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CANADIAN SHIP OWNERS CLAIM \$250,000

SEIZURE OF TWO N. S. SCHOONERS HELD ILLEGAL

First Case Since Adoption of Rum Running Treaty

LIBELS DISMISSED Owners Asking Compensation For Damage While Vessels Held In Port

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 15.—Seizure of the two Canadian schooners off the Massachusetts coast, more than a year ago, as rum-runners, may cost the government a quarter of a million dollars if claims now put forward by their owners are sustained. For the first time since the adoption of a treaty with Great Britain on May 22, 1924, permitting seizure of rum ships an hour's sail off the coast, owners of vessels thus taken are seeking compensation from the United States under the treaty, claiming illegal seizures.

The ships are the Frances Louise, hailing from Lunenburg, N. S., and the Marjorie E. Bachman, of River Port, N. S. The former was captured July 14, 1924 and the latter on October 24, of the same year.

Libels brought against both vessels were dismissed in district court, but they were held tied up in Boston till February, 1925, while the United States attorney carried an appeal to the Supreme Court. Appeals were dismissed.

CLAIM BASED ON TREATY. Basing their action upon article four of the treaty with Great Britain and upon an opinion of Federal Judge Morton, the owners of these vessels represented by Matthew L. McGrath, now seeking to recover damages suffered while the vessels were held in port. The treaty provides for the creation of a claims commission consisting of two commissioners, one named by each government. To satisfy a commission claim of loss or injury through improper or unreasonable use of search and seizures rights, must be referred to the treaty provisions.

The counsel for the owners claim that on the Louise an outright loss of \$108,000 has been suffered, based on a charter price of \$100 a day. A similar absolute loss is claimed in the case of the Bachman, amounting to \$65,000. But in addition, it is claimed, the value of the Louise's cargo has depreciated fifty per cent, and unknown damage has been suffered by both vessels. It is contended that repeated requests to have the ships drydocked and their bottoms painted were refused.

DESCRIPTS START OF CUSTOMS PROBE Hon. G. H. Bovin Tells of Appointment of Confidential Inspector

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 15.—How investigation of the port of Montreal began was described at the customs probe this morning by Hon. G. H. Bovin, Minister of Customs. Mr. Bovin was called to the witness stand by Dugald Donaghy, of North Vancouver. Mr. Bovin said that he took over administration of the customs department on October 31. He immediately communicated to Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, some rumors he had heard in Montreal during the general election campaign, "concerning inefficiency and maladministration on the part of preventive officers in the city and district of Montreal."

BISAILLON MENTIONED. "A reminder," went on Mr. Bovin, "that I mentioned Bisailon's name. I cannot remember the other names of officers who were complained of in these rumors."

Mr. Robb had immediately suggested an investigation. Mr. Bovin agreed with him, but was in some doubt as to whom he should entrust the task of conducting the investigation. Mr. Robb had recommended Walter Duncan, a confidential inspector in the department of finance. Mr. Duncan was then engaged on some special work for his own department, and it was about ten days later, or roughly November 18, that he was able to report to Mr. Bovin.

DUNCAN INSTRUCTED. Inspector Duncan then received instructions, said Mr. Bovin, to proceed to Montreal and conduct a searching inquiry into everything concerning the conduct of customs business in the district of Montreal.

A confidential interim report from Mr. Duncan, dated December 10, was

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Earl of Craven, Facing Arrest and Deportation, Flees To Montreal

Ship Surgeon Drafts Steward, Passengers and Instruments From Pantry In Operation

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—A story of a young doctor just out of medical school forced to perform a delicate operation on a seaman aboard a rolling ship, with most of his instruments drafted from the ship's pantry, was brought in today by the British steamer Port Bowen, which docked from New Zealand ports.

HEAVY VOTE SEEN IN PRINCE ALBERT

Bright Weather Aids Rural Turn-out; King Wires From Ottawa

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Feb. 15.—A heavy vote will be cast in the Prince Albert election, in which Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is opposed by David L. Burgess, independent, according to indications early today. Many were on hand when the city polls opened and reports from the rural districts stated that the early vote was unusually large. Roads are good today, and the temperature eight above zero.

