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ESKIMOS TO BE HANGED ON FEB. 1

Final Chapter of Arctic Feud
to be Written in a
Few Days.

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—The final chapter of an Arctic feud, caused by the desire of a white man to marry an Eskimo maiden, will be written in the picturesque barracks of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Herschel Island on February 1.

On that date, Alik Omik and "Eskimo" Tetamangma, of the unclad copper Eskimo tribe of Prince Albert Sound, will be hanged for the killing of Corporal Doak of the Mounted Police and Otto Binder, a trader of Coronation Gulf.

Blinder, in his quest for the treasures of the north, met and loved a girl who already was betrothed to a member of her tribe. The adventurous white man had made friends among the inhabitants of the bleak and barren regions, and the tribe was divided as to who should win the hand of the daughter of the Arctic. Bitter feeling grew into hatred and tragedy was the result.

Besides the two white men several Eskimos were killed, including a four year old girl, who was strangled after her parents had been murdered because the tribe did not want a charge on their hands.

Corporal Doak was killed by Omik whom he had arrested for complicity in the murders. In the unique setting of the Arctic island post of the Mounted Police five persons were tried before a jury of stowaway men, trappers and traders. Ekootuk, medicine woman and sorceress, was found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, while two others were released.

The death sentence for Omik and Tetamangma aroused indignation in various parts of the Dominion, many persons holding the time was not yet ripe to try unclad Eskimo in the same manner as white men. After reviewing the case the Dominion Cabinet decided to intervene and the execution date was first set for December 7, but later it was changed to February 1.

Sergeant Tjorne, veteran member of the Mounted Police, began his long trek to Herschel Island with the death warrants early in September. His 2,000 mile journey involved many modes of travel, including ocean going steamers in the Alaskan service, dog sleds and canoes.

**KING'S HEALTH
BUDGET PASSED**

Dr. Anglin Addresses Municipal Council at Yesterday's Session.

The Board of Health estimates for 1924 for the County of Kings were passed by the Council Council yesterday at \$1,423 without much discussion as they were much less than the amounts asked for in previous years. The report showed the health of the county to be particularly good and pointed out that \$2,250 had been saved annually to the county by the taking of school inspection out of the hands of the local board.

Dr. Anglin Makes Address.

A feature of the meeting was an address from Dr. J. V. Anglin, of the Provincial Hospital, who dealt interestingly with the subject "Unnecessary Burden of the Insane in New Brunswick." Dr. Anglin followed closely the text of his address delivered some time ago before the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities. The subject matter was of such high order on that occasion that Warden Gorham invited the doctor to talk along similar lines before the Kings County Council. Dr. Anglin was given a most attentive hearing and at the conclusion of his remarks was thanked by members of the council who felt that they had received a fund of information which would enable them to deal more intelligently with kindred subjects when they came before them.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health report which was somewhat lengthy was read by Secretary of the Kings County Board, E. A. Pearson. It showed that during the year there had been 407 births; 118 marriages, and 234 deaths. Various contagious diseases were reported from some of the parishes, but there were not any serious outbreaks, and on the whole the health of the community was particularly good.

Kings County Home.

The annual report of the Kings County Municipal Home was presented by Secretary J. P. Atherton. There are at present in the home at Norton 26 inmates. The committee reported that repairs had been made to the heating apparatus and that \$1,200 had been spent on this account. The home, which is illuminated by electric light, is connected up with the hydro system. The thanks of the commissioners was tendered to F. W. Wallace, of Sussex, the I. O. D. E. of Rothesay and the Havlock Women's Institute who supplied various comforts to the inmates.

MUCH INTEREST IN NEW C. G. M. ROUTE

Arrival of Canadian Winner at
Avonmouth Creates Stir in
English Port.

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine's new direct steamship service from Vancouver to Avonmouth, England, via the Panama Canal, created quite a stir in Avonmouth port and civic circles with the arrival of the S.S. Canadian Winner on January 2, according to mail advices received by the company in Montreal. This vessel inaugurated the new monthly direct service between Vancouver and Avonmouth, carrying eastbound such commodities as grain, canned goods, general cargo and lumber. She will return with iron and steel goods, hardware, etc.

