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MONTLAURIER NEAR DOOM IN GALE

ONLY BRAVERY OF CREW SAVED BIG C. P. VESSEL

Steamer Nearly Foundered 300 Miles Off Queenstown

72 HOURS VIGIL

Big Quadrant, Torn Loose, Was In Danger of Punching Hole in Steamer

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 3.—The Canadian Pacific liner Montlaurier, which went aground at Queenstown on Friday last after her steering gear had been damaged in a storm in the Atlantic, reached Liverpool yesterday. The steering gear broke down when the vessel was 300 miles off from Queenstown, releasing a 30 ton quadrant, which swung loose in a hurricane. Stanchions were struck and smashed and engineers, firemen and seamen concentrated on the task of fixing up tons of timber and wood beams, to jam the quadrant so that it could be secured before it pushed a hole through the plates of the ship below the waterline. This difficult operation was carried out while the ship was rolling often at an angle of 85 degrees, and while lifeboats were being thrown adrift by waves, which washed the boat deck 60 feet high.

Almost Turned Over. Night and day for three days the crew labored at their task and the members of the crew declared it was a miracle that the ship, which for 72 hours was at the mercy of the waves, did not turn turtle.

Captain Turnbull, the ship's commander, states that while the ship's company had shown exemplary conduct and skill; courage and endurance were beyond all praise.

To Be Laid Up. The ship will be laid up for repairs at Liverpool for several weeks. Her passengers and mail were embarked at Queenstown by the Montclair, which proceeded to St. John.

APPROVE HANGING AT DORCHESTER

York County Council Endorses Action of Provincial High Sheriffs.

FREDERICTON, March 3.—The city council last evening, by unanimous vote, approved and endorsed the action of the high sheriffs of the counties of the province in seeking to have the criminal code amended so as to provide that all executions in the Maritime Provinces be carried out at the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester. Mayor Phillips was instructed to prepare a communication to be forwarded to the Minister of Justice in support of a petition. An endeavor will be made to have the amendment presented to the present session of parliament at Ottawa in order that the execution of Harry D. Williams, sentenced to hang on April 23rd, will not take place at the York county jail.

DUTIES INCREASED

German Levy on Beer to be Doubled; Higher Tax on Tobacco.

BERLIN, March 3.—The German Minister of Finance has prepared a new taxation bill which provides for an all round increase in the duties on beer and tobacco. It is proposed to double the beer duty and to increase the duty on pipe tobacco and cigars from 20 to 25 per cent. on retail prices.

Berlin In Fear Of Race Suicide

BERLIN, March 3.—The German capital is concerned by a new trend in vital statistics, which show that Berliners are marrying less, dying more, and bearing fewer children than hitherto.

In the last two years the births have been at the rate of ten per thousand, while the deaths have been around twelve per thousand. In 1920 there were 53,000 marriages in Berlin, while last year there were only 30,441, or a decrease of 28 per cent.

Shock Followed Shock When Earthquake Came

MONTREAL, March 3.—When Saturday night's quake shook Montreal homes, a 12-year-old lad, whose name is better withheld, leaped terror-stricken from his bath and ran down the hall into the drawing room where his parents were entertaining some friends at bridge. This provided the more severe shock.

Foch Warns Allies That Germany Has Laid Foundation For War Machine

TURKISH GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

Loses In Bid For Freedom

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 3.—Using a heavy motor truck as a battering ram, Burton Carter, convict, crashed the big iron gate of Ohio penitentiary today for a few minutes of freedom. A carpenter, who was passing the prison, heard the creak of the gate, and, giving chase, captured Carter single-handed. Carter had left the truck virtually wrecked.

MOUNT A. LADIES TO DEBATE KINGS

Subject Will be Education of Women—Men's Contest on Democracy.

MONCTON, March 3.—The Mount Allison ladies' debating team will meet a team representing the ladies of the University of King's College, Halifax, in Sackville, on March 11. The subject is: "Resolved, that for the higher education of women in arts and sciences, separate and independent colleges are better than co-educational colleges." The Mount Allison team will consist of Miss Jennie McNeill, '23; Miss Anna Gough, '27, and Miss Vera Smith, '25, while the Halifax institution will have Miss Sarah Currie, '25; Miss Elona Caviechi, '27; Miss G. Blackall, '27. The judges will be Prof. Cummings of Truro, Rev. Dr. Munro, Sackville, and J. Milner, K. C. of Amherst.