EVERY RIDING VISITED. During the short campaign every point in the riding has been visited by speakers supporting the candidates and all meetings have been largely attended.

Speakers for both candidates concluded their campaigns with big rallies here Saturday night.

Premature Announcement Reveals Offer of Gift By Rockefeller Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has offered to King Fuad, who is Egyptian minister of the ten million dollars for the erection and maintenance in Cairo of a great museum and archaeological institute.

This fact has been known through a premature announcement of the gift by Professor James H. Breasted, of the University of Chicago, who at present is in Egypt, and who will be chairman of the trustees of the museum if King Fuad accepts certain conditions for the gift which Mr. Rockefeller desires to impose.

The king is said to have been unable to acquiesce in these because of the insistence on the part of extreme Egyptian nationalists that control be vested in the Egyptian government.

Mr. Rockefeller, it is asserted, desires a United States directorate. The announcement that Prof. Breasted's statement was premature was made by a representative of Mr. Rockefeller in New York.

ON NORTH SHORE. Along the line of the International Railway in Restigouche County conditions are different and many portable mills are operating, generally sawing nine-foot timber for the American market for use in bungalow and similar construction.

Chief Scaler A. T. Marchie will leave tonight on an official tour, which will include Juniper.

TARDIEU WINS SEAT. BELFORT, France, Feb. 15.—Andre Tardieu, former High Commissioner at Washington, won a seat in the Chamber of Deputies in the by-election here yesterday when he polled 9,800 votes to 6,000 polled by the radical candidate and 2,500 by the Socialist.

Match Boxes Cause of New Skin Disease. BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Matchbox inflammation is the name given a newly-diagnosed skin disease. Physicians of the University of Berlin clinic say it is caused by carrying boxes of matches in trousers pockets.

Hundreds of cases of what appeared to be eczema on the thighs of men led to an investigation. It was found that the phosphorus and paper on the sides of the match boxes vaporized under the heat of the body and penetrated the skin.

Hockey Referee Is Fined For Assault. MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—Mike Rodden, of Toronto, National Hockey League referee, was found guilty of attempting to assault a spectator, by Judge Casson, in the police court this morning, and fined \$20 and costs. The offence was committed on January 19, at a hockey game between Ottawa and Canadiens at the Mount Royal Arena.

STAND SEEN AS VIOLATION OF LOCARNO SPIRIT

France's Aid To Poland's League Aspirations Denounced

BREACH OF FAITH Sweden And Belgium Join Britain In Protest Against Polish Aid

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Severe criticism of the French and denunciation of what is called her attempt to use the League of Nations for purely sectional and selfish aims, threatening to subvert the true aims and spirit of the League, appears in the newspapers here this morning, and the cabinet is said to be deeply impressed and grieved at the support of British public opinion against this attempt.

France's insistence that Poland should have a permanent seat on the council if Germany does is regarded as a breach of faith of the written assurance given to Germany that any German violation of the Locarno spirit would place Britain in the predicament of condemning France wrong to Germany. Both Sweden and Belgium are now supporting the British stand while Quinones de Leon on behalf of Spain has repudiated the report that his country would vote for German admission unless Spain was conceded equal privileges.

TEMPORARY SEAT TALKED. There is now talk of Poland being given a temporary seat on the council in which event British support would be necessary and it is pointed out that if there is any prospect of little groups like the title entente or the South American republics being elected the British Dominions also have a right to election. It is asserted also that if France's puppets should be elected to the council not only would Poland be reduced to the same level as Britain but also that the council would be completely dominated by France.

There is much hostility against Poland here because of her many illegal attempts to create mischief in the League.

SOUTH AFRICA PROTESTS. The Rand Daily Mail in a cable message from Johannesburg is reported to say that if the League becomes a centre of intrigue South Africa and the British Dominions will certainly consider the whole question of whether or not it will continue to belong to the League, nor could they be blamed for so doing. It also says that unless the Locarno spirit possesses some permanence the Dominions will hesitate to bind themselves to the pact.

F. H. MALONE DEAD. Former Star Hockey Player Passes Suddenly in New York

THREE RIVERS, Que., Feb. 15.—News reached here today that Foster H. Malone, chief clerk of the Murray Construction Company of New York, died suddenly in New York yesterday afternoon. The deceased was the son of J. C. Malone, of Three Rivers, he was born in 1875 and was a member of the National Hockey League in 1915 and 1916 and also played as amateur for a Halifax club. He was 36 years old.

