

Special Service Squadron Arrives at Vancouver

Smuts Resigns Premiership. — Danish Royalty Visit England. — Railway Engineers may join Postal Strikers. — Sentence of Death passed on all Six Bank Bandits.

SMUTS RESIGNS.
CAPE TOWN, June 23. Jan Christian Smuts, Premier of the Union of South Africa, whose South African party was defeated in the recent elections, resigned the Premiership to-day.

AGAINST SALE OF BEER BY GLASS.
VANCOUVER, B. C., June 21. The cities and most of the larger towns in British Columbia declared yesterday against the sale of beer by the glass under Government control. The returns of the plebiscite in nearly all rural constituencies were far from complete early to-day and the attitude of the electors in the country districts on the question will not be known for some hours yet. In some places the vote was most emphatic against the sale. In Vancouver city the majority against was 240.

GOVERNMENT'S CLOSE CALL.
VANCOUVER, B. C., June 22. After one of the closest elections in British Columbia history with 3

major parties contesting every seat and labor after 18 seats the Liberal Government is returned to power although to maintain its position in the House it will require the co-operation of one or two independent Liberals. The returns so far received show twenty Liberals safely elected, and sixteen Conservatives, two Independents, three Labor men, and three Provincials returned. There are a number of seats in which total returns are not in.

ALLIED CONFERENCE IN JULY.
LONDON, June 23. British Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, and M. Herriot, French Premier, have agreed, providing there is no objection from the other Allies, that an Allied Conference shall be held in London not later than mid-July for the purpose of definitely settling the procedure to be adopted for putting the Dawes' report into execution.

IMPROVEMENT IN COAL TRADE.
GLACE BAY, June 21. There appears to be considerable improvement in the local coal trade and for the first time in several weeks the majority of the mines are working on a Saturday. The return of the Dominion Coal Company's steamers from the coal trade and the chartering of a few new boats to carry cargoes is responsible for the picking up of trade. The Company has chartered four new boats for a short time.

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON ALL SIX.

MONTREAL, June 23. Leo Davis, Tony Frank, Louis Morel, Mike Valentino, Frank Gambino, Giuseppe Serafini, were found guilty of the murder of Henri Cleroux, Bank of Hochelaga chauffeur, who was shot to death during a hold-up of the collection car on April 1, 1924, by a jury in the King's Bench this afternoon. The six men were sentenced to hang on October 24th, by Mr. Justice Wilson, after the jury returned the verdict. The jury took exactly eleven minutes to agree on the verdict which they delivered at 5:30 this afternoon. Jurymen number six spoke for the twelve. "Guilty of Murder," was the reply as the names of each of the prisoners were called out. The court, after fifteen minutes' conference, addressed the judge and the lawyers, addressed a formal enquiry to Serafini if he had anything to say why formal sentence should not be passed upon him. His lips quivered, his eyes reddened, a few tears swelled over his cheeks, he sighed and shook his head. Frank Gambino said, "All I have to say is that I don't know anything about it." Mike Valentino smiled and merely gesticulated towards his companions as if to say "they've said it all." Leo Davis said, "I had nothing to do with it. I have not taken any part in that crime." Tony Frank, appealing for pity, declared "I know nothing at all about it." Morel, the former city detective, said "on the matter of conspiracy I plead guilty. In regard to the death of Stone I heard the shooting, but I always understood it was an accident. I am ready to take my medicine. I think it an injustice to have brought this youngster, Leo Davis, here into this case who had no connection with the crime whatsoever." Mr. Justice Wilson then donned the black cap and pronounced sentence. The prisoners were placed in separate cells in the Bordeaux Jail in the "death watch" where shortly after their arrival, all except Morel broke down and wept.

SHOWING THE FLAG AT VANCOUVER.
VICTORIA, B. C., June 23. The British special service squadron in command of Vice Admiral Frederick Field, K.C., K.C.M.G., headed by the greatest modern cruiser, H.M.S. Hood, passed up the Strait of Juan de Fuca Saturday morning, dropped anchor off the harbor here and received a royal welcome of British Columbians and through them of Canada. The squadron has visited each of the great Dominions of the Empire in turn and has now arrived on its first visit to Canada. Lieut. Governor Nichol, on behalf of the Dominion Government, and Mayor Hayward, on behalf of Vancouver, extended a welcome to Vice-Admiral Field, the officers and men of his command. The great fleet has been on tour since November.

DANISH ROYALTY IN LONDON.
LONDON, June 23. King Christian and Queen Alexandra, of Denmark, arrived in London last night and will be the guests of King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace for a week.

REPLACING STRIKERS.
OTTAWA, June 21. Postmasters at Toronto, Montreal, Kitchener and Windsor were to recruit men to replace the men who did not report for duty this morning. A telegram said the men who did not report this morning were "definitely out of the service," and asked that preference be given in making appointments to those who passed the civil service examination and to returned soldiers.