It is expected that the men's debate between Mt. Allison and St. Francis Xavier Universities will be held on March 26, at Sackville. The team representing the former will consist of A. W. Truman, '27 (leader), C. T. Bruce, '24, W. B. Perry, '24. The subject for debate is: "Resolved that modern democracies adequately promote human welfare."

SUGGESTS MEMORIAL TO ALEX GIBSON, SR.

Former St. John Newspaperman Asks Fredericton City Council For Grant.

(Special to The Times-Star.) FREDERICTON, March 3.—The City of Fredericton has received from Alexander Heron of St. Paul, Minn., a request that a civic grant be voted to a memorial biography of the late Alexander Gibson, Sr., founder of the Town of Marsville, which he named after his wife. Mr. Heron is to write the biography.

The city has taken no action. Mr. Heron intimates that other municipalities in New Brunswick are to be requested to vote grants for the same purpose. Mr. Heron is a former resident of Marsville and was connected with the staff of the "Fredericton Herald," St. John Record and St. John Telegraph at various times.

Former Magistrate Is Sent To Prison

BALTIMORE, Md., March 3.—James F. Klecka, former chief magistrate of the People's Court of Baltimore, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and fined \$1,000, following his conviction Monday in the Circuit Court of Baltimore County on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

U. S. Attorney General Is Elevated To Bench

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Harlan Fiske Stone, of New York, resigned yesterday as United States Attorney-General, and took the oath as an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Washington Speculates On President's Wife's Costume

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The most important woman's question concerning the inaugural remains unanswered on account of the weather. All Washington is wondering what Mrs. Coolidge will wear when she rides up the avenue with her husband to see him

SONS' FUTURES UP TO SELVES

CHICAGO, March 3.—"What are you going to make of your sons?" Governor Nellie Ross, of Wyoming, was asked as she passed through Chicago Monday en route to Washington. "Nothing," was her reply. "But I expect them to make something of themselves." Governor Ross has two sons, 21-year-old twins, who are attending the University of Wyoming.

SAY STOLEN LIQUOR IS IN N. S. VESSEL

Action Brought in Halifax Court For Recovery of 14,931 Cases of Whiskey.

HALIFAX, March 3.—Action was taken in the admiralty court this morning by C. J. Burchell, K. C. against the \$300,000 liquor cargo aboard the schooner Veronics, now lying at a pier in Lunenburg, N. S. Mr. Burchell acting for the owners of the four motorships, which came into this port last November, reporting having been robbed of 15,000 cases of liquor on the high seas off New York.

The cargo of the Ellice B. was seized yesterday by the Sheriff, acting under a warrant issued by J. L. Barnhill, registrar of the exchequer court, Nova Scotia admiralty district yesterday. The plaintiffs are listed as J. D. Bode and Company, Limited, Schenectady, and Frankfurter, Algenheisen, Veronics and Veronics, white on the high seas in October and November 1924.

The case is a novel one in the records of Nova Scotia courts, and is being watched with great interest.

JAIL COMMUNISTS

Prague Authorities Arrest Four Foreigners Attending Jugoslav Conference.

PRAGUE, March 3.—Four foreign delegates attending a conference of the Czech-Slovak Communist party have been arrested. Two are German, the third an Austrian, and the fourth, Albert Trent, a leading light in the French Communist party.

3 STILL EXPLODE

Two Killed and Several Hurt in Oklahoma Refinery Accident.

FAIRSDALL, Okla., March 3.—Two men were killed, several injured, and property loss that may approximate \$800,000 was sustained when three high-pressure stills at the Barnard Refining Company exploded yesterday.

THUGS GET \$30,000

Guests in Miami Tavern Robbed One Loses \$10,000 Cash and Bonds.

MIAMI, Fla., March 3.—Three unmasked robbers, entering the Melrose Tavern here early this morning, lined two score guests against a wall, and escaped with \$30,000 in cash and jewelry. One victim lost \$2,000 in cash and \$8,000 worth of negotiable securities.

CHURCH UNION VOTE

TORONTO, Ont., March 3.—The latest summary of the church union vote follows: British Columbia and Y. T., for 191, against 22; Alberta, for 102, against 23; Saskatchewan, for 454, against 12; Ontario, for 442, against 351; Quebec, for 75, against 34; Nova Scotia, for 91, against 35; Prince Edward Island, for 41, against 13. Totals, for 1,396, against 400.

Is Richest Peer



The young Duke of Norfolk is the first peer of the British Empire, taking precedence over all the peerages and ranking next to the royal family. In addition to his rank, the duke is the richest peer, his fortune being estimated at \$100,000,000.

