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U.S. SKIPPER DENIES SHIELING U.S. BOAT

SAYS NO SHOTS WERE FIRED FOR ANY REASON

Officials At Washington Lack Report of Encounter

AWAITS OWNER

Captain of Eastwood Says Lot of Liquor Disposed of Before Bombardment

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Captain Eugene Blake, Jr., of the patrol boat Seneca, today positively denied reports from Lunenburg, N. S., that the Seneca had fired on the schooner Eastwood, as stated by the captain of the latter when he reached Lunenburg yesterday. The Seneca is now undergoing an overhauling at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Denies Encounter

The commander of the Eastwood was quoted as saying that 200 rounds had been fired, many of them striking the ship and doing considerable damage.

"You may make an unqualified denial of the report," said Captain Blake, when informed of the report. "That is absolute. We did not even hail the Eastwood, and we had no encounter with her.

"She has been off the coast and we have been watching her for three months. She established contact with several shore vessels. If anyone fired at her, I don't know who it was."

Coastguard headquarters officers in New York and New Jersey said there had been no report of such an encounter made by any of the patrol boats.

NO OFFICIAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Coastguard officials here have no information beyond press reports concerning the reported attack on the British schooner Eastwood by a United States government cutter. If official reports are received justifying an inquiry from here, it was said today an investigation would be conducted.

OWNER AWAITED

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 20.—The Yarmouth owned schooner Eastwood, victim of an alleged bombardment 21 miles off the coast of Long Island on February 15, by the United States revenue cutter Seneca, was today lying alongside a wharf at Lunenburg while her captain, John Spindler, awaited the arrival of her owner, B. B. Cann.

Mr. Cann was in Boston when the vessel arrived at Lunenburg badly damaged from the alleged bombardment, and will probably arrive at Lunenburg Monday, Captain Spindler said this morning. He has disposed of considerable quantity of the cargo of liquor before the bombardment which put the vessel almost out of commission.

NO WORD AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—No representations have yet been made to the Federal government in protest against the alleged attack of a United States government cutter in firing on the Lunenburg schooner Eastwood. This was learned this morning, through inquiries at several government departments.

SAYS NOT MISTAKEN

"I cannot explain it. I only know that the Seneca attacked us and fired upon us," said Captain John Spindler today, when questioned regarding the alleged bombardment of his schooner, the Eastwood, which arrived at Lunenburg yesterday, reporting having received 60 direct hits from guns aboard the United States revenue cutter Seneca on February 15. The weather was fine and clear, Captain Spindler said, and the firing commenced at 10 o'clock in the morning. He said there was no chance of his being mistaken, because he could easily read the name of the attacking vessel.

Suzanne Collapses On Way To Courts

Canadian Press

NICE, France, Feb. 20.—Suzanne Lenglen collapsed while enroute to Beaulieu by automobile today to fulfill her engagements in the lawn tennis tournament there. She was taken back to her home, where she confined to her bed and has been scratched from the tournament. She is entered in the doubles.

Shades Are Drawn On Friends of Light

Canadian Press

MUNICH, Feb. 20.—Fifty members of a cult called "The Friends of Light," were pleaded guilty to charges of poisoning about wooded Bavarian Alps. Each was fined from 100 to 150 marks for disorderly conduct.

Lloyd George Land Scheme Passed; More Leaders Quit Liberal Ranks

Clang of Hammers, Shreiks of Steam Shovels Furnish Score For New York Ballet

Canadian Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A fantasy of the chaos and hurly burly of city life in the United States, especially jazz in spirit, has taken a place among the many older forms of art presented on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House. "Skyscrapers," a jazz ballet, finding its inspiration in the rapid, rhythmic spirit which artists see in the daily life of United States cities, was given its first appearance at the Metropolitan last night, and was received cordially.

The music was composed by John Alden Carpenter, Chicago composer, who is also a business man. The fantasy represents the introduction of a new art form, in which symbolic scenes are used and the dancing based on that of the musical comedy stage, the cabaret and the dance hall.

Jazz rhythms were used freely in the score, saxophones, banjos, tom-toms and extra pianos taking their place with the regular metropolitan symphonic orchestras.

The scenery, designed by Robert Emond Jones, depicts the dominance of mechanics, skyscrapers, complete and half-finished factory doors, and a Coney Island make-up the background.

The stage curtain arose upon a black and white curtain, while the orchestra simulated the sound of workmen's hammers upon steel and the shrill whistles of steam shovels.