In inaugurating this new service, the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, is carrying out its announced policy of opening up and developing new trade routes. This service will also be a factor in the development of the prairie grain and British Columbia lumber industries, and it is the intention of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, to keep on this route four of their 8,400-ton oil-burning steamers to operate a monthly service.

While Avonmouth will be the principal port of discharge, the steamers will make another port of call in the English Channel with decks of lumber, thus catering further to the British Columbia lumber mills. This service also provides extra tonnage for the export of Canadian products to the markets of Great Britain and doubtless much butter and dairy products from the prairie and British Columbia will find an outlet via the port of Vancouver in conjunction with this direct service.

**ENGLAND'S OLDEST
MAN 106 YEARS**

Average Span of Life is Increasing in the British Isles.

London, Jan. 23.—The beginning of the New Year brought into prominence remarkable instances of longevity in the British Isles.

They have demonstrated that a "ripe old age" is becoming nearer to the rule than the exception, and that the average span of life is increasing. Even more remarkable is the fact that in most cases the health and lives of these grand old men and women of England during their latter years are evidence of the beauty and quiet joy of great age in the social conditions of the year 1923.

The honor of being the oldest living Englishman is claimed on behalf of William Mugford, a retired farmer, living in the village of Golan, in the Truro district, who recently celebrated his 106th birthday. Mr. Mugford had many visitors, and a shower of telegrams and letters wishing him many happy returns of the day, and merry peals were rung on the church bells.

Mrs. Rachel Allison of Chester, another fine centenarian, celebrated another fine centenary, celebrated her 102nd Christmas by enjoying a Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding. She, too, is in wonderful health.

George Dash of Carlisle, the oldest resident of the Isle of Wight, and Mrs. Barbara Peace of Chester both lived through Christmas, but died at the week-end. They were 99 and 100 respectively.

Mrs. Rachel Batty of Noble street, Bolton, the oldest cotton operative in England, had retired at the age of 88. Unfortunately, in this case, the veteran toiler has no relatives on whose care she can fall back.

Christmas diamond and golden weddings were celebrated all over the country. The family of the late William United of Hastings boasts four couples, all of whom have celebrated their golden weddings.

Shaping at 105.

Two centenarians at Romford Infirmary—Granny Chandler and Sophia Mills—entertained their fellow inmates a concert a few nights ago.

While touring the wards the visiting committee found Sophia Mills, who is 105, rehearsing to the delight of the other old dames—several of whom are over 90—the old song "Ben Bolt."

In the next ward Granny Chandler, who is also nearly 100, still reigns supreme. She has not sung lately, as she has not been well. Sophia still smokes her clay pipe, but Granny Chandler looks with disdain on such luxuries.

PRESIDENT HONORS VALET.

Calls on Arthur Brooks, Who Has Been Ill For Several Weeks.

President Coolidge again demonstrated his democracy last Sunday when he visited the Northwest section of Washington to visit his colored valet, Arthur Brooks, who has been confined to his home for several weeks by illness.

It was the first time in the history of that section that a President of the United States had called on any of its residents. Immediately after the close of the church services which the President and his wife attended he drove to Brooks' home.

Arthur Brooks has been valet to presidents since the Taft administration and it was only recently the President was quoted as saying that he was not accustomed to the extreme attention paid to him by his valet.

President and Mrs. Coolidge spent about 15 minutes with Brooks, expressing their hopes for his recovery, and receiving his thanks for the flowers which have been sent him from the White House conservatories during his illness.

C. N. R. EARNINGS.

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ended January 14, 1924, were \$4,165,482, being a decrease of \$142,857 from the corresponding week of 1923. The gross earnings of the C. N. R. from January 1 to January 14, 1924, have been \$8,185,191, or a decrease of \$98,187 from the corresponding period of 1923.

THEY ARE SEVENTY YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Poulter
Observe a Notable
Anniversary.