N. B. GOVERNMENT IN SESSION TODAY

Plans Made For Opening of Provincial Legislature on March 12.

FREDERICTON, March 3.—Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier and Minister of Public Works, Hon. J. E. Hetherington, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer and acting Minister of Lands and Mines, and Hon. J. C. Rand, Attorney General, comprised the Provincial Government which met this morning in the first sitting of the March meeting. Premier Veniot stated that the meeting had opened on a high note and also considered business connected with the session of the House of Assembly which will open on the 12th.

HOBBS SAYS NOT GUILTY OF FRAUD

Evidence Taken in Case Involving Conspiracy Against Indian Rajah.

LONDON, March 3.—Wm. Cooper Hobbs, solicitor's clerk, who figured in the Robinson suit involving an alleged plot to blackmail the Indian Rajah, Sir Hari Singh, pleaded not guilty, and was put on trial before a jury in the Old Bailey yesterday, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Rajah and of fraudulently obtaining two checks for \$150,000 each.

DR. PUGSLEY BETTER

Improving Slowly, Hope of His Recovery is Steadily Strengthening.

BEER PRICES CUT

War on in Montreal With Three Breweries Slashing Selling Figures.

75 YEARS MARRIED

Whole Town Joins in Celebration of Anniversary—Business Suspended.

Russian Sailors At Vladivostok Rebel

HARBIN, March 3.—Reports from Pogradichayna says that a serious uprising has occurred among the sailors at Vladivostok. Karpenko, the Soviet representative at Vladivostok was killed during street rioting, according to these reports.

JAIL SPANISH PRISONER AFTER 50-YEAR HUNT

Madrid Police Have Famous Swindler in Toils

MADE A FORTUNE

Many People All Over the World Were Victimized By Tale of Riches

By Canadian Press. WASHINGTON, March 3.—General Ramon De Sola Clara, sometimes Rafel De Santos, and again just R. Des, but internationally known as the "Spanish prisoner," at last has been jailed. His arrest ended a 50-year police hunt and is said to have given the swindler story its first element of truth.

Had Many Victims. A report to the State Department said the "General" had been apprehended in Madrid, and was, for the first time in his career, actually a prisoner. The records in the case, as reported from time to time, show that he victimized many people on this continent by his swindle scheme, despite publicity.

Posed as Bankrupt. "The Spanish prisoner" posed as a bankrupt, imprisoned on that charge, and possessing a fortune of \$300,000, money concealed somewhere in a portmanteau with a secret pocket. From persons who offered to assist him in the recovery of his fortune on promise of a reward of \$100,000, with a cash advance from the victim always stipulated, he is alleged to have reaped a fortune for himself.

The Times-Star, on several occasions has published stories about local people having received appeals to aid the famous "prisoner." So far as can be learned, nobody in this vicinity was ever swindled, however. Only this week there came to this newspaper a copy of the letter which it was said, had been received by W. Shaw of Golden Grove.

Here is Letter. The following is the famous "Spanish prisoner" letter, received by many all over the globe, the author of which was reported to have been arrested today: Dear Sir,—Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of 360,000 dollars I have in America, being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of my luggage paying to the Register of the Court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where I have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum. As reward I will give you to pay the third part, viz. 120,000 dollars. I cannot receive your answer in the prison but you can forward a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me. I am waiting your answer to instruct you all my secret I only sign now. Jan. 22, 1925. First of all answer by cable, Pedro Rin, Lista Correo 2025, Compostela (Spain), Compras Suare.

DOZEN 'QUAKES IN CANADA SINCE 1909

Table Prepared by Chief Seismologist Shows Previous Shock in N. B.

OTTAWA, March 3.—Earthquakes are not so rare in Canada as most Canadians believe. Nearly a dozen earthquakes within the last 16 years, most of them centred in the Quebec district or the Valley of the Ottawa (Ontario) River, have been recorded. A table prepared for the Canadian Press by the chief seismologist for Canada, Ernest A. Hodgson, shows that slight shocks were recorded on the following dates: January 31, 1909, Montreal; May 10, 1909, Ste. Agathe Des Monts, Que.; May 26, 1909, Central United States; December 10, 1909, Ottawa; April 28, 1913, Ottawa Valley; February 10, 1914, Ottawa Valley; February 6, 1920, Tadoussac, Que.; July 3, 1922, New Brunswick; July 14, 1924, Ottawa Valley; Sept. 13, 1924, Ottawa Valley to Maine; Nov. 14, 1924, Quyon, Que.; February 28, 1925, Northeastern United States, and Canada; March 1, 1925, Quebec City.

