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## GRACE AND RUBY CASE ONCE MORE IN LIMELIGHT

Proceedings Against Schooner and Rum Cargo to Take Form of Civil Libel.

## U. S. FEDERAL OFFICIALS SURPRISED AT MOVE

British Gov't Protests Right of U. S. to Seize Outside Three Mile Limit.

Boston, Mass., March 14.—Proceedings against the British steamer Grace and Ruby, and the half million dollar cargo of liquor she carried when captured off this port as a rum-runner recently, will take the form of a civil libel, Assistant United States Attorney Charles P. Curtis Jr., said today. In making this announcement, under instructions from Attorney General Daugherty, he said the schooner would be prosecuted on the ground that she had violated the customs law in landing merchandise illegally. This form of procedure in such cases is new.

## Two Questions in Issue

Two questions were to be determined by the case which the Government regards as a test, Curtis said. The first was whether a vessel of foreign registry outside the three mile limit, assuming that she had violated the United States laws, could be seized and put under the jurisdiction of the Federal Court. The second question was whether liquor constituted merchandise if not, the authorities of the United States had no case. The decision of the Attorney General to file the libel surprised Federal officers here who were making preparations to return the Grace and Ruby to her owners.

The crew of the schooner, arrested on charges of conspiracy to smuggle liquor, had a hearing before a Federal Commissioner, but a ruling was withheld until the official attitude toward the schooner was disclosed. The Grace and Ruby, according to testimony, had discharged about \$100,000 worth of whiskey outside of Boston Harbor before she was captured. This liquor was subsequently seized when the motor screw on which it was being transferred to shore went aground.

## British Lodged Protest

Washington, March 14.—The British Government has already gone on record as protesting against the assertion by United States customs or prohibition enforcement officers to have the right to interfere with in any manner, or seize British vessels on the high seas for violation of the United States prohibition laws. The British protest, which was based on the seizure of the Island many months ago, firmly denied the existence of any right conferred by international law for the extension of the jurisdiction of the United States beyond the three mile limit.

Entirely willing to permit the case to proceed through the various channels of the law up to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, the British Ambassador here, it was stated tonight, has contented itself in the Marshall case with the lodging of its protest, as a precaution against any claim that it had contended the seizure of the Marshall.

## BITUMINOUS COAL TIE-UP INEVITABLE

Nothing Can Prevent General Strike of Miners Scheduled for April 1st.

Washington, March 14.—A general strike in the bituminous coal industry on about April 1, is inevitable, Secretary of Labor Davis and John L. Lewis, president of United Mine Workers of America, agreed today, following a prolonged conference at which they discussed the situation growing out of the controversy between the miners and mine operators.

## HON. J. H. KING DEFEATS BRONDSO

Fernie B. C., March 14.—Figures from fifty-three polls out of sixty-nine in the by-election in East Kootenay today give Hon. Dr. J. H. King, Federal Minister of Public Works, 2,500 votes to 1,889 polled by his Progressive Labor opponent H. Brondson. These figures include complete returns for the principal centres of population, Fernie, Cranbrook, Michel and Gibsons.

## CANADIAN SOLDIER PLUNGES IN FRONT OF MOVING TRAIN

"God Have Mercy On My Soul," Written on Note Found in Clothing.

New York, March 14.—Hundreds of men, women and children crowding a platform of the Ninth Avenue Elevated line on their way home tonight were horrified to see William Olson, 30, a former Canadian soldier jump in front of an on-coming train which crushed him to death before the brakes could be applied.

## NEW MONTREAL AGREEMENT IS SNOWED UNDER

By Vote of 5,842 to 866 Cape Breton Miners Reject Wage Proposals.

## RADICALS FOUGHT AGAINST ACCEPTANCE

President Baxter of U. M. W. Union Urged Miners to Accept New Arrangement.

Sydney, N. S., March 14.—The triumph of J. B. MacLachlan and his radicals of the United Mine Workers' union, and the overwhelming defeat of the new Montreal agreement were conceded at nine o'clock tonight. At that hour, the vote of the Cape Breton miners stood as 4,622 to 829 against the agreement with every vote from the mainland bringing word of similar results in Cumberland and Pictou coal fields.

At United Mine Workers' headquarters, tonight, it is believed that the ultimate result will show a seven to one vote against the proposed new wage scale negotiated by the United Mine Workers' executive with the British Empire Steel Corporation officials at Montreal a few weeks ago.