PUNISHMENT IN BRITAIN FACES REVISION SOON

House Takes Action Following Complaint of Judge

BILL READ TWICE

Would Empower Courts To Inflict Long Terms For Multiple Offences

Canadian Press

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The recent case of Harley Morris, a wealthy merchant and landowner, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for offences against young servant girls employed by him in his country home, possibly may be the forerunner of a complete revision of the British system of penology.

When the presiding judge gave Morris, three years and his wife nine months of hard labor for conspiring with the husband, he complained that the law did not allow him to inflict adequate sentences.

BILL DEBATED

In the course of debate in the House of Commons yesterday on a bill to remedy this alleged defect in the law, the home secretary announced that, as the culmination of his discussion with the Lord Chief Justice of the High Court, he had decided to propose a year or two to reconsider the wisdom of the existing system of penology.

The House, by a large majority, passed the second reading of the bill, introduced by Walter Graves-Lord, vice-chairman of the grand council of the Primrose League. Under its power would be given judges to impose long sentences of penal servitude for certain multiple offences, not as the author explained, essentially sexual cases, but to raise the thorny question of corporal punishment, but to meet cases of multiple offences, including bankruptcy frauds and deceptions against the commercial community.

It is said in political circles that it is somewhat doubtful whether the bill will reach the statute book, but that it is, at least, certain its intentions eventually will be followed up.

Cupid's Target

Next to the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Latham, above, is the most besieged bachelor in Britain. He owns 11,000 acres of mineral lands in Lancashire.

CHINESE GENERALS RENEWING WARFARE

Wu Marches on Honan; Manchurian Lord Starts to Meet Li

Canadian Press

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The rival Chinese war lords are renewing their struggle for supremacy, says the Daily Mail's Peking correspondent, and it is thought a general clash is approaching.

Manchu, the son of the Chinese emperor, is marching from the Province of Hopei towards Honan, the Manchurian leader, is sending large forces from Kalgan toward Peking with the object of resisting an attack by General Li Chung Lin, who is advancing from Shanghai. Meanwhile the Governor of Shantung Province is sending troops to Honan. The correspondent says that some of General Chang Tso Lin's forces are occupying the Mounts Pass near Jehol. While it is known that Marshal Wu is co-operating with Chang, it seems that Li and Feng not only oppose one another, but also oppose Wu and Chang.

GOAL STEAMER, BURNED HERE, IS A FINE AT SEA

Kamouraska Man Drops Flaming Waste Into Cargo

RACE TO HALIFAX

Seaman Was Thawing Frozen Pipes When Outbreak Started

SYDNEY, N. S. Feb. 20.—With fire raging in her number four hold, caused by the dropping of burning oil waste on her cargo of coal, by a seaman engaged in thawing frozen steam pipes, the British Empire Steam Corporation's collier Kamouraska, Captain J. A. Macdonald, which sailed from Lunenburg for Saint John, N. B., on Wednesday, with a full cargo of coal, is racing at full speed for Halifax. Her radio from Captain Macdonald informing them of the steamer's plight, wireless had orders to him to make port as quickly as possible. Arrangements are being made at Halifax to cope with the fire immediately on the steamer's arrival.

New Army Chief

Gen. Jan Strykowski is the new commander-in-chief of the Czechoslovakian army.

MUSSOLINI CALLED MAN OF MYSTERY

Rome Paper Warns Against Those Who Pose as Premier's Interpreters

Canadian Press

MILAN, Feb. 20.—Mussolini is a man of mystery, who takes into his confidence not even his fellow members of the cabinet and new policies, which remain shrouded in the deepest secrecy until he decides to make them known.

"The revelation is made by the People's Herald in an article investigating against the growing number of juvenile fascists who claim to have the 'inside track' to the Premier.

COMMENT ON SILENCE

"Those who pose as interpreters, apostles or agents of Mussolini," says the newspaper, "are meddlers who should be handed over to the police. Whoever knows Mussolini's type of life knows that it is impossible to interpret him since he is accustomed in taking important decisions, to tell nobody, not even his colleagues in the Government, what he intends doing or not doing.

"His political tactics follow this maxim: Attack or counter attack by surprise. And surprises make secrecy obligatory."

HILLTON YOUNG SWINGS OVER TO CONSERVATIVES

Captain Guest Also Talks of Stepping Out

C. G. M. M. QUOTED

Runciman, Opposing State Ownership, Recalls Record of Canada's Exploit

By HERBERT BAILEY

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Lloyd George scored another personal triumph in the Liberal land convention, when his native land policy, with a few amendments to which he assented, was passed. There was great enthusiasm when it was finally adopted as the chief plank in the Liberal platform.

Supporters of Lloyd George are almost lyrical in hailing this latest triumph.