The list includes the second shock recorded over the last week-end, but not the one reported to have been felt yesterday morning in parts of Quebec.

3 Die in Quebec. QUEBEC, March 3.—Three dead from shock, a stone Catholic church at St. Hilarion shaken to ground, numerous fires, and general consternation, as people felt their homes quiver, and general damages to residences and other buildings which aggregated thousands of dollars, were part of toll in the province of Quebec, especially in the vicinity of Saguenay and down the St. Lawrence River, of earthquake, which shook northeastern part of continent Saturday night.

Death in Ohio. NEWARK, Ohio, March 3.—Saturday night's earthquake caused one death here, according to a death certificate filed. The certificate stated that Mrs. Oriet Smith, 28, died of acute endocarditis, but said she was "fringed" by earthquake, causing shock. She had been ill.

BEER PRICES CUT

War on in Montreal With Three Breweries Slashing Selling Figures.

MONTREAL, March 3.—Reductions in the price of beer went into effect yesterday. Molsons, Frontenac and National Breweries each reducing the price of a dozen pints 10 cents, of a dozen quarts 20 cents and of a barrel, \$2. These cuts are regarded as the beginning of the "beer war" which has been imminent some time.

Belgian Premier To Quit; Plans U.S. Trip

BRUSSELS, March 3.—The Belgian Premier, George Theunis intends to take an extensive tour of the United States. He has decided to withdraw temporarily from political activities whatever the outcome of the elections of April 8 happens to be.

SHOCK IN ITALY

ANCONA, Italy, March 3.—A strong earth shock occurred here at 1:40 o'clock this morning. No damage, however, has been reported.

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40,000 Circulation

THE combined circulation of The Evening Times-Star and The Telegraph-Journal was more than 40,000 yesterday—truly Eastern Canada's greatest dailies.

SAYS TEUTONS ARE AIMING AT FIGHTING ARMY

Foch in Report Declares Full Officers Staff Maintained

WAR READINESS

Council Is Told That Equipment For Munitions Production Maintained

PARIS, March 3.—The Inter-Allied Council of Ambassadors is expected to be occupied for several weeks with the question of Germany's disarmament which it takes up today.

Before them the Ambassadors will have the voluminous report of the military control mission, with photographs and other data, assembled in Germany, as well as the written opinion on this report of Marshal Foch and his colleagues of the Allied War Committee, a terse document of 11 typewritten pages.

Foch in Attendance. Marshal Foch will attend the meetings, ready to furnish explanations or technical information.

It is believed in diplomatic circles that after scrutinizing the reports, the Ambassadors will refer the subject to their governments with the idea of calling an allied conference.

Not only is Germany educating officers to this end; the committee believes, but she is training enough men to supply a strong fighting army, is maintaining her facilities for the production of poison gas, and possesses not only patterns and moulds for the most improved type of cannon, but even unfinished tubes which could be converted within a short time into guns ready for use.

PRISCILLA DEAN ACTS ENGINEER

Dons Overalls at Toronto and Surprises Some Railway Officials.

(Special to The Times-Star.) TORONTO, Ont., March 3.—Official who yesterday appointed Priscilla Dean, movie star, as station master of Young street station, North Toronto for one hour, were considerably surprised when she belted down overalls and proceeded to show the engineers that she could drive an engine.

Miss Dean is fulfilling a series of "personas" engagements in Toronto, and left last night for Toledo, after which she will proceed to New York.

SUSPEND OPERATION

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The high pressure which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday, is now over the Southern States, and a shallow low area is moving eastward over Northern Ontario. The weather has become much milder in the Western Provinces. But conditions are very cold in Ontario and Quebec. FORECASTS: Fair and Cooler. MARITIME—Fresh to strong northwest and west winds, fair and colder. Wednesday, southwest winds, fair and moderately cold. NEW ENGLAND—Fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday, unsettled and warmer, probably rain. Fresh to strong west and southwest winds. TEMPERATURES: TORONTO, March 3.—Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night: Victoria, 40; 50; 40; Calgary, 24; 46; 33; Edmonton, 24; 40; 20; Winnipeg, 18; 18; 16; Toronto, 42; 42; 22; 46; Montreal, 42; 42; 22; 46; St. John, 10; 42; 10; Halifax, 26; 44; 24; New York, 12; 36; 10. *Below zero.