

### Burial Rites Over M-1

MOVING SERVICE ON WILD SEAS.

(Daily Mail Correspondent)

We left Plymouth at 2 a.m. and were back when the morning was still grey, after dropping the tributes of a sorrowing nation over the grave of Submarine M 1.

We were the leaders of the middle of three lines of vessels. On one side was the Burelem, a minesweeper, and behind her the submarines H 22, 30, 29, and 34. On the other side was the anti-submarine Raider, and following her the submarines L 22 and 23 and H 32 and 44. Behind us followed the minesweeper Ross and the destroyer Wolfhound.

With the flash of a signalling lamp from our bridge the ensigns of the fleet were simultaneously half-masted. And then white-jerseyed sailors crowded the conning towers of the distant submarines and overcastless sailors lined the gale-swept decks of the other ships.

Congregation of 1,000.

On to the after-deck filed sailors and Marines until, when the white-surplised chaplain arrived, his great congregation, spread over many square miles of restless ocean, numbered a full thousand.

It was a beautiful idea that we

should approach from the east the buoy marking where the submarine is believed to be, timing our service so that our wreaths were dropped along the line between where she disappeared and where she is thought to lie.

It was a service typical of the sea and all who are born to love the sea. The words: "For those in peril on the sea," were hurled into the gale that pointed the ensign rigidly from the stern towards the smokeless funnel.

The hymn was sung with the vibrant fervour of sailors, but in such weather it was as a bird's song beside a waterfall.

The last words of the hymn were sung at 7.38, the exact time M 1 disappeared.

Following the proud singing of the National Anthem, a score of rifles were pointed to the sky. They threw hot powder into our faces with the cold spray. Bugles sounded the Commodore's salute and the rifles spoke again. Once more the bugles, once more the louder tribute of the rifles, and then the Last Post from bugles.

Dropping the Wreaths.

Nearly a score of wreaths, carried—so large were some of them—by a procession of 30 burly sailors, were borne towards the ensign. Gently two bluejackets took the first, sent by the Rear-Admiral of Submarines on behalf of all relatives and friends, and tossed high over the first wave

### Farewell to Alexandra

A SQUEAL TO "A WELCOME TO ALEXANDRA" MAY 7, 1863.

Sea-Kings' daughter from over the sea.

Alexandra, Gone is the poet who welcomed thee. But all who are left are mourning thee.

Alexandra, Fire your salutes, O Port and Fleet. Lower your voices, I crowds in the street.

Think of her youth so joyous and sweet. Think of her life with good repeats.

Scatter to-day your loveliest flowers, Sing, English birds, your choicest songs.

Sing of her deeds of charity, Sing of her great simplicity, Sing, and make of your song a prayer That joy be awaiting her "over there."

Flags of England wave for her now, Wave at half-staff as you waved on high;

Flames on the headland rise higher and higher, Make her a mighty funeral pyre. Moan, O bells, in the Autumn air; Gone for aye is the Royal pair

That once ye greeted with joyous clang As through all England your music rang.

She came, and she conquered us, one and all, Sea-Kings' daughter from over the sea.

Saxon and Norman and Dane though we be, But she in turn became one of us— An English queen of Royal grace Who added new lustre to our race.

And although in her passing we are sad, There's an undertone in our hearts that is glad; For she gave us memories rich and rare, The Sea-Kings' daughter and bride of our heir,

A gift to the people, a gift to the Throne; She came to us, loved us, and made us her own.

And Saxon or Dane or Norman we, Teuton or Celt, or whatever we be, We are all alike in our grief for thee, Alexandra.

—Grace Davis Vanamee, in New York Times, Nov. 21, 1925.

and then a green-grey sea swallowed it.

Germans' Sympathy.

At this moment the ship's wireless was receiving a message that very profoundly impressed the crew:

The German divers on the South-down wish in spirit sincerely to join in the service that is being held in memory of those departed in Submarine M 1.

A feeling reply was sent, and after that these frozen bluejackets said, surveying the battling seas and white-crested waves, that they were glad that the weather had been of the right kind.

Delicious Afternoon Teas at the Child Welfare Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 10th.—dec7.21

Famous Admiral

OFF ON A TREASURE QUEST.

VICTORIA, B.C., Nov. 30.—The lure of Spanish doubloons, pieces of eight, gold from the temples of the Incas—in short, buried treasure is luring to the tropical seas one of Britain's most picturesque adventurers.

Vice-Admiral Sir Guy Grant, who played a daring role during the war as British secret service agent and incidentally exposed one of the most dangerous spy conspiracies in New York, is in Victoria outfitting a 171-foot schooner for what he expects to be his most romantic exploit of all—the quest for buried treasure on Cocos Island.

This attraction of Cocos Island has been a will o' the wisp in the past to many dauntless mariners and explorers, but Sir Guy Gaunt is ready to throw his fortune with that of those who have gone before him. The failures of his predecessors does not convince him that the Spanish doubloons and the Incas' gold are not to be found. Only his own attempt will satisfy him, and so he is going about the outfitting of his craft with the firm resolve of a veteran sailorman answering his nature's first call.

But Sir Guy has more than Cocos Island in view. If he fails to find treasure there he will at least have enjoyed the first part of what seems destined to be a long and extremely interesting voyage, for he plans to sail from the treasure island across the Pacific to Papua, the land of the head hunters.

Unlike Joseph Conrad, Jack London and others who sought adventure in the South Pacific, Sir Guy intends to carry with him at least a little bit of civilization. He is sparing no expense to equip the vessel luxuriously and the space formerly used for the accommodation of freight on the craft chosen for the voyage will be laid out in palatial saloons, library and workshop. There will be a radio set and auxiliary engines for use in calm weather.

