is divided among 3,960 mothers.

Couldn't Find Cashier But Pays For Gloves

Boston, Dec. 20.—Shopping in Boston stores evidently puzzled John Shipman of New York when he dropped into a Washington street establishment the other day.

Shipman told Judge Cohen in Municipal Court that he became lost when he started to hunt for the cashier to pay his \$2 for a pair of gloves.

On the other hand the store manager accused him of larceny. Judge Cohen filed the case after making a finding of guilty.

"Now, do you want to buy the gloves?" he asked Shipman.

"Yes, Your Honor," he replied. The gloves were exchanged for Shipman's money and he went out of court with something to warm his hands, after all.

Dies In Moncton Police Station

Colored Youth, Found in Street, Succumbs to Exposure and Lack of Food.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 20.—Nicholas Soarres, colored, aged 22, who had said he belonged to New Bedford, Mass., was found dead in the police station here early this morning, soon after he had been given protection. It is thought death was due to exposure and lack of nourishment.

When found by the police, Soarres was walking around in the bitter cold without an overcoat. He was taken to the station and given food and was found dead about two hours later lying on the floor. An inquest will be held when Coroner Forbes receives word from Bedford, Mass.

Now Must Face Charges of Theft

Statement Follows Acquittal on Conspiracy Charge in Toronto Court.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—A. E. Bryant and Norris P. Bryant, charged with conspiracy to defraud the public in connection with the defunct brokerage firm of Bryant, Isard & Co., of Toronto and Montreal, were last night acquitted on the conspiracy charge but had their business methods condemned by a verdict reached by the jury after five hours of deliberation.

Immediately following the verdict on the conspiracy charge, Mr. Justice MacGregor Young, K. C., counsel for the crown, directed that the accused must stand trial on eight charges of theft alleged to have taken place in Toronto and which were traversed to the January criminal assizes. Sureties of \$50,000 were furnished as bail for each of the accused on these charges.

Thinks N. S. Death Was Suicide Case

Kentville, N. S., Dec. 20.—That Basil Burns, of Canning, N. S., who was found dead on the roadside near Arlington, N. S., on the night of November 18, came to his death by his own hand, was the opinion reiterated by Medical Examiner Finn, this morning.

Dr. Finn forwarded the opinion that Burns had shot himself either accidentally or in suicide but admitted that the shot could have been fired in a tussle over the revolver.

Success of Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund Seems Assured

Total Now Exceeds \$650—Two Kiddies Bring Their Offerings.

The Evening Times-Star Christmas Stocking Fund took a wonderful upward spurt yesterday and today and at noon more than \$650 was in the hands of the treasurer for the provision of stockings, filled with fruit and candy, for the little boys and girls of the city, who otherwise spend a cheerless Christmas.

More Welcome

The response to The Times' appeal has been very gratifying to date, but there is still an opportunity for those who have not contributed to do so. The cheer which will be spread broadcast on Christmas eve through the medium of this fund will be measured solely by the generosity of those who made it possible.

Besides the many business firms of the city that have sent in amounts to the fund, contributions have come from the clerks and office staffs of several wholesale and retail houses, from clubs and Sunday schools and day school classes. Yesterday at closing time a collection was taken among the scholars in a grade of one school and \$5 in silver was sent to The Times office.

A six-year-old kiddie who could hardly get his little nose above the counter in The Times-Star business office presented himself this morning and timidly asked to see the man who was "looking after the stockings for the poor children." When that individual arrived on the scene, the youngster shoved on to the counter a paper tin box, a piece of string holding on the tin, through which a hole had been pierced.

It was a weighty little box for its size, but the kindly little fellow asked that its contents be put into the fund for the Christmas stockings. It was counted to contain forty cents, mostly in pennies, but the generosity and Christian charity which prompted that juvenile action was as pure and wholesome as though the gift had been a thousand times greater.

Here's Another

Another little chap appeared at the office this morning and clutched tightly in his pudgy little fist was a collection of small silver pieces, which he shyly asked be given for the "poor little children's stockings." He had been saving for a year, he said, for this very purpose. His savings amounted to \$1.95, and he offered the whole for the help of others. This charity knows no age nor condition.

Pope Names 2 Italian Cardinals

Solemn Ceremony Takes Place Today at The Vatican.

Speaks of Europe

Pontiff Says Peace Conditions No Better—Pleads for Suffering.

(By Canadian Press.)

Rome, Dec. 20.—Pope Pius at a secret consistory today created two Italian cardinals. They are Evariste Lodi, pope auditor, and Mgr. Aurelio Galli, director general of the Vatican Museum.

In his allocution Pope Pius pointed out that peace conditions in Europe had not changed for the better since his last consistory. He recalled the recent visit of Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain and announced that the Irish question was approaching a settlement.

Pope Pius recalled that the letter he addressed to Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, relative to relieving the calamities of Central Europe, was having happy results, but he said much still remained to be done because of the continued bitterness and antagonism. Needs of all kinds were increasing, especially with the approach of winter. Cardinal Gaspari has appealed for help to the nuncios of accredited countries having an aid he trusted this appeal might bear results sufficient to relieve the suffering.