BIG VICTORY SEEN

The Daily Chronicle, Lloyd George's paper, says: "There is nothing ambiguous or perfunctory about the success of the Liberal land convention which has really made history. It was attended by a compromise which did not in the eyes of any section destroy the value of the land policy or its fighting effectiveness. It has placed before all actual or potential Liberals a policy which gives them unlimited scope for effort."

"The Chronicle also remarks that the landless agricultural laborer is 'gleaned' in his collective voting strength' behind the Liberals.

Crew Existed 20 Days On Rats and Cats

ABOARD STEAMSHIP PRESIDENT WILSON, Feb. 20.—(By wireless)—Fourteen men, whose only food for twenty days had been rats and the ship's cats, taken from the disabled Dakhla Maru No. 3 yesterday by the Standard Oil Company's tanker Java Arrow, say that 19 others of the crew had left the Dakhla Maru two weeks before and probably had perished.

BUILDER OF QUEBEC BRIDGE DIES TODAY

After 75 Killed, Designed Keble System For Revised Plans

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—Phelps Johnson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dominion Bridge Company, and its former president, died this morning in the Royal Victoria Hospital here. He was born in 1849, coming to Canada from the United States.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 20.—Phelps Johnson, builder of the Quebec bridge, began his career in this city.

75 KILLED

Mr. Johnson was acting as first vice-president of the Dominion Bridge Company when the feat of spanning the St. Lawrence river with a steel cantilever bridge received a tragic check with the collapse of the southern portion upon the death of 75 workmen. In the revision of plans that followed, Mr. Johnson played a prominent part on which the new bridge design was based. On September 11, 1916, a huge suspended span, weighing 500 tons, fell into the river while being hoisted into place, and several workmen lost their lives.

Since the completion of the Quebec bridge, Mr. Johnson had served as president of its board of directors. He was president of the board of directors of the company, and he was also president of its board of directors. He had received high honors from engineering societies and the degree of Doctor of Laws from McGill University. He was never married. He leaves several relatives in this city.

COMMUNIST JAILED

Is Fined and Imprisoned Under New Mussolini Protection Law

Canadian Press

TURIN, Feb. 20.—The new legal act, recently created by Premier Mussolini to protect himself from insults, has had Enrico Tempia, a Communist, as its first victim.

Tempia, found in possession of pamphlets containing matter considered insulting to the Premier, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment and a fine of 600 lire under the law of December 21, 1925.

WOLF TRACKS SEEN NEAR MINTO, REPORT

Ranger Informs Chief Warden of Trail Observed on Newcastle Creek

Special to The Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 20.—Ranger D. D. Pringle today informed Chief Game Warden I. A. Gagnon that he and another man seen wolf tracks on Newcastle Creek, some six miles from Minto. Ranger Pringle first observed a track which was old and slightly faded in with snow. Friday morning he saw the same track which had been fresh made and which crossed a postage road. The opportunity to examine the track was excellent. The ranger inquired at a neighboring camp and learned that there were no dogs there and had been none. It is his opinion that unless a strange dog had wandered for miles the track was made by a timber wolf two or three years old.

CHASED BY PACK

G. F. Burden of the Chief Scales' branch, while in Albert county recently was told that a bride and groom motoring from Alma to Saint John last autumn reported that five wolves had chased their closed car in woods not far from Alma.

Wolves have been reported in Quebec in Beauce county and other districts since the Earl of Craven's last night formally presented the gold badge of the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans' Association, a badge which is only presented to great soldiers, statesmen and other deserving high honor. The Countess of Craven was presented a bouquet of roses.

BANISH RESTRAINT

Both the Earl and the Countess threw off the feeling of restraint which had settled over them during the progress of the recent unpleasantness in New York. To newspapermen the Earl said: "That is all past and done with, and I want now to visit my friends, see as much of Ottawa and district, and enjoy myself until the Countess and I sail for Bermuda on the 27th."

The Earl and the Countess arrived in Ottawa yesterday afternoon from Montreal. They will remain in Ottawa over the week-end.

CRAVEN IS HONORED BY OTTAWA G.W.V.A.

Gets Gold Badge of Membership; Bouquet Presented to Lady Craven

Canadian Press

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WOMAN MURDERED

Body Found, Badly Beaten; Discovered By Son in Manitoba Home

Canadian Press

EMERSON, Man., Feb. 20.—The provincial police here have received word of what is believed to have been the brutal murder of a woman at Caliente, Man., 75 miles east of here. According to information the body of Mrs. Annie Kobel, a widow, aged 60, was found badly battered, lying in a downstairs room at her home. Her young son made the discovery on his return from school. An older son, Waseb Kobel, 30, is reported to have disappeared.