## ISLAND LEGISLATURE FORMALLY OPENED

Government Proposes to Continue Road Work Under Federal Highway Grant.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Mar. 14.—In the Governor's speech, the opening of the legislature, today, it was stated that the Government proposed to continue their road work under the Federal Highway grant to a greater extent than last year. New sources of oyster mud, largely used for fertilizer, progress of agricultural school where attendance has doubled, progress made in developing seed potato exports to the United States, were among the matters dealt with.

## ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM SEALING FLEET

Successful Sealing Voyage Would be Great Boon to Newfoundland Citizens.

St. John's, Nfld., March 14.—Although this is rather early in the voyage, encouraging reports are being received from the Newfoundland sealing fleets. The steamer Diana reports that she has encountered the seal herd, while other ships report prospects as very good. A successful sealing voyage would be a great encouragement to the general trade of the country and would hearten the people as a whole for the prosecution of the summer fishing season.

## CRAIG SOUNDS WARNING NOTE IN PARLIAMENT

Ulster Government Determined Province Shall be Protected Regardless of Cost.

## EVIL DOERS MUST BE AMENABLE TO LAW

Tells English Gov't Courts Must Run and Their Sentences Executed.

Belfast, March 14.—Chief interest in the re-assembly of parliament today were the plans, announced by Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, for the restoration of order in which field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, former Chief of Staff of the British Army but a prominent member of the House of Commons for North Down, will be prime agent, and an admission that the Boundary Commission is still the predominant danger facing Ulster.

## Uster Means Business

Colonel Spender, Secretary of the Ulster Cabinet, told the Associated Press, tonight, that the £2,000,000 was intended to show Field Marshal Wilson that the Ulster Government really meant business and was determined, regardless of the cost, to see that the Province is fully protected. The Premier in the course of his speech, alluding to prospective measures to aid disorder in Belfast, stated that persons found illegally possessing arms would be liable to flogging. He said Sir Henry Wilson had already outlined a scheme which would be enforced regardless of consequences. Sir Henry will also improve the border defences.

## TURRO AROUSED BY STARTLING PHENOMENA

Ball of Fire Descended from Storm Cloud, Doing Considerable Damage.

Turro, N. S., March 14.—Startling phenomena occurred here tonight when a ball of fire descended from a line storm cloud, lit up the whole town, and with a crash which rocked buildings to their foundations, burst into three forks of lightning which struck the earth miles apart. One fork set on fire the barn of George Swach, McClure's road; another killed a horse in the stable of George Archibald, on Roble road, about two miles due north of the Waller place. Mr. Archibald, who was in the stable, was uninjured, and it is a strange fact that the lightning bolt appeared to pass over several horses, killing one near an iron bar. The Waller barn was destroyed by the fire.

## MADAWASKA CIRCUIT COURT CONVENED

Edmundston, N. B., March 14.—Madawaska Circuit Court convened today, Judge O. S. Crockett, Fredericton, presiding. One criminal and eight civil cases are to be heard.

Little Rock, March 14.—James Telle, 18 years old, negro murderer, was electrocuted at the State penitentiary after eleven unsuccessful attempts had been made by an inexperienced electrician to electrocute him. The twelfth attempt, according to witnesses, was successful.

## POLICE MURDERS PART OF PLAN TO DETER IRISH CONSTABULARY

Campaign Especially Directed Against Roman Catholic Members, Says Belfast Telegraph.

Belfast, March 13.—The Belfast Telegraph today declares the police murders of last Friday and of yesterday were committed to deter the Royal Irish Constabulary from joining the Ulster forces. The newspaper charged that the campaign was specially directed against Roman Catholic members, many of whom already had intimated their intention of serving the Northern Parliament.

## REV. DELORME PLACED UNDER OBSERVATION

Brought Into Enquete Court Accused With Murder of His Brother Raoul.

## IMPRESSION ACCUSED NOT MENTALLY FIT

Yesterday's Evidence Featured by Testimony of Witness to Will of Murdered Man.

Montreal, March 14.—Rev. Adelard Delorme, accused of the murder of his half-brother, Raoul Delorme, was tonight placed under the observation of doctors in Bordeaux jail, following the first hearing of the case against him in the Enquete Court today. This morning, the Abbe's lawyer, Gustave Monet, suggested to Judge Casson that the preliminary hearing should not be proceeded with because it was his (Mr. Monet's) strong impression that the accused was not in a fit state mentally to undergo a trial. The judge refused to hold up the enquiry for a medical observation of the prisoner, but permitted the collection of evidence in regard to Father Delorme's sanity to take place in the meantime.

