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WHOLESALE MURDERS BY NEGRO STOWAWAY

ELEVEN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED

Tragedy on a Schooner Off Honduras—Murderer Taken From Jail and Lynched.

New Orleans, July 12.—A shocking story of murder, with robbery as the motive, was brought to this city to-day by Capt. Hans Holm, of the Nerwegian fruiter Brattan, which plies between New Orleans and Honduras ports. It was confirmed by the officers of the fruit steamer Rosina.

The little island of Utilla, lying off the Hondurean coast and whose population is an indescribable mixture of whites, Caymanites and Caribs, was the scene of the tragedy in which eleven lives were sacrificed. The captain of the schooner Olympia was about to make a trip to Ruatan, Truxillo and Belize. She carried a crew of four and quite a number of passengers, making the total list of people aboard number thirteen. Among these were two women and one child.

The vessel left the harbor of Utilla at 11 o'clock Friday night, June 30th, and after she had been under way less than an hour everybody was aroused by a shot, and rushing on deck found a negro armed with a rifle shooting down the men one after another. This negro was Robert McGill, and, as it afterward developed, he had stowed away on board with the intention of robbing the captain and then swimming ashore.

After he had killed all but one of the men McGill ordered the last survivor to go below and scuttle the ship. When the unfortunate reappeared on deck and reported the negro shot him dead.

McGill then put the two women, Miss Elsie Morgan and her sister, Mrs. Walter Rose, in the dory with Mrs. Roses six-weeks-old infant, steering for the mainland. He changed his mind about allowing the woman to live and killed Rose and her infant. Then he began shooting at Miss Morgan, who had leaped overboard, and wounded her in the arm. He [illegible] effectually, but his ammunition [illegible] gave out for he promised immunity for her if she would come back to the dory. She started back and when within an oar's length he struck her on the head with an oar, stunning her.

Believing Miss Morgan was dead, McGill rowed away toward the mainland. Miss Morgan swam back to the island, where she was thrown on the beach by the waves in an exhausted condition.

When Miss Morgan told her story an immediate search was instituted for McGill, and the authorities on the mainland were notified. They caught him at El Porvenir, a little town on the road to Ceiba, and there was a demonstration, but he was protected and his life was saved through the presence on the coast of President Bonilla, who was on an inspection tour. The Hondurean warship La Tumbia was brought into service and the murderer placed aboard and sent back to the island.

Miss Elsie Morgan, the only survivor of the terrible experience, visited New Orleans three years ago and is a well educated, refined woman of 25 years.

The Murderer Lynched.

New York, July 14.—A new Orleans dispatch to the Times says:

"From Mobile late to-night (Thursday) came the news from Honduras, via the Norwegian steamer Condor, that Robert McGill, the Honduran who murdered 11 persons on an English vessel, recently, was lynched at Utilla, Honduras, the night after the gunboat La Tumbla surrendered him to the civil authorities there, and six hours after the departure of the ship which brought the first news of his crime, the Condor of the John B. Ellau Freight Company, plying between Cuba, Honduras and Mobile. The news of the lynching reached Cuba just before the steamship sailed Saturday night.

"From the brief reports telegraphed here from Mobile it appears that when McGill was confined in the civil jail at Utilla. The strongest guard the town possessed was placed about him. President Bonilla had declared that he wanted no lynching as McGill was a British subject, but the citizens of Utilla were wrought to a frenzy through the narrative of Miss Morgan, who had recovered to tell the happenings on the ship. The jail was surrounded at nightfall, the guard overpowered, and McGill, raving and cursing, taken from his cell. It was proposed to burn him in front of the home of Miss Morgan. The mob went so far as to build a fire, but the pleadings of the British consul finally prevailed on the mob to put the negro to a less fearful death. He was bound and still protesting and begging, strung up to the veranda of the Morgan home and riddled with bullets.

"McGill was known to the steamship agents and ship captains in the city as one of the most striking negro charactors in the Central American coast. He was a clerk in the store of Samuel Warren, an English merchant at El Provenir, and a Bay Islander."

WILL BE GREATEST YEAR IN HISTORY

W. WHYTE'S ESTIMATE OF SEASON'S CROP

He Places It at One Hundred Million Bushels—The Inauguration of New Province.