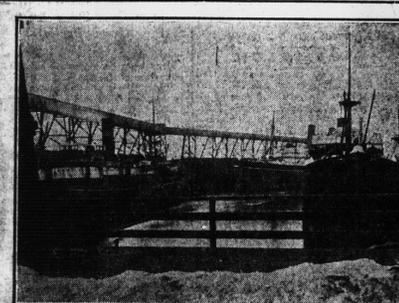
Modern Stoop Forces Change In Dummies. LONDON, Feb. 15.—London's West End tailors have been compelled to have round-shouldered dummies made for the display of their tailored goods. They assert that the modern woman of fashion droops and stoops so much in imitation of the "flapper" that gowns which appeal to her fancy cannot be displayed satisfactorily on the time forms fashioned after the figures of women who held their shoulders back and had a military carriage.

CHAPMAN TO HANG. Notorious Bandit and Slayer Loses Appeal For Life

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Gerald Chapman, convicted bandit and murderer, today lost his appeal to United States circuit court of appeals for a writ of habeas corpus. The appellate court sustained the order of Federal Judge Thomas, of Connecticut in dismissing Chapman's application for the writ. Chapman is under sentence to be hanged on March 3 for the murder of a New Britain, Conn., policeman.

Shock of Wife's Death Fatal To Husband. NORTH BAY, Ont., Feb. 15.—Elizabeth Holland and James Sheldon Owen, an aged couple of this city, died within 24 hours of each other, at the residence of their son here. Mrs. Owen died Friday and the shock caused her husband's death the next day.

Busy Scenes In Saint John Harbor



THE photograph above, taken yesterday, shows a busy section of the Sand Point waterfront now, there being no less than seven steamship arrivals on Saturday and Sunday, making a total of 20 vessels now in port. All but one berth at Sand Point is occupied now.

Above, in the right foreground are two steamships, the Valera at the No. 4 dock and the Manchester Brigade alongside. In the left foreground at No. 5 berth is the Laval County, while behind the Valera, the Comino at No. 3 and the Presse at No. 2. In addition, the steamer Bawtry is at No. 15; the Brecon at No. 1, the Cariboo at No. 7 and the Facto at Colwell's wharf. Two ships sailed on Saturday and two yesterday. Seldom has the harbor presented a busier appearance.

STORM SPOILS ROAD BREAKING OPERATIONS IN THE MARITIMES

5 CARS DERAILED IN TRAIN MISHAP. Amherst Fair Building Roof Crashes; Man Hurt

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15.—A heavy snowfall again blanketed the greater part of the Maritime Provinces today, spoiling to a great extent, the road breaking operations of the last two days. The storm started during the night and several inches had fallen at noon, with indications at that time of rain to follow. Two accidents, resulting from the heavy snowfall, were reported. At Upper Sackville, near here, the roof of a lumber camp collapsed from the weight of snow on the roof, plowing Bliss Fenton, a lumberman to the floor. He was taken out suffering from a broken leg, and brought to the hospital here. His condition was not serious.

ROOF CRASHES. At Amherst, fifty feet of the roof of the Maritime Winter Fair building crashed in under the weight of snow. The building was empty at the time. It was estimated that the cost of restoring the roof would be under \$2,000. In the meantime 25 men were put to work to clear the remainder of the roof.

OTHER DERAILMENTS. In the first collision car were about forty boys brought to the country by the Salvation Army to go on farms. Two other minor freight derailments are also reported, one of which was caused by a freight train hitting a cow near Bathurst, and the other by track trouble at Derby Junction, N. B.

FREIGHTER ASHORE. British Rescuers Using Life-Lines to Save Crew of Italian Ship

BRIXHAM, Devon, Eng., Feb. 15.—Life lines were being used today in the crew of the Italian freight steamer Liberta, 2,668 tons, ashore in a storm off South Devon.

Three of the crew were rescued by a motor lifeboat, but further use of boats became impossible during the morning, because of the thickening weather and rising sea.

