

CAPTAIN SLAYS SEAMAN WHEN CREW MUTINIES

Disturbance On Schooner Centaurus
Quelled When Officer's Fire
Drops Three Fighters.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 21.—A disturbance on the deck of the Danish schooner Centaurus, which Captain Rasmussen said was a mutiny, was quelled by the skipper, when he shot down three of his fighting sailors. One of the men, Seaman Zorenson, died today. The other two wounded men are expected to recover.

The trouble broke out when the little schooner, a 95-ton boat that has been making trips between Denmark and this colony, was entering Harbor Buffet, in Placentia Bay, on the southern coast, yesterday. The

brief dispatch from there said that the entire crew of five had turned against the captain.

AGED WATFORD RESIDENT, MRS. M. DOAN, SUCCUMBS

Special to The Advertiser.
Watford, Dec. 21.—An old resident of this district passed away yesterday in the person of Mrs. Margaret Doan, relict of the late William Smith, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Edwards, on Erie street. Mrs. Smith was in her 80th year. She leaves to mourn her loss three sons: Benjamin and George of Warwick and Willard of Inwood; and two daughters: Mrs. W. W. Edwards and Mrs. George Patten, both of Watford. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon.

LIBERALS OF ESSEX MAY PICK BRACKIN

Certain Members of Party
Opposed To Major
Tolmie.

REPORT UNCONFIRMED

Chatham Barrister, It Is
Claimed, Will Move To
Windsor Soon.

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Windsor, Dec. 21.—Professing to be dissatisfied with the stand of Major J. C. Tolmie, M. P. for the Windsor district, on the temperance plank of the Liberal party, and more particularly in regard to his position on the Ontario temperance act, there is a well-defined rumor in circulation here today that R. L. Brackin, K. C., Major Tolmie by the next Liberal convention.

According to the story, it is the intention of Mr. Brackin, who now represents West Kent in the Legislature, to remove permanently to Windsor, in which event he would, it is said, be "in the hands of his friends" here. No confirmation of the report could be had tonight from any trustworthy source.

For some time it has been an open secret that Windsor Liberals were not over confident that they could win with Major Tolmie as their candidate, and no attempt was made to disguise the fact that a stronger candidate was being sought. With Mr. Brackin, the party believes it can retain the riding.

MRS. BRUNEN ACQUITTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Doris Brunen was tonight acquitted, and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in connection with the slaying of the former's husband, "Honest John" T. Brunen, circus owner. The jury recommended that Mohr be sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

Charles M. Powell, confessed slayer, said he shot Brunen at his home in Riverside N. J., on March 10, at the instigation of Mrs. Brunen and Mohr.

Christmas in all its old-fashioned warmth and exhilaration was brought home to the wards of the Protestant Orphans' Home who attended the Christmas tree entertainment in Hyman Hall Wednesday night. This was an evening of fun and happiness at the expense and under the management of Dominion Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F.

At 8 o'clock the kiddies came down in a special car and filled the forward end of the bright and cheery hall, beside the big tree with its colored lights.

A musical program was carried out, containing solos and dances and one or two readings, also a few part songs, led by the Aldridge Concert Singers, which the children joined in with keen enjoyment.

A presentation by the pupils of Lord Roberts School of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," developed in three or four scenes, was very well done, and met with the applause it deserved.

At the interval came the real treat of the evening, a live Santa Claus. He had a most realistic arrival, amidst the sound of galloping horses and jangling bells, and his advent was greeted by the little people with spontaneous and full-hearted glee. There was a present for everyone, none of the boys and girls being missed out, and besides the present there was a nice, big packet of candy in the red gauzette, which always goes with Christmas sweets.

After that there came the second part of the program, containing dances by the Misses Brown and Fitzgerald and Miss Daisy Mitchell, a reading by Miss Jennie Metcalfe, and two solos, "Within the Garden of Your Heart," by Miss Eva Metcalfe, and "I Passed by Your Window," by Miss Jean Maitland, both charming and tuneful songs and both exceptionally nicely sung.

The evening closed most appropriately with the strains of an old and favorite carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by the Aldridge Concert Singers, and the children went home carrying with them the best wishes of the members of the lodge for the coming year and also for all the years that lay before them. This is the second annual Christmas treat given by Dominion Lodge, and its obvious success has strengthened the desire of the Oddfellows that next year all the lodges in the city shall take part in this event, which will be held in the Armories, beginning at 8 o'clock in the afternoon with dinner, followed later by games and the customary visit from the longed-for Santa.

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Weather Bureau, Presents

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NEW YORK PENSIONS LAST OF FIRE HORSES

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ASKS CITY TO STOP CAR AND BUS WAR

Alderman Douglass Sees Evil
in Playing One Company
Against Other.

WOULD STAGE PARLEY

Believes Amicable Settlement
Could Be Reached—Favors
Lower Fee.

"Quit playing the motor buses and street cars, one against the other," is the warning today from Alderman Leonard Douglass, ward two, and already mentioned as probable chairman of the board of works in 1923.

Recognizing full well that London's transportation problems must receive the earliest consideration of the new councilors, Ald. Douglass suggests that the first move of the next year in this direction be the appointment of a special transportation committee of the city council to deal with all these problems.

This group, while responsible to the council, could, he explains, meet with the representatives of the street railway company and the several independent bus lines when a real effort could be made to arrive at satisfactory conclusions.

Stands For Fair Play.
"I stand absolutely for 'fair play' for both the street cars and buses," asserts the councillor from ward two. "Let us all get together and thresh out our problems in a friendly fashion. Let the council, the street railway company, the bus owners, and the police commissioners lay all their cards on the table and let's have a 'show-down' all around."

"The sooner that is done, the better. While friction exists matters will be allowed to pursue the even tenor of their way, as it were, and the general public, the people who have to ride the cars early in the morning to work and back again at night, are the ones who suffer."

"This 'cut-throat' practice will never get the citizens anywhere. If the buses want to operate and are financially able to do so, let them. Fix a reasonable fee and there'll be no complaint from them, I am sure. Let there be fair play for the company also. Let the question be undertaken by the new council in a businesslike manner."

Favors Smaller Fee.
Ald. Douglass favors the \$5 per seat fee for the buses in preference to the \$10 fee recommended by the police commissioners, and, touching this morning upon the suggestion that the street railway company was legally entitled to an exclusive franchise on the London streets, explained that he had scanned bylaw 816 narrowly and failed to locate any clause involving the operation of motor buses.

"The agreement does give the company an exclusive right with respect to electricity," he commented, "but there is no mention of buses which were not even thought of when the bylaw was passed."

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Get in touch with Grand Trunk ticket agents for full information as to tickets, etc.

U. S. SHIP WITHOUT FUEL HELPLESS ON ATLANTIC

Halifax, Dec. 21.—The United States Shipping Board steamer Westharaway, for more than a week fuelless, is again adrift in the Atlantic, about 500 miles east of Halifax and south of Cape Race, after being in tow of the shipping board steamer Argus for two days. The tow-line between the vessels parted today, and the Argus, apparently unable to render further assistance, proceeded to New York.

This information is contained in a message today from the captain of the Argus to J. M. Dodge, shipping board representative here. The Argus was attempting to tow the Westharaway to Halifax.

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