Fort William, Ont., July 13.—William Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., and Sir Daniel McMillan, governor of Manitoba, during a short stay here to-day on their way East, looked over the C. P. R. yards. Mr. Whyte when interviewed said: "Outside of work done at West Fort very little will be done here. You have elevators enough for a while, I think, although they will be filled to their fullest capacity this year. This is going to be the greatest year in the history of the West. Mr. Peters, our general freight agent, puts the crop at 90,000,000 bushels. I go even higher and think a fair estimate would be 100,000,000 bushels. Why there are over four million acres under cultivation. In 1902 the average yield was 25 bushels to the acre. This year is certainly away ahead of 1902. But taking the figures for that year it will make the yield one hundred million bushels, but I think the average yield will be nearer 30 than 25, so you can see I am keeping figures down when I say 100,000,000. These are only the figures for the wheat crop, and we are going to have a record yield of all other grains, which will bring the total grain yield up to a high figure."

Wheat Undamaged.

Winnipeg, July 13.—The agents' weekly reports received at the Canadian Pacific office to-day indicate a most satisfactory condition of the growing grain of the province. Many points report that the wheat is fully headed out, and from every portion of the province come most cheering statements regarding the condition of the crop this year. No damage has been done by rain, and there has been no damage done by hail in any part of the province. From all indications it appears that Mr. Whyte's estimate of a total yield of 100,000,000 bushels will not be far short of the mark.

Inauguration Ceremony.

Regina, N. W. T., July 13.—The inauguration of the new province of Saskatchewan will occur on September 4th, the date of the ceremonies having been definitely fixed for that date.

Injured by Explosion.

Lac Dubonnet, Man., July 13.—While engaged in drilling rock at the dam of the powder company line to-day two Italians struck an unexploded shot and were seriously, if not fatally, injured. One had his foot blown off and the other received a serious scalp wound and had his arm broken. They were conveyed to the Winnipeg hospital by special train.

Charge Against Clerk.

Toronto, July 13.—George Howard Kerstead, until Thursday last employed as clerk in the Boston shoe store, Yonge street, is now a fugitive from justice, and is apprehended will be charged with raising his wage cheque from twelve dollars to twelve hundred dollars. Kerstead was keeping company with a young lady on Richmond street, and she, too, has gone, and it is supposed the young couple are now travelling through New York state on the proceeds of the raised cheque.

An Advance.

Toronto, July 13.—Canadian cotton mills have advanced the price of yarns to two cents a pound, or about ten per cent. When the extreme advance in the raw cotton market began last week the price lists of Canadian mills were all withdrawn. New prices for piece goods were immediately issued, but new prices for yarns have only now been announced. A further advance is expected if prices of raw cotton climb much higher. The present advance will leave spinners little profit.

FIRE AT CASCADE.

Hotel, General Store and Barn and Livery Stable Destroyed.

Phoenix, B. C., July 14.—A disastrous fire occurred at Cascade yesterday afternoon by which the only licensed hotel, one store, and several barns were reduced to ashes inside of two hours.

The buildings destroyed included the Cascade hotel, owned by Chas. W. Thomas, with the barn and livery stable of J. A. Pertois, in the same block, and Wm. Wolverton's general store on the opposite side of the street.

There was little or no insurance and the loss is estimated at from $10,000 to $20,000. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin. It started in the barn of the Cascade hotel and the prevailing high winds soon did the rest.

This is the third disastrous fire in Cascade.

MINE WORKERS READY TO ACCEPT OFFER

Made by Department of Labor—Western Fuel Company Has Nothing to Say

Nanaimo, July 14.—At a meeting the United Mine Workers last night it was decided to wire to Ottawa accepting the minister of labor's offer for conciliation.

The Western Fuel Company has nothing to say on the subject, but from the fact that to-morrow the shops and everything connected will be closed down tight, the surmise may be drawn that it is not accepting the minister's offer, as acceptance would mean practically recognizing the United Mine Workers as opponents, something that the company has hitherto positively declined to do.

ALLIANCE DISCUSSED.

At Conference Between Emperor William and King Oscar.

Gefle, Sweden, July 13.—King Oscar and Crown Prince Gustave arrived here this afternoon and visited Emperor William and Prince Von Buelow, the German imperial chancellor, on board the German imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

Emperor William gave a dinner on board the Hohenzollern to the King and Crown Prince, who will return to Stockholm to-morrow.

Question of Alliance.