ENGINEERS TO SUPPORT POSTAL OFFICIALS.
TORONTO, June 23. The postal workers' strike committee at the Labor Temple this morning, announced that the following telegram had been sent to the Montreal strike committee: "Please accept offer of railway engineers to man no more trains carrying mail, send our representatives to see their representatives to express approval. Signed: Jackson, Redditt, Browning, Brown."

DETERMINED TO STRIKE.
TORONTO, June 23. Determination to continue the strike of local postal employees until the Government assents to their demands for a board of conciliation was declared this evening by A. E. Hall, Chairman Toronto Strike Committee, to be the sentiment of the men. A mass meeting of all branches of postal services was held to-night in the labor temple when reports were received on the result of conference being held to-day at Hamilton. Mr. Hall said 500 Toronto representatives were in attendance in Hamilton, having gone in motor cars supplied free by sympathizers, and that various

western Ontario points were also represented. It is the hope of the Toronto men that Hamilton Postal employees and those in Guelph, Galt, St. Catharines and other points will again walk out when the situation is explained.

\$250,000 FIRE AT HAMILTON.
HAMILTON, Ont., June 21. A fire which broke out with astonishing suddenness last night destroyed three stores, causing a loss of \$250,000. For a while it looked as if the whole block would go up in flames. An electric storm broke a few minutes before the fire was discovered, and it is thought the fire was caused by lightning.

INCREASING FASCISTA'S POWERS.
ROME, June 23. The Giornale D'Italia in to-day's issue said Premier Mussolini and Commander Giordano Debonaire are planning to reorganize the Fascista military body, making it a still more constitutional organization with police powers. Supervision would be transferred from the ministry of the interior to the ministry of war, and an army general in active military service placed in command.

MONTREAL POSTAL STRIKERS REPLACED.
MONTREAL, June 23. "I wish you to tell the public that the postal strike in Montreal is ended. All departments of the post office will be functioning on Monday including complete letter carrier service," was the announcement of Postmaster Victor Gaudet to-night. Mr. Gaudet said the total number of postal employees who went on strike in Montreal was slightly over five hundred, and that all their positions had been filled. Approximately seventy-five per cent of the strikers had applied and had been granted reinstatement before eight o'clock Saturday morning. The balance had been filled by new men. He added that no more strikers would be reinstated under any consideration.

FLIERS RECEIVE HONOURS.
PARIS, June 23. Lieut. George Pelletier D'Oisy, French aviator, who recently flew from Paris to Tokio, has been promoted to captain in the French army, and his mechanic, Sergt-Major Desin, has been given the Legion of Honour. Recommendation that Lieut. Pelletier D'Oisy and Sergt-Major Desin should receive these honours was made last month by General Magnot, then Minister of war.

BRITISH STEAMER LOST.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 23. The British steamer Clan Macmillan has been sunk in the Bay of Bengal and the crew of the vessel is missing, according to advices to the Marine Department of the Chamber of Commerce. No particulars were given.

COMPELLED RESPECT.
PEKING, June 23. Under the threat that he would bombard the city of Wanshen on the Yangtze River in Szechwan Province, the commander of the British gun-

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Wedding Bells.
RYAN—MORLEY.
A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Jamaica Plain, Mass., when Frances J., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan of this city, and Austin A., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morley of Dublin, Ireland, were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony by Rev. Fr. Martin on June 19th, 1924. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in Madona blue crepe de chene with Irish lace. She was attended by her sister, May Ryan, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. Philip Ryan, brother of the bride. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, after which the happy couple motored to Long Island, New York, where the honeymoon will be spent. Among the many guests were those from St. M. Mary, W. J. Davey and her sister, Miss Mary Martin, Misses Helen Jackman and Mary Hennessey. The many friends of the happy couple wish them bon voyage on the sea of life.

OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES.
LONDON, June 22. A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says the United States found the world fliers experienced difficulty in their journey between Bankok and Burns, particularly when crossing the Simes mountains where they encountered air pockets and had to fly through dense clouds. The dispatch adds that Capt. Lowell Smith, commander of the squadron, is suffering from intestinal disorder contracted at Teyoy, and that this fact is delaying the departure of the fliers from Rangoon.

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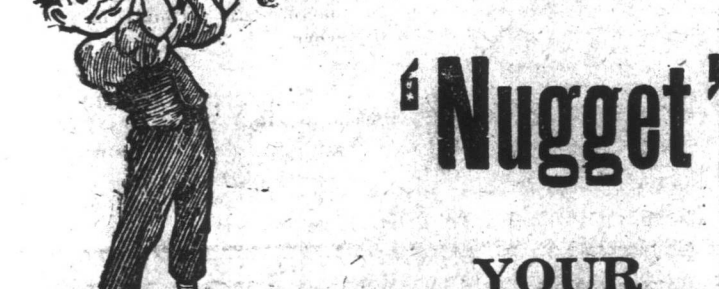
Husbands Inability
VANCOUVER, B.C. (Can. Press)—If a wife drives a car and is adjudged negligent her husband is liable in the same manner if injury has been done. This decision of interest to husbands has been handed down by Judge McDonald in the case of Mrs. M. S. Kydd, of Port Coquitlam, who injured a younger woman when steering the car.

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