Today's function was held in the consistorial hall of the Vatican amid all the dignity and splendor that characterizes one of the most solemn functions of the Roman Catholic church.

When the members of the Sacred College arrived at the Vatican they found the Swiss Guards, in full dress uniforms and equipped with breast plates and helmets, drawn up in the court of St. Damascus to receive them. From the court the Cardinals ascended directly to the consistorial hall, there to await the arrival of the Pope.

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Says Tax Increases Only Drawback

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—"I see nothing which can interfere with the rapid progress of any of the western provinces in taxation" said Grant Hall, vice president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who reached Winnipeg yesterday after a trip of inspection which took him as far as Vancouver and Victoria.

"These increases," he added, "may be necessary on account of commitments undertaken in previous years, but they cannot but have a discouraging effect on industry."

Italy Is Sixteenth Entrant For Olympic Winter Sports

Paris, Dec. 20.—Italy's entry for the Olympic Winter sports at Chamonix has been received by the Olympic Committee, bringing the total number of countries represented up to sixteen. Italy will compete only in the skiing events. Her entry was accepted, as it was mailed Friday evening before the official closing hour.

Says It Is Too Much

American Declares \$36 too High for Him for German Marriage License.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Any foreigner who wants to get married in Germany these days gets something of a financial blow right at the outset when he goes to procure his license. That document, in the process of the readjustment of schedules and prices now going on, has become one of the most expensive things in the country.

An American who planned to be married during the holidays applied three weeks ago for a license and deposited his passport and other required credentials with the Berlin bureau officials.

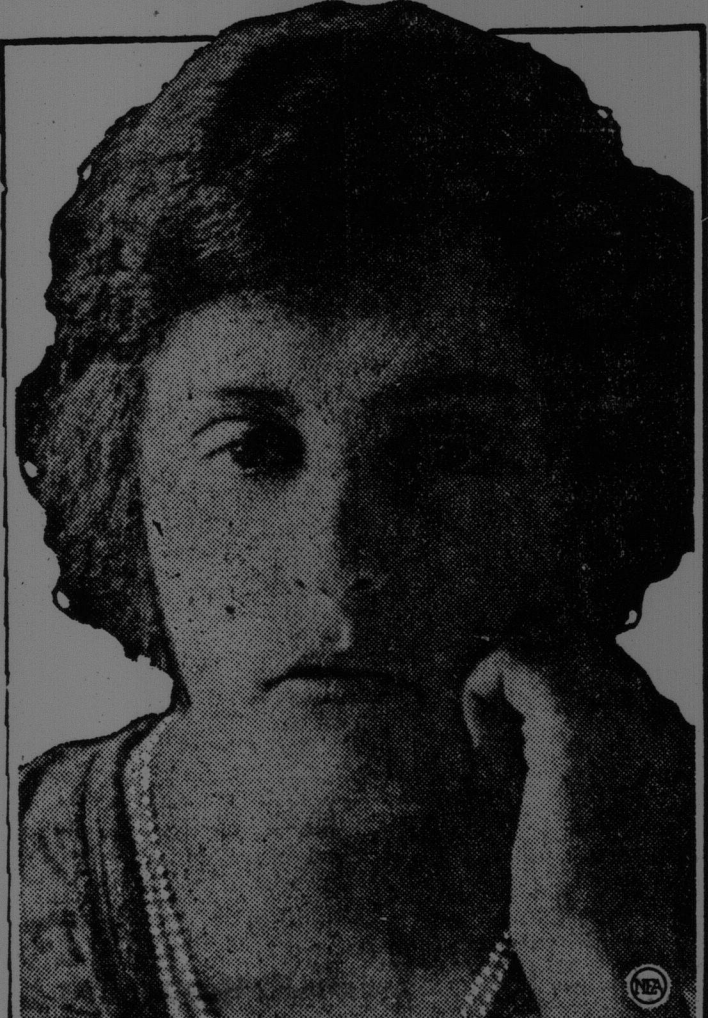
He was notified that the license would cost him 135 gold marks, or about \$36. On the ground that the charge is exorbitant the American is appealing to the higher officials.

Christmas Music

All choirmasters in St. John are requested to send in their programmes of Christmas music to The Times-Star not later than Friday afternoon—if sooner, it will be appreciated.

The Times-Star wants to publish as many programmes of Christmas music as possible, but must have the cooperation of choirmasters and pastors to make the Christmas Music Page a success.

One of England's "400"



Lady Rachel Howard, daughter of the Duchess of Norfolk, is a social leader in the English nobility. She is one of the wealthiest possessors in the British empire. Naturally what she does, says and wears always makes interesting reading in the social columns of the London papers.