Stockholm, July 13.—The Associated Press is able to state on good authority that a German-Swedish alliance is seriously contemplated. The question, it is stated, was discussed at conferences between Emperor William and King Oscar on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Gefle to-day. The conferences lasted from two to three hours.

King Oscar and his party will remain with Emperor William until he departs from Gefle Friday afternoon.

Besides Emperor William's personal visit, Germany will soon make the greatest naval demonstration in its history in Swedish waters. On July 20th six battleships will arrive at Gothenburg and eight cruisers at Uddevalla; while on August 3rd seven battleships, ten cruisers and a torpedo boat squadron are due at Stockholm and Norrkotping and five battleships at Karlskrona. The government has granted these squadrons permission to enter war ports.

EXPLOSIVE SEIZED.

St. Petersburg, July 13.—The bomb factory seized at Tiflis is considered to be an important haul. It contained in addition to finished bombs a large quantity of dynamite nitro-glycerine and other explosives.

CANADA WON THE KOLAPORE CUP

TEAM MADE 758 AT THREE STAGES

Scotland Secured the Mackinnon Cup—Canadian Contingent Inspected by the Duke of Cannaught

Bisley Camp, Eng., July 14.—The Mackinnon challenge cup for teams of twelve was won yesterday by Scotland with a total score of 1,469. Canada was second with 1,443. The totals of each team at various ranges were:

	800.	900.	1,000	Tl.
Scotland	525	507	437	1,469
Canada	496	498	449	1,443
Transvaal	523	491	417	1,431
England	515	494	416	1,425
New Zealand	490	503	400	1,393
Guernsey	494	481	397	1,372

The scores of Canadians at 1,000 yards range follows:

Boult, Vancouver, 3, 3, 4, 5, 3, 3, 3, 5, 4, 5, 5—40.

Crowe, Guelph, 0, 0, 2, 2, 0, 4, 3, 3, 5, 3—22.

Elliott, Toronto, 3, 5, 3, 4, 3, 2, 2, 0, 4, 3—29.

Forrest, Vancouver, 4, 3, 5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 5, 4, 3—42.

Jones, Prince Edward Island, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 0, 5, 3, 5, 5—41.

Kerr, Toronto, 2, 5, 5, 5, 3, 4, 3, 2, 4, 5—38.

Moore, Peterboro, 5, 1, 4, 5, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5—43.

Richardson, Victoria, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 4, 0 3, 4, 5—35.

Russell, Ottawa, 5, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 5, 5—45.

Simpson, Toronto, 3, 3, 5, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 0, 0—34.

J. Duff Stuart, Vancouver, 5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 2, 3—40.

Wilson, Ottawa, 3, 3, 5, 5, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 3—40.

Boult's score at 800 yards range was 40, not 37, cabled yesterday—3, 5, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3.

The Canadian scores at the three ranges were:

	800.	900.	1,000.	Tl.
Boult	40	33	40	123
Crowe	39	42	22	103
Elliott	41	40	29	110
Forrest	42	38	42	122
Jones	37	44	41	122
Kerr	43	46	38	127
Moore	44	49	43	136
Richardson	41	43	35	119
Russell	46	47	45	138
Simpson	40	27	34	101
Duff Stuart	44	43	40	127
Wilson	39	40	40	119

Inspected by Duke.

Bisley Camp, July 14.—The Duke of Connaught to-day inspected the Canadians who were drawn up in front of the pavilion, passing down the line the Duke, spoke to Capt. Duff Stuart, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many officers of his regiment on the team. He asked Capt. Duff Stuart to convey the kindest messages to the officers and members of the regiment, and hoped some day in the near future he might have the pleasure of inspecting the regiment. The Duke congratulated Staff Sergt. Kerr on his score of 15 straight buils. He remarked that the men had adopted khaki, and considered they looked very smart. After entering the pavilion, the Duke on looking round noticed many photographs, and remarked: "If you don't mind, Colonel Hesslein I will send you a photograph myself to hang up." The Duke complimented Adjutant Davidson on the smart appearance of the team.

In the match Pte. C. L. Morrice, Montreal, scored 44; Band Sergt. Pugh, Quebec, 42, and Kerr, 48.

The Canadians are much disappointed at the failure to win the Mackinnon cup. Colonel Hesslein has offered a prize of $25 for the member of the Kolapore team making the highest score at the three ranges, and the same amount to the member making the highest score at 600 yards.

The Kolapore Cup.