London, Jan. 23.—"We have had a real good time during our married life."

This was Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poulter's greetings at their little house at Eastington, East Yorkshire, on their pearl wedding day.

It was just 70 years ago that Thomas Poulter, then a young man of 22, led his bride to the altar. In those days he had little but optimism and love to offer his wife, for he was only a farmer's lad, in receipt of \$40 a year. They had their little struggles, of course—even when they had a family of five children the total income was only \$3 a week—but they won out in the end, and today they have a fine little farm of their own.

They are both still hale and hearty, and up to a year or so ago had never called in a doctor. Mrs. Poulter, though the same age as her husband, does practically all the housework.

"But then, I come of a long-lived family," said Mrs. Poulter, to newspapermen who came to congratulate her. "I have five brothers and sisters living, and our combined ages amount to no fewer than 428 years. Today my husband and I have nine children, 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren."

Mrs. Poulter declares that the girls of today live in quite a different world from that of her girlhood's days. In that far-off time the village lads and lassies only had a dance once a year—on Easter.

**ONCE DROVE CATTLE
FROM N. B. TO BOSTON**

By the alteration in the company of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa was the late H. D. Yerxa, formerly of Keswick, whose son, Herbert E. Yerxa, president of the Cobb, Bates & Yerxa Company, will now be actively identified with the S. S. Pierce organization.

The late Mr. Yerxa, whose death occurred about ten years ago, was one of the pioneers in his business, was at one time a cattle drover employed in conducting large herds of cattle into Boston from New Brunswick before the construction of the railways. Subsequently he became interested in the active promotion and expansion of the grocery business and through a series of changes became one of three partners in Cobb, Bates & Yerxa. The latter company operated several stores in Boston as well as Salem, Taunton and Malden, Mass., seven in all, while the Pierce Company operated two retail and one wholesale store in Boston and a retail store in Brookline.

TO HOLD NO INQUEST.

Coroner McKenzie, of Westfield, decided yesterday that an inquest was unnecessary in the death of Fred Vanbuskirk, of Fredericton, who was killed when struck by a C. P. R. freight train Sunday afternoon near Blagdon station.

GOT 'EM! Indian Princess Uses Radio To Foil Robbers

Memphis, Tenn., It's a far fling from the land to use the white man's radio as a twentieth century crook-catching device.

But Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, Cherokee princess here, minded not the primitive hereditary of a long strain of prairie-wandering ancestors when she "turned in" with police and caused the arrest of a desperate band of potential bank robbers here.

Her S. O. S. on the wings of wireless came as the aftermath of cautious strategy, indigenous to her race.

For many hours the little red woman hung perilously to the edge of a slippery roof listening to her "roomers" below plan a local climax to their long series of overheard crimes.

Murder and plunder was to have been included in the Memphis sort of the band. And long they talked over plans for execution of their nefarious work.

With an improvised radio set hooked in with the telephone wires leading to the desperado's room the Cherokee princess got every word that was said. Then she flashed her warning.

Police rushed up and grabbed the gang.

Mrs. Buchanan assisted them by covering the leader with a shotgun until manacles could be put on his wrists.

She was very happy when it was all over, and smilingly received the plaudits given by authorities for such display of courage and wit.



MRS. J. W. BUCHANAN.

HELPED TO BREAK MERCHANTS' BANK

Montreal, Jan. 22.—That it may be necessary to send a rogatory commission to Vancouver, to take evidence from Hugh Davidson to be used here in the trial of Colin O. Cameron, charged with stealing \$500,000 from the defunct stock broking firm of Thornton Davidson and Co., was intimated here this afternoon by the defending counsel.

Proceedings were largely taken up by the cross-examination of L. A. Wyse, former partner in the firm. Mr. Wyse said he had "physically" authorized a number of checks, through which Cameron is alleged to have profited illegally by signing them. He declared he had been adverse to the prosecution of Cameron, and admitted that the Merchants' Bank had exercised a certain control over the firm of Thornton Davidson and Company. The firm was a large factor in the collapse of the Merchants' Bank, having owed the bank \$3,000,000. This amount was specified in the evidence of George C. Macdonald, auditor, who prepared a report on the firm's condition, who followed Mr. Wyse in the witness stand.

