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SMUGGLERS AND OFFICERS MIX IN BLOODY BATTLE OVER 650 GALLONS OF CHOICE WINES

Smugglers at First Had Better of the Fight But Eventually Lost Out.

CREW OF SCHOONER ISMA UNDER ARREST

The Schooner Has Been Under Suspicion All Summer; Shadowed by Restless.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 23.—Six hundred and fifty gallons of choice French wines, valued at over \$16,000, was the prize for which smugglers and revenue officers engaged in a pitched battle on the beach at Mainland, fifty miles from Sydney, last night. Blood flowed freely. The smugglers at first had the better of the fight, but reinforcements from the revenue cutter Restless finally turned the scale in favor of the law, with the result that, after the contraband had been captured and re-captured several times, the schooner Isma, her crew and several alleged smugglers were placed under arrest and will be conveyed to Sydney for trial as soon as the weather permits.

Liquor Rushed Away

Several casks of liquor, which were hurried off in motor trucks under cover of the excitement, were intercepted by an armed party of customs officers from Glace Bay, re-captured and brought back to the Restless.

The Isma has been under suspicion all summer and two months ago was seized at Port Morien on a charge of having landed 65 gallons of liquor there, but the prosecution failed.

At 3 o'clock this morning a man standing in Royal avenue, the city's main artery, was shot. He was watching shooting which was taking place in York street. During the afternoon a woman was killed and two men and two women were wounded and taken to hospital. Some of those in hospitals are said to be in a serious condition.

When the disorder broke out in the York street area this afternoon, the streets were almost impassable. Tram car service had been suspended. Two men boldly lay down on the pavement.

Meanwhile, Gus O'Neil, Collector of Customs at Glace Bay, had heard of the Isma's projected trip, and set out in an automobile with four armed deputies. On their way to Mainland they met the fleeing motor trucks, held them up, and recovered the stolen casks which they took on with them to Mainland, where they were surprised to find that the Restless had anticipated them.

In spite of the constant patrolling of a cruiser and two armed cutters, which have made numerous searches and seizures, smuggling operations on the Cape Breton coast this summer have been the boldest and most extensive in the history of the oldest customs officers.

Weather conditions are expected soon to put an end to the business for a few months at least.

Officers Capture Moonshine Outfit And Its Operator

Said to be the Largest Ever Seized in Cape Breton.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 23.—The largest moonshine still ever captured in Cape Breton was seized by inland Revenue Officers at Bell's Creek, eight miles from the city today. Wolschank, an Austrian, alleged to be the owner of the outfit, was caught asleep in a loft near to still. The boiler has a capacity of 150 gallons and large vats nearby contained the "mash" several gallons of which were seized.

Begins Plan To Oust Conservative

Toronto, Nov. 23.—Arna D. McIntosh, Progressive candidate in West Hastings, today began his fight to oust E. Gus Porter from the seat of West Hastings which he was declared yesterday to have won by acclamation.

Gordon Waldron, K. C., U. E. O. solicitor, is the champion who will fight McIntosh's battle, and he will at once take the matter up with Oliver Mowat at Biggar, the Chief Electoral Officer for Canada.

ULSTER PREMIER DECLARES RECRUITS ARE NOT FOR REGULAR MILITIA

London, Nov. 23.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, has ordered the withdrawal of what has been described as a secret circular issued recently from the divisional commission of the Royal Irish Constabulary at Belfast, which, according to Dublin despatches, said the government was considering the desirability of forming the unauthorized Loyalist defence forces into regular military units, to be called out in grave emergencies.

The Ulster premier declared today that he approved recruiting for special constabulary in event of the truce being terminated, but not for the formation of recruits into regular military units.

"The constabulary," he added, "was never transferred to the government of northern Ireland. Recruits may be taken as policemen, but not into a military force for organization."

EIGHTEEN WERE KILLED DURING BELFAST RIOTS

Five Killed in Yesterday's Sniping and Sporadic Outbursts of Shooting.

Belfast, Nov. 23.—When darkness fell tonight the death roll, as a result of the disorders of the past few days, reached a total of 18. The wounded numbered 75.

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Women in York-Sunbury Working Like Old Timers

Will Play An Important Part in Rolling Up Big Majority for Government.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 23.—The campaign in York-Sunbury is progressing steadily in favor of R. B. Hanson, K. C., the Conservative candidate. The organization which has been working as well as ever and will produce the same results.

The Women's Committee, which did so effective work in the by-election in May, on behalf of R. B. Hanson, K. C., the Conservative candidate, are active and are to be depended upon to roll up a big majority.

There's Still Hope of Settling The Irish Question

London, Nov. 23.—Lord Birkenhead, speaking at a luncheon shortly after leaving the Conference with the Sinn Fein delegates today, said it would not be right to invite his hearers to a too sanguine view of the "difficult and critical negotiations going on respecting Ireland," but he could say the door which excluded hope was not yet definitely closed.