Shooting for the Kolapore cup is taking place to-day. This is open to teams of eight as follows: One team from volunteers of Mother Country, one from militia or volunteers of each British colony, dependency or federation, and one from members home on leave of the Indian staff corps, or of the Covenanted or Uncovenanted Indian service or Indian volunteers, or all four. The members of the teams fire seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards.

The Canadian team is composed of Crowe, Elliott, Forrest, Kerr, Moore, Russell, Duff-Stuart, and Wilson.

Forrest at 200 yards scored 32, as follows: 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5; at 500 yards he made 32, as follows: 5, 5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5; and at 600 his score was 32, viz.:4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5.

Duff-Stuart, at 200, made 32, viz.:4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5; at 500 yards his score was 32, viz.: 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4; and at 600 the score was 31, viz.:4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 5.

Canada Won.

The Canadian team won the Kolapore cup with 758.

Bisley, Eng., July 15.—Col. Hesslein has received congratulatory cablegrams from Sir Frederick Borden, Col. Sherwood and Col. Tilton upon the success of the team in winning the Kolapore cup.

In the Graphic competition, seven shots at 500 yards, Sergt. F. Richardson, Victoria, with 34, secures 90th place and a prize. Corp. A. Brayshaw, Victoria, made 31. The scores of other Canadians follow: Boult, 33; Crowe, 31; Elliott, 34; Forrest, 33; Jones, 33; Kerr, 32; Kelly, 32; McConnell, 32; Moore, 34; Morrice, 33; Phillips, 30; Pugh, 26; Russell, 31; Simpson, 34; Duff-Stuart, 30; Wilson, 33; Mitchell, 33; Bayles, 31.

In the Daily Graphic competition, seven shots at 200 yards, Lieut. Boult, Vancouver, shoots for first place with 47 others. The Canadian scores follow: Boult, 35; Brayshaw, 33; Crowe, 31; Elliott, 30; Jones, 30; Forrest, 31; Kerr, 34; Kelly, 29; McConnell, 31; Moore, 33; Morrice, 31; Phillips, 33; Richardson, 34; Russell, 31; Simpson, 32; Duff-Stuart, 30; Wilson, 33; Bayles, 32; Mitchell, 31.

GERMANY AND SWEDISH SITUATION

POLICY IS ONE OF COMPLETE ALOOFNESS

Foreign Officials Say the Question of an Alliance Has Not Been Considered There

(Associated Press.)

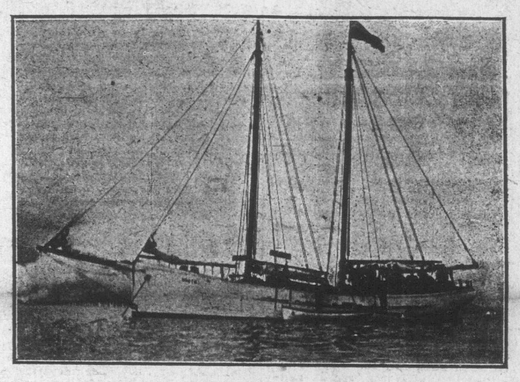
Berlin, July 14.—The substance of the statement made at Stockholm yesterday to the effect that a German-Swedish alliance was seriously contemplated, was submitted to the foreign office here today, and the authoritative statement was made that the question of an alliance between Germany and Sweden had never come before the foreign office, nor had it been discussed to the slightest extent. Of course the foreign office could not deny that Emperor William and King Oscar had not spoken of an alliance during their interview at Gefles yesterday because the subjects of their conversation are not known here.

A Private Visit.

Berlin, July 14.—No indication of the result of the meeting between Emperor William and King Oscar at Gefles on Wednesday and Thursday has reached Berlin nor is any report of their conversation likely to be made public, as it is explained here that this was a strictly private visit of one sovereign to another. The initiative will probably come from this side as the Emperor desired to have first hand knowledge of the Norwegian-Swedish situation. The German government's policy, as the Associated Press is informed, is one of complete aloofness, almost of indifference.

It is expected here that as a result of the meeting yesterday Emperor William and Germany will be described in some countries as taking undue interest in Scandinavian affairs as towards its settlement. Such an idea is devoid of evidence.