## CANADIAN TRADE IS AGAIN ON UP GRADE

Exchange Improvement and Increased Employment Reflected in Increased Trade.

Ottawa, March 14.—Canadian trade is again on the upgrade. Recent improvements in Canadian exchange, and in the volume of employment are reflected in increased trade for February, as compared with the previous month.

## BRITAIN'S EGYPTIAN POLICY CRITICIZED

Liberal and Labor Members of Commons Give It Rough Handling.

London, March 14.—The Government's Egyptian policy was subjected to severe criticism in the House of Commons today at the hands of the Liberal and Labor members, the latter demanding the recall of Saïd Zagloul Pasha, who was recently deposed.

## NOVA SCOTIA GLAMORS FOR BETTER ROADS

Insist Upon Changing Rule of Road from Left to Right.

Halifax, March 14.—At the Nova Scotia Good Roads Convention held here tonight resolutions were adopted urging the Provincial Government to institute a system of road patrols; change the rule of the road from left to right; adopt a uniform system of assessment throughout the province and provide better ferrage across the Strait of Canso.

## PICK MAYFLOWERS

Plymouth, Mass., March 14.—Mayflowers, the first of the season, were picked here today.

## SIX JURORS ACCEPTED

San Francisco, March 14.—Six jurors had been accepted tentatively at the close of today's session of the third manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. Fred Pearson, and R. E. Murray president of the team.

## SCOTIA'S GHOST HAS FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON

Discredit Enemies of the Spirit Who Credit Its Pranks to Radio Disturbances.

## PRINCE NOT READY TO MAKE REPORT

Promises to Enlighten World on His Discoveries Today—Examining Witnesses.

Washington, March 14.—The Antigonish ghost has found friends in Washington. They have come out, in response to inquiries, in his or her support, by discrediting the enemies of the spirit who wish to credit its pranks to radio disturbances.

## CHURCHILL SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS MADE IN IRISH AFFAIRS

Says Provisional Government is Doing Its Best, and is Succeeding, He Thinks.

London, March 14.—Winston Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, in replying to questions in the House of Commons with regard to the Republican activities in Ireland and the British Government's representation to the Provisional Government regarding them, said he believed the situation was improving.

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Squarely Challenged Premier's Statement Relative to Invitation to Enter Cabinet.

## INCIDENT CREATES SHARP BREACH

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Ottawa, Ont., March 14.—Mr. MacKenzie King's statement that when he offered the Progressives representation in his Cabinet, it was upon condition that they should enter the Ministry as Liberals was squarely challenged in the Commons today, by Mr. T. A. Crerar. The rules of Parliamentary debate compelled the Progressive leader to be restrained and diplomatic in his language, but he made little effort to conceal his feelings, as amidst cheers of Conservatives and Progressives, he characterized Mr. King's story as being absolutely at variance with his understanding of the facts.

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## NO NEW LIGHT ON BRITISH POLITICS

Meeting of Unionists Called for Purpose of Voting Confidence in Premier.

London, March 14.—Little light was thrown on the political situation tonight at a meeting of Unionists held here for the purpose of voting confidence in Premier Lloyd George. An attempt was made to exclude the "diehards," but they attended in considerable numbers and the purpose of the meeting was thus frustrated. After an hour and a half of lively discussion the meeting was adjourned without an attempt being made to vote any resolution.

## MID-TIPPERARY BRIGADE IN REVOLT

Situation Exists Similar to That Just Cleared Up in Limerick.

Templemore, Ireland, March 14.—A situation, similar to the one just cleared up in Limerick, exists in this Tipperary town. When the British troops evacuated the military barracks here the barracks were occupied by the mid-Tipperary brigade of the Irish Republican Army whose leaders oppose the Anglo-Irish treaty.

## KIDNAPPERS GIVEN HEAVY SENTENCES

Belfast, March 14.—The Fermanagh Assizes Court today sentenced the men, described as leaders, to ten years' penal servitude for participating in the recent kidnaping raids in Ulster. Eight others were given sentences ranging from five to eight years.

## ELECTRICAL WORKERS TO HELP ENGINEERS

London, March 14.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Members of all the electrical trade unions here were instructed today by the council of the electricity supply industry not to take any work which has been suspended as a result of the engineers' lockout.