BRITISH LABOR LEADER WISHES CANADA LUCK

Congratulates Premier on Firm and Definite Stand at This Crucial Time.

MEIGHEN POLICIES NEEDED IN CANADA

Provide the Only Practical Solution to Tide Canada Through Threatening Crisis

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Roderic Wright, the famous British Labor leader, who recently concluded a tour of Canada, has written a remarkable letter to Premier Meighen. The letter, written from the Empress of Britain, while Mr. Wright was returning to England, follows:

"Empress of Britain Oct. 24. Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, My Dear Prime Minister:—I went to Montreal for the purpose of attending your meeting, but failed to obtain admission in the hall. I was greatly disappointed, but I was delighted, after perusing your speech, and desiring to congratulate you on your firm and definite stand at this particular period when the World is passing through a stage of transition. The old political shibboleths must be scrapped, and only by hard thinking and honest dealing are we capable of surviving the terrible financial aftermath of this World War. I am convinced, in my own mind, that the policy for which you stand is the only practical solution at the moment to tide Canada through this crisis. Otherwise, Canada will become a mere adjunct for the purpose of dumping the surplus commodities of the U. S. A., which means poverty and starvation for the industrial classes, and a bitter experience for which you in Canada will have to pay a awful price.

At this moment in Canada it is absolutely imperative to combine the forces on one side, and to form a gathering of 4,000 people, for a gathering of the final stage of Premier Meighen's strenuous election campaign. The Premier let the capital late this afternoon to address a meeting here. At Arnprior and Renfrew large crowds had gathered on the platform to hear Mr. Meighen. In the first named town he spoke briefly from the platform of his car. At Renfrew he shouldered his way through a good-natured crowd, which must have numbered some thousand individuals, mounted a baggage truck and delivered an address which was only brought to a close by the wailing bell of the locomotive.

Met By Large Crowd. When the Premier's train arrived at Pembroke he was met by a lengthy procession of men and boys bearing torches, which escorted him to the Armories. Here he was welcomed by the mayor and members of the city council and was presented with the first letter to pass through the city delivery of Pembroke.

Premier Meighen's appeal followed the lines which he has pursued thus far in his Eastern campaign. He devoted some time to a discussion of the railway situation, declaring that for its establishment he had before their eyes, the Premier said Operating revenues were now exceeding expenditures, excellent service was being given to the public, and the day would come when the great load of fixed charges would be removed.

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Today this country is possessed of the largest single unit and the greatest railway system of any nation, or any private company in the world," the Premier asserted, in discussing the Canadian National Railways. Mr. King's prophesies in regard to the railways are very flamboyant, but I have listened to him for nine years and never know him to be right yet," the Premier continued. He asked what the Liberal leader would do with the majority of his supporters who were opposed to public ownership, if returned to power. The Premier emphasized the importance of continuing the operation of the national system under independent management.

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Best Men Needed In Parliament

Premier Murray of Nova Scotia So Informs Electors of Kentville.

Kentville, N. S., Nov. 23.—Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, speaking here tonight in support of Liberal candidates in Kings county, said that in view of the great financial responsibilities due to the war, Canada needed the best government and the best members of Parliament it was possible for the electors to send to Ottawa.

The Liberal party in Nova Scotia was offering the best of its men, men of outstanding ability and recognized integrity, and the electors would doubtless seize the opportunity to send them to Ottawa, he declared.

Sherbrooke is Disappointed

Sherbrooke, Que., Nov. 23.—Sherbrooke citizens have been disappointed at the prospects of having Marshal Foch as a visitor on December 13, and great preparations have been in progress for a reception to the noted general. It turns out, that Marshal Foch will only be here for five minutes and at such an hour—three o'clock in the morning—that there will be no occasion for an extended welcome. This fact is creating much disappointment.

IRISH SITUATION REGARDED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AS CRITICAL BUT NOT HELPLESS

EYE-WITNESSES GIVE STORY OF ESCAPE OF PRISONERS FROM KILKENNY JAIL

Dublin, Nov. 23.—Further details were today by persons claiming to have been eye-witnesses of the escape of forty-seven political prisoners from the Kilkenny jail, the night before last, through an underground passage of their own digging.

These eye-witnesses related their amazement, while passing along the road near the jail, at seeing a portion of the roadway break and two men emerge from underground. The two men, according to the story related today, ordered the passersby to halt, herded them into a nearby cottage and locked them in while the prisoners' comrades emerged and made their way across the countryside.

Immediately after the last man left the hole, according to the story, the alarm was given and the military police rushed out in lorries, scouring the country throughout the night without success.

PREMIER MEIGHEN ENTERS UPON FINAL STAGE OF STRENUOUS ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN ONTARIO

Addressed Three Meetings Yesterday. His Appeal Following the Line Pursued in Eastern Provinces—Described King's Railway Prophecies as Very Flamboyant, and Said Liberal Leader Was Hardly Ever Known to be Right.