Prof. Konran Bernhak, an authority of international law, discussing the question whether King Oscar is still king of Norway or not, says a definite reply cannot be given. He is still King of Norway according to the constitution of Sweden, but according to the constitution of Norway he ceased to be King of Norway, but there is no doubt as to the propriety of King Oscar styling himself King of Sweden and Norway. James II, after he had been deposed as King of England, and while a guest of Louis XIV. of France continued to call himself King of France as well as King of England, although France had been lost to the British crown since the time of Henry VI. Emperor Francis Joseph today as the Austrian coinage shows, calls himself King of Lombardy and Venice, although he is a friend of King Victor Emmanuel, and King of Jerusalem without the Sultan of Turkey having objected. The Russian Emperor names himself Duke of Schleigh-Holstein and Duke of Oldenburg without offending Germany. The Russian Emperor also calls himself the heir of the King of Norway.



SCHOONER NORTH OF SEATTLE.

The Vessel Was Seized by the Fishery Cruiser Kestral Off Entrance to Quatsino Sound.

With reference to the seizure by the Canadian fishery cruiser Kestrel of the Seattle gasoline schooner North, reported in these columns a few days ago, a Quatsino correspondent of the Times says:

"As Captain Newcomb, of the Kestral, rounded Cape Scott he located the schooner and took her bearings. She was seized off the entrance to Quatsino Sound, and was caught inside the three-mile limit. The dories were seen to be making frantic efforts to get outside the line. The schooner started her engines and put seaward without delay, leaving her boats behind, but was soon overhauled by the Kestral. Picking up the dory first encountered, which was not yet outside the territorial limits, the Kestral headed for the schooner and ordered her to heave to. The North obeying a line was passed aboard, and she was taken in tow for Winter harbor. As she passed in shore the Indians on the adjoining rancherie cheered lustily. They rejoiced over the incident, and gave expression to their feelings in no uncertain manner. These poachers are beginning to know too well the existence of halibut banks off Winter harbor. Some of them actually load up in twelve hours. The Indians say that they have seen eight or ten schooners fishing on the grounds during the last two or three weeks. As soon as the anchors of the North were down Capt. Newcomb boarded the craft, and a prize crew was put in charge. Two hours after the Kestral moored, one of the schooner's dories arrived with two hungry fishermen. They had kept out of sight of the steamer, but the pangs of hunger soon forced them to return to their vessel. The captain of the North had first denied that there were any other dories than those in charge, but when the boat mentioned appeared, he had to admit that it belonged to the North. The schooner had 10,000 pounds of halibut aboard, and Capt. Newcomb, of the Kestral, was anxious to reach Vancouver and dispose of this as soon as possible. Mr. Taylor, the new fisheries inspector, and Capt. Kemp were aboard the Kestral. They were visiting the coast to plant some oysters when the schooner was apprehended, and their plans were upset. The oysters were afterwards turned over to the care of Mr. Leeson, and were temporarily placed in front of the latter's cannery."

Since their arrival at Vancouver the crew of the North have been released. The North is owned by P. F. Nordby, ship chandler of Seattle, and John Strauss of Ballard. The North was operated in connection with the Chlopeck Fish Company, in which Mr. Norby is also interested.

WILL VISIT ESQUIMALT.

Sir Frederick Borden Will Be Here at the End of August.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, July 14.—Sir Frederick Borden goes to British Columbia at the end of August and will examine Esquimalt and other parts of the province.

Supplementaries.

British Colombia supplementaries for public works passed this afternoon without opposition.

Committees Report.

The telephone committee completed its report to-day, and merely reported the evidence to the House. It is too late in the session to make any recommendation.

To Fight Tuberculosis.

The House to-day adopted the report of the tuberculosis committee, striking out the clause which recommended that the Dominion give money to the provinces to stamp out the disease. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said whatever was done would be controlled by the Dominion. It could not make contributions to the provinces as there was no precedent for such.

Fruit Box.

Mr. McNeill, chief of the fruit division of agriculture department, recommends that a box for fruit in the east be made the same as British Columbia.

PREMIER BALFOUR'S REPLY

To Speech by Lord Roberts on the British Army.

London, July 13.—In the House of Commons to-night premier Balfour referred to the speech of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, in which the latter said the armed forces of Great Britain, as a body, were almost unfitted and unprepared for war, and declared emphatically that the choice lay between conscription or some practical system of universal training. The Premier said he could never be led to believe that conscription could be successfully adopted in England. He maintained that the government's scheme of army reform was the best solution of the problem.

Senator Chauncey Depew has not resigned as a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. This announcement was made by Chairman Paul Morton, of the Equitable.

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