HERE ON INSPECTION.

W. N. Rippey, superintendent of the Canadian National Railways, eastern division, was in the city yesterday on one of his numerous inspection trips. Following an all-afternoon conference with L. R. Ross, inspector of terminals, and various other officials, he returned to Moncton last evening.

Holds On



Mrs. Bessie Parker Bruggeman is the only woman chairman of an independent federal commission in the United States today. She heads the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission under an appointment made by the late President Harding.

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If you could only realize the vast amount of money you could save now by attending this sale we know you would be eager to get here and share in the unusual economy. It is a time when worthwhile merchandise can be secured at extremely low prices and these liberal reductions apply to our regular lines and in no way reflect stinted quality. Spring goods will soon be piling in on us and in order to clear our shelves of winter goods we planned this stroke of selling, so we suggest that you set your alarm clock an hour ahead to be on hand when the doors open Thursday, Jan. 24.

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ALL OUR WINTER GOODS GO OUT ON THE BARGAIN TABLES AT QUICK ACTION PRICES

Women's Pat. One Strap Black Suede trim and Patent Ox-fords; Cuban heels, medium toe; all sizes. Were \$3.95 \$6.50. Clearance Price

Boys' Boots in Brown Calf, full fitting last; sizes 1 to 5 1/2; regular values \$3.85 to \$2.95 \$4.50. Clearance Price

Girls' Boots—Solid leather, good full fitting last; sizes 11 to 2. Were \$3.50 \$2.45 Clearance Price

Men's Dress Shoes—Fine quality, Brown or Black Calf, medium toe, "Goodyear welt." Were \$6.95 \$4.95 Clearance Price

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Women's Evening Slippers—Up-to-the-minute styles, made of high grade Satin, Patent and Suede Leather. All sizes. We've grouped all our \$6.00 and \$7.50 grades and marked \$4.45 them for this Clearance Sale at

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Women's Oxfords and Strap Pumps, 140 pairs in these lots. Brown and black calf, patent and kid. Were \$3.95 and \$4.85. Clearance Price

\$1.85

Women's Hose. Silk, Wool and Silk and All Wool. Variety of colors. Were \$1.25 to \$1.75. Clearance Price

85c.

Men's Boots and Oxfords; 200 pairs of Black and Brown leathers for dress or work boots. Were \$4.85 to \$7.50. Clearance Price

\$2.95

Women's Gun Metal One Strap, Cuban heels, and "Goodyear welts." All sizes and widths. Were \$6.50. Clearance Price

**Lovers of Economy should see this Unusual Offering of
Shoes at the Lowest Reduction of the Year.**
Hockey and Skating Boots—Men's and Women's Skating Boots in all sizes. Were \$5.75. Clearance Price \$3.95
Boys' and Girls' Skating Boots in all sizes. Were \$3.95. Clearance Price \$2.95

Infants' Shoes, Brown Kid lace; size 4 to 6. Were \$1.50. Clearance Price

95c

Women's Gray Suede Oxfords and Bombay Suede One Strap Shoes, "Goodyear welts." Were \$6.50 and \$7.50. Clearance Price

**These are Shoes that will Interest Women who had
Planned to Pay Ever and Ever so much more.**
60 pairs of Stylish Oxford Shoes for stout ankles; extra wide fitting Cuban heels, medium toes. Black or tan calf and Vici kid. Were \$5.50. Clearance Price \$3.85

Doctor Special Boots for Men, Tan or Black Calf, leather lined, waterproof. Clearance Price

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Women's Felt and Kid Slippers. All the wanted colors. Were \$1.50 to \$1.85. Clearance Price

**To Save as much as \$2.00 on the Gaiters you want is
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Women's Gaiters, made of a high grade English Broadcloth. Brown and Fawn shades. Regular \$3.50 to \$4.50 value. Clearance Price \$2.50

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19c

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