Woman Saves Dog and Bird, Then Kills Self By Turning on Gas

New Bedford, Dec. 20.—Solicitous for the safety of a pet fox terrier and a canary, even while making arrangements for her own suicide, Miss Emily Grindrod, 45, of 38 Dudley street, removed them from the apartment of her sister, Mrs. Alice Holden, 35 Dudley street, before turning on the gas in view of the fact that he was isolated and doing no harm his activities were not considered important.

Her act of self-destruction is attributed to despondency, her relatives saying that she has been brooding for several weeks. She arose at the usual hour and left casually for her work at the South Mill, but failed to return.

Instead, during the absence of her sister and brother-in-law from their tenement, she obtained a key and gained entrance.

After stuffing the key-holes and other air passages with paper, Miss Grindrod placed a chair in the centre of a small room adjoining the kitchen, turned on the gas and sat down to wait for death. The body was found on the floor by the brother-in-law, Thomas Holden, when he returned from work.

Miss Grindrod was born in England, but has been a resident of this country for 20 years. When the body was found it was in front of the gas stove, one of the cocks of which was wide open. A will found near the body stated that Miss Grindrod had about \$3,000 and 12 hours lots, which she wished divided equally between her sister, Mrs. Alice Holden, and her father, Thomas Grindrod, of Dartmouth. The will, however, was not signed. It was turned over to the police by Dr. Charles Shanks, associate medical examiner, who was summoned. Dr. Shanks pronounced Miss Grindrod's death a case of suicide.

Steamer Rams Tug; All Saved

Seattle, Dec. 20.—As the result of a collision last night during a dense fog in Smith's Cove, the steamer Astorian, a combination freighter and passenger vessel, was reported sinking at 11 p.m. after the passengers had been transferred to a tug which the Astorian rammed.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Pressure continues high on the Atlantic and middle part of the coast, with a shallow trough of low extending from Northern Ontario to the southwest states. Except for light local showers in Ontario the weather over the Dominion has been fair.

Rain or Snow

Maritime—Moderate winds, becoming milder. Friday, moderate winds, cloudy and mild, probably some light rain or snow.

Gully and North Shore—Moderate winds, becoming milder. Friday, moderate winds, cloudy and mild, probably some light rain or snow.

New England—Unsettled tonight and Friday; probably occasional rain; warmer tonight; moderate to fresh mostly south winds.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Temperatures: Lowest during night. Highest during day.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.

Cross on Ice

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 20.—Pedestrians have not yet crossed the St. John River on the ice bridge here today. Crossing was quite general, although the weather gave signs of moderating.

Retreating Troops Tear Up Tracks

General Obregon's Forces Completely Defeat Rebels in Big Battle.

Plan New Attack

Fate of Revolution Hangs in the Balance—Many Prisoners Taken.

(By Fred'k G. Neumeier)

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—General Obregon's forces completely defeated the rebels in the battle for San Marcos. The insurgents retreating from that important railroad centre burned bridges and tore up tracks behind them.

The Federals, however, expect to turn their attention to the Jalisco front once more and to launch a decisive attack on Thursday.

Scores of rebel prisoners were taken when the De La Huerta forces were defeated at San Marcos, and these were to be released tonight. President Obregon returned from the east front, apparently in good health, although he had a slight cough.

Tells of Success

He received the Mexican and foreign press in his office at the National Palace and announced the success at San Marcos. Obregon said the Rebel General Figueroa still was operating in the State of Guerrero, but that in view of the fact that he was isolated and doing no harm his activities were not considered important.

(By Canadian Press.)

Rebels Are Defeated

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Rebels attacking Villa Hermosa, capital of the State of Tabasco, have been defeated after a thirty-hour battle, with the loss of two hundred killed and more than that number wounded, according to an official bulletin issued by the war department.

Fate of Revolution

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The fate of the revolution is being decided upon the battlefield of San Marcos, where, according to official statements, federal troops under Gen. Martinez engaged with the greatest force that of De La Huerta's army. The rebels mustered under the command of Gen. Gonzalez.

General Sanchez from Vera Cruz and President Obregon from Mexico City have taken general command of the operations of the opposing armies. Wireless messages exchanged between Sanchez and various rebel command posts, which were intercepted at Chapultepec station, indicated that Adolfo De La Huerta was making a desperate effort to recapture San Marcos, which Gen. Martinez occupied without opposition Monday morning.

Sends Available Troops

General Castro, commanding the forces which occupied Puebla after its evacuation by the federals under General Almazan Friday, was instructed to send all available troops to cooperate in the San Marcos engagement. The message likewise informed Gen. Gonzalez that Gen. Maycotte had announced that he was sending two contingents from the Oaxaca district and that reinforcements had been ordered from Oriental and from Manzanilla.

Available information at the war department, according to an official statement, indicated that the De La Huerta troops were unable to muster more than two thousand effective men, although possible reinforcements might swell the total.

Gen. Topete, commanding the federal cavalry, was unofficially reported yesterday to have executed a flanking movement and attacked the revolutionary forces from the rear, east of San Marcos, holding two thousand regulars in San Marcos and forcing them to give battle. Confirmation of this could not be obtained at the war department.