STORIES BORE CAROL. Staff of Former Rumanian Crown Prince Deny Rumors of New Movements

MILAN, Feb. 15.—Emphatic denial is made by the entourage of former Crown Prince Carol of all the rumors which have been current regarding his intentions since he renounced his accession rights to the Rumanian throne some weeks ago. The members of his party said he was bored by the wild stories about himself and his relations with the Rumanian court. From a reliable source, however, it is learned that Carol is virtually under arrest, his suite being composed of officers entrusted to watch him closely.

Church Borrows Coal To Hold Services. BROOKLYN, Feb. 15.—A house-to-house collection of coal was necessary before the Prospect Park Baptist Church could hold its Sunday evening services.

After coal dealers had repudiated their promises and failed to deliver fuel, the morning service was held around a gas-range in the church basement. During the afternoon five men made the rounds of the commissioners, borrowed coal to the extent of 300 pounds.

Cyril Sees Death of Russian Soviet and Rise of Monarchy

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The ultra Conservative newspaper Kreuzzeitung describes an interview with Grand Duke Cyril of Russia, whom it refers to as "Czar Cyril I of future Russia," picturing him as "a monarch of personality and sparkling eyes."

He predicted that the Russian monarchy would be re-established in the near future.

QUITS NEW YORK AFTER QUIZ BY U. S. OFFICIALS

Admits Guilt of Crime Involving "Moral Turpitude" WARRANT ISSUED

Special Hearing On Countess of Cathcart's Case Due Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A warrant for the arrest of the Earl of Craven, who is now in Montreal, was issued today by the Department of Labor.

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—The Earl of Craven was staying at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Montreal, today. He refused to be interviewed.

The Earl came in this morning from New York and went directly to rooms reserved for him. He declined to receive reporters, but sent word out to them that he might make a statement this afternoon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The World says that it was informed by Lady Craven this morning that her husband, the Earl of Craven, arrived as an unnamed Canadian city Sunday. Lady Craven told the World that she had received word from her husband several hours after learning that Immigration Commissioner Curran of Ellis Island had asked the department of labor for a warrant for his arrest.

FEDERAL ACTION. The Earl faces arrest and deportation proceedings as a result of his admission of "moral turpitude" to Immigration officials who questioned him about his relations with the Countess of Cathcart after it was learned that he had entered the United States without difficulty. The countess has been ordered excluded by a special investigation board, also on grounds of "moral turpitude" and has appealed to the labor department at Washington which was scheduled to hold a special hearing on her case today. Federal action was taken because of his elopement in 1922.

SUPPORT FOR COUNTRESS. Moral support of the countess came from London last night in the form of a message from Ralph Neal, her fiance, who asked the women of the United States to support her "in her terrible ordeal."

Many prominent women have publicly protested the exclusion of the countess and admitted "No" to the unusual question of inspectors whether he had ever been convicted or admitted a crime involving "moral turpitude."

The countess, when asked the same question, answered "Yes," Ellis Island officials said.

ADMITS CRIME. The Earl was questioned by an immigration officer on Feb. 12.

ONE KILLED, 19 HURT IN MINE EXPLOSION

Six Hundred Escape When Blast Rocks Powhatan Pit in Ohio

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Feb. 15.—One miner was killed, 19 others were injured, one perhaps fatally, at the Powhatan Mine, 16 miles south of here this morning. Six hundred other men in the mine escaped uninjured.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 15.—An explosion occurred today at the foot of the shaft of the Cleveland and Western Coal Company at Powhatan, Ohio, 20 miles south of Wheeling. The tipples were reported to have been destroyed and many men burned, but whether there was any loss of life was undetermined.

The weather was cloudy and mild. MARITIME — Strong easterly winds with snow. Tuesday fresh westerly winds, partly cloudy and mild.

NEW ENGLAND — Mostly cloudy, somewhat colder in west portion tonight. Tuesday, generally fair and colder, fresh to strong northwest and west winds.

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Saint John ... 18 24 16  
Halifax ... 22 30 22  
New York ... 38 40 34

\*Below zero.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—A depression which was in the Far Southwestern States on Saturday morning, has moved very rapidly across the United States to the Maritimes, where it is now causing a moderate snow-storm in the Western Provinces, and mild in Ontario.

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