After a distinguished career in the British Navy, Sir Guy Gaunt was appointed naval attaché at Washington, serving there from 1914 to 1918.

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—Mark Horlick in a letter to the Family Herald and Weekly Star, U.S.A.

### B.C. a Land of Honey

Vancouver, B.C.—The value of the honey crop in British Columbia for the 1925 season, based on a price of 22 cents per pound, is \$140,530, according to a report furnished by the Minister of Agriculture.

The capital value of the bees, hives, supers and other equipment, reckoning 15,305 hives at \$25.00 each, is placed at \$387,625.

There are 428 apiaries in the province, working 15,505 hives, which produced a total honey crop of 638,319 pounds, averaging forty-one pounds to the hive.

### Curious Skull Dragged From the Sea

Prince Rupert, B.C.—A curious skeleton of what seems to be the head of a huge bird was hauled out on a halibut hook recently by two fishermen in thirty fathoms of water off the Queen Charlotte Islands. No one knows what it is. The skull is nearly twelve inches long from the back of the head to the end of the bill. The bill, the upper part only remaining, is six and a half inches long and three inches wide. The head is seven inches across from eye to eye. An Indian who saw the skeleton declares it to be the remains of a seal that once inhabited these waters but which is now extinct.

### Besco Inquiry

Major Chrym Cross-Examines Mr. McLurg—Some of Company's Houses Not Habitable, Besco Chief is Told.

(Sydney Post.)

The Royal Commission, investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia, will conclude its Sydney sessions by to-morrow at the latest, according to an announcement made by the Chairman, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, during the course of this morning's session. He added that hereafter the headquarters of the Commission will be at Halifax. A visit will be made next week to Montreal for the purpose of investigating the markets and obtaining additional information from the books of the corporation. No evidence will be taken at Montreal and on the return to Halifax additional witnesses on behalf of the men from the Pictou and Cumberland fields will be heard and the cross-examination of President R. M. Wolf is conducted. An opportunity will also be afforded at Halifax for members of the general public, feeling they have something to contribute, to be heard. The findings of the Commission would be available, the Chairman thought, before the end of the year.

McLurg Examined.

At the opening of this morning's session Vice-President J. E. McLurg was examined by Major Hume Cronyn on behalf of the Commission. Additional evidence was adduced regarding credits at the company's stores, housing conditions and the manufacture of coke.

On the subject of housing conditions Major Cronyn drew from the witness the statement that owing to the policy introduced last year by the witness of spending nothing on repairs, the annual loss sustained by the corporation in the operation of its houses had been wiped out and a balance on the right side of the ledger achieved.

Major Cronyn: "I must confess, Mr. McLurg, that we visited houses that I can only describe as being in a shocking state of repair."

The Witness: "The rents are very low."

Major Cronyn: "Low rents or no low rents, do you not think it is incumbent upon the company to keep its houses in a habitable condition?"

The witness suggested that no doubt the Commissioner was referring to the shacks which had been built for construction purposes and had never been intended for permanent habitation.

Major Cronyn: "I am not referring to the shacks."

Unprofitable Business.

The witness, continuing, testified that in his judgment the company should go out of the house renting business and admitted it would pay the company to dispose of the houses at 25 per cent. of their appraisal value instead of the 40 to 60 per cent. named by the Superintendent of Industrial Relations, a previous witness.

Examined by the Chairman regarding the authority of mine managers, the witness testified that an effort was being made to have each conduct his operations "of his own bat," and that he did not believe the miners were justified in assuming that these officials were not vested with sufficient authority to decide the great majority of grievances coming before them.

Mr. McLurg: "You know, Mr. Chairman, we Canadians are very democratic."

The Chairman: "So are we British."

Mr. McLurg: "Perhaps I should say independent."

The Chairman: "Is that not because you have so many Scotsmen among you?" The witness agreed and added he thought it also explained why his officials were not in the habit of "passing the buck."

### B.C. Mystery Valley to be Explored

TROPICAL VEGETATION ON VERGE OF ARTIFICIAL CIRCLE.

Victoria, B.C.—The "tropical valley" reported to exist in the trackless wilderness of Northern British Columbia will be investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It is stated here, in order to ascertain in greater detail the characteristics of this strange land.

Two reports have been received from prospectors who have visited the district, hemmed in by glaciers and snow-capped mountains comparatively close to the Arctic Circle and where vegetation grew rank as it does in the jungle of equatorial regions; where game was plentiful and of unusually wide variety; where lupins and orchards grew in a riot of color and steaming hot springs shot shafts of boiling water skyward.

Following these reports people began to be interested and now the mounted police will probably start next summer on an exploring expedition.

The Provincial Government already has considerable data on the subject, brought back unobtrusively during the early stages of the war by Major E. B. Hart, F.R.G.S., who was commissioned by the late Sir Richard McBride, then premier of the province, to explore and report on that hitherto unknown area lying south of the Liard River.

Major Hart, after a series of misadventures, got as far as the Toad River valley, known to the Indians as the Tsaleh-chest. After passing along this river through narrow canyons, stagnant marshes and swamps, the party reached an open plain of 300,000 acres where the climate was found to be much milder than that of the surrounding territory because of the presence of hot springs. They found luxuriant pine grasses, pea vines, vetches, lupins and even orchids, although nothing to suggest what has since been described as "a tropical valley."

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### Correct Baking Temperature Important

If you are an experienced cake-maker and have never used a thermometer, you of course, have your favourite way of testing your oven for the proper heat. If not I advise you to buy an inexpensive oven thermometer. It will be a great help. No matter what kind of cakes you are making you will find Crisco the best shortening to use. All the competent housekeepers that I know, use Crisco exclusively. Always add one teaspoonful of salt to every cupful of Crisco used.

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