ENTRY OF POLAND IN COUNCIL LIKELY

Suggested as Non-Permanent Member of League Body at Geneva

Canadian Press

GENEVA, Feb. 20.—The election of Poland to be a non-permanent member of the League of Nations council by the assembly next September is suggested in influential circles here as the result of a change in the difficulties created by the demands of Poland, Spain and Brazil for permanent seats. In Geneva, it is that she considers international co-operation may best be advanced by allowing Poland herself to defend Polish interest in the League council in possible clashes with Germany. Since British opinion is described as overwhelmingly opposed to the creation of new permanent seats in the council besides that for Germany, it is understood in League circles that the governments of London, Paris and Berlin are actively carrying on discussions in an effort to reach an accord.

Sir Eric Drummond, the League's secretary-general, who returned yesterday from Berlin is understood to have brought back an excellent impression of Germany's sincerity.

FREDERICTON CHIEF SUDDENLY STRICKEN

Nathaniel Jones Taken to Hospital and Operated on Early Today

Special to The Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 20.—Nathaniel Jones, Chief of Police of Fredericton, is in Victoria Hospital, seriously ill. Chief Jones left duty Friday night apparently in good health. At his home he complained of illness and pain and medical attendance was summoned. His condition becoming more serious he was admitted to hospital at an early hour today. His operation was performed later. Serious stomach trouble was the cause of the sudden seizure. At last reports Chief Jones was sleeping and his condition encouraging. He succeeded W. H. Finlay as chief about six years ago and previously to that had long service as patrolman and sergeant.

COBHAM WINS AGAIN

Aero Club Trophy Awarded Second Time to London-Ragoon Flier

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Royal Aero Club's Britannia trophy for the meritorious performance by a British airman during 1925 has been awarded to Alan Cobham. It was given for his 17,000 mile flight from London to Hanoon and back, carrying Air Vice Marshal Sir Sefton Brunker as a passenger. This is the second time Cobham has won the trophy.

Reports Declare Darke Has Resigned

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—While official confirmation is lacking, it is stated on excellent authority that F. N. Darke, Liberal member for Regina, has resigned his seat to make way for Premier Charles Dunning, of Saskatchewan. The cabinet is meeting at noon today, with the date of the by-election in Regina under consideration, it is stated. Premier Dunning will enter the Macleod King cabinet as Minister of Railways and Canals, according to gossip here.

KIDNEY SPECIALIST DEAD

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Prof. James Adolph Berau, internationally recognized specialist on kidney surgery, is dead, aged 78.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The disturbance which was centered in the Middle Atlantic States yesterday has passed northward with increased intensity to Belle Isle, causing rain and gales in the Maritimes. Weather is decidedly cold in Quebec, Northern Ontario and Manitoba. Elsewhere it is more moderate.

LINCOLN ASKS FOR DELAY IN EXECUTION

Former British M. P.-War Spy Appeals For Son's Life Till His Arrival

British United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—John Ignatius Tribilich, a former spy and former clergyman in Canada and Member of Parliament here, has sent a cable to London asking the authorities to postpone the execution of his son John until "my arrival."

The execution has been fixed for March 2. It is unlikely that it will be postponed but a curious situation will arise if Lincoln tries to enter England and there is a doubt if the authorities would consent. The son murdered Edward Richards on Christmas Eve.

COUGARS WON

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 20.—Outgoing Edmonton Eskimos, Victoria Cougars last night, won in the Western Hockey League game here, 4 to 1.

Socialist Congress Member Would Limit Powers of U. S. Officials In Barring Aliens

Washington, Feb. 20.—A bill amending the immigration laws to admit to this country all aliens except those found guilty and convicted of a felony, has been introduced by Representative Berger, Socialist, Wisconsin. Commenting on recent exclusions based on grounds of moral turpitude and political utterances, Mr. Berger said in a statement that the barring of the Countess of

Spain To America Air Mail Planned

MADRID, Feb. 20.—Schulte Prohnde, chief inspector of the Italian Airplane Company, has arrived here to organize a regular mail and passenger service between Spain and the Americas.

British Navy Bans Salt Pork

LONDON, Feb. 20.—"Salt junk," otherwise salt pork, which has been an important part of the British navy's rations for centuries, has been banished by an order of the Admiralty. Canned meats and canned vegetables are to take their place as reserve food, when the fresh articles are not available. Simultaneously it is unofficially stated that mutton is to be removed from the army's bill of fare as too expensive, thus saving about \$250,000 annually.

Temperatures

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—

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