Pembroke, Ont., Nov. 23.—Three meetings, two of them impromptu and the last one in the Armories, have marked the opening of the final stage of Premier Meighen's strenuous election campaign. The Premier left the capital late this afternoon to address a meeting here. At Arnprior and Renfrew large crowds had gathered on the platform to hear Mr. Meighen. In the first named town he spoke briefly from the platform of his car. At Renfrew he shouldered his way through a good-natured crowd, which must have numbered some thousand individuals, mounted a baggage truck and delivered an address which was only brought to a close by the wailing bell of the locomotive.

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LIVELY SCENES ENACTED AT CONTRADICTION MEETING HELD AT ST. STANISLAUS

As Result One Man Lies in Montreal Hospital With Leg and Arm Broken, and Numerous Persons Were More or Less Badly Bruised.

Valleyfield, Que., Nov. 23.—Lively scenes were enacted at the contradictory meeting today at St. Stanislaus between Hon. De Costa Monty, Postmaster General, Government candidate for Beauharnois and his Liberal opponent, M. L. Papineau, and as a result one man lies in a Montreal hospital with an arm and leg broken and numerous persons were more or less badly bruised.

The audience, for a time after the opening of the debate, confined its demonstrations to lusty cheers for the two candidates, but, as the charges and counter charges waxed more and more fervid, the temper of the gathering gradually rose, until, finally, a small group broke bounds and charged the platform, proceeding to handle, without ceremony, anything and everything that came to their hands and in a flash were the center of a surging throng, in which fists and any other available weapons were freely used.

As a result of the fight, Adelaar Raymond, 70 years of age, of St. Stanislaus, has been placed in a hospital in Montreal with injuries so severe that grave concern is entertained regarding his condition.

As a result of the outcome of today's meeting Mr. Papineau this evening forwarded a telegram to Hon. R. Monty announcing discontinuance of further contradictory meetings.

Gov't Willing to Apply Strong Moral Pressure to Bring Ulster to Time.

COERCION WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED

British Disappointed That Sinn Fein Has Not Withdrawn Boycott on Ulster Goods.

London, Nov. 23.—After today's meeting between the Sinn Fein representatives and the cabinet committee, the Irish situation was described in government circles "as critical but not hopeless." Premier Lloyd George explained to the Sinn Fein that the government was willing to apply strong moral pressure to Ulster and to offer Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, attractive financial inducements to persuade him to agree to the only possible settlement—an all-Ireland parliament.

But, if these proposals were rejected, either by the Sinn Fein or Ulster, he declared, the government would not introduce any act in Parliament which would include Ulster against her will. The government explained that to force Ulster to accept would require the sending of troops, in defiance of the pledge of all parties against physical coercion.

Mr. Lloyd George will discuss the question further with the Ulster premier on Friday, after which Sir James will return to Belfast for the formal re-opening of the northern Parliament.

Earl Middleton, as representative of the Southern Unionists, is continuing to strive for a settlement on Dominion lines. He is pointing out to London business men not only the moral but the material advantages to be gained by closer commercial relations with Ireland.

Disappointment is felt by the government that, notwithstanding the price, the Sinn Fein has not withdrawn the boycott on Ulster goods. The Sinn Fein maintains that the boycott was provoked by the discharge of Catholic workmen from Belfast shipyards, and considers it an essential aid to the republican cause.

WOMEN CROWDED THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Head Intelligent Discussion of Leading Political Questions of the Day.

Women from all parts of the city turned out in splendid numbers yesterday evening and crowded the hall of the Seamen's Institute, to hear the remarks of the Conservative candidates, Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, Federal Minister of Customs and Excise, and Dr. Murray MacLaren. It was a wonderful representation of the women of St. John, and they keenly manifested their interest in the political questions of the day. Great enthusiasm was evinced from time to time by the large number present who applauded the platform of the Government who had granted to them the full right of franchise.

Hon. Dr. Baxter, in a very able address dealt particularly with the railway question. The Minister of Customs and Excise, as he has done in public speeches on many other occasions, pointed out that the Government had not yet actual possession of the Grand Trunk Railway, but as soon as the railway had been turned over to the Government, it would for the first time in the national life of Canada be in a position to say that Canadian goods over Canadian railways shall go through Canadian ports.

Hon. Dr. Baxter also produced and read a letter from the President of the Canadian Government Railways, D. B. Hanna, bearing date, Toronto, November 18, 1921, in which Mr. Hanna pointed out that the management of the National Railways had no jurisdiction whatever as yet over the Grand Trunk Railway. L. P. D. Tuley, K. C., presided as chairman.

Dr. Murray MacLaren declared that this election would mark the first time that the tota woman body of this country had an opportunity to exercise the franchise. To a woman, a well regulated household naturally appealed. If, therefore, it was shown that owing to the mismanagement and improper policy of the Laurier administration, a heavy financial burden had been placed upon the country, then the women would not be impressed with a party who had been responsible for such a condition.

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