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PRINCE AT TORONTO



His Royal Highness shaking hands with the crowd at the unprecedented demonstration of veterans and their families at the exhibition grounds—British and Colonial Press photograph.

QUEBEC MINISTERIAL CHANGES



Hon. Honor Mercier, who has been transferred from the Ministry of Mines and Colonization to that of Lands and Forests, succeeding Hon. Jules Allard, appointed Registrar of Montreal.

WINS PROMOTION



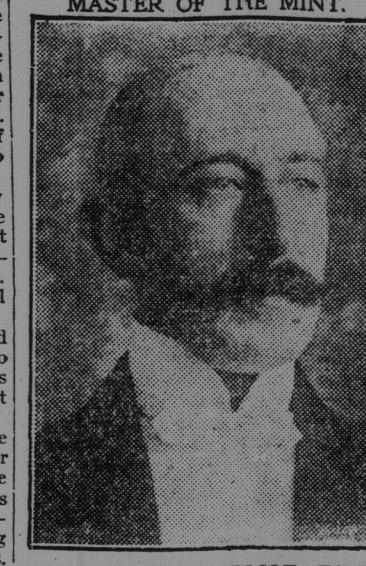
Commissioner Henry W. Mapp, who has been on a special mission to Canada has been appointed international traveling secretary of the Salvation Army by General Booth.



Sir Joseph Ward, treasurer of New Zealand, has resigned from the Massey government and will again take up the leadership of the Liberal party, believing that the end of the war has ended the political truce.



Hon. Jérôme Descaie, former Provincial Secretary of Quebec, who has been appointed judge of sessions at Montreal.



A. H. W. Cleave, M.L.M.E., F.R.M.S., who has succeeded D. Bonar as master of the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint.

THE REAL BRITISH TARS



Sailors of H. M. S. Renown, Dauntless and Dragon cheering the Mayor of Montreal on the Champ de Mars—British and Colonial Press photograph.

TAKING FROM THE OCEAN ITS PREY

Salvage Work of the British Admiralty Effective

Ships Sent Down in the War Being Refloated and Many Thousands of Pounds Reclaimed From the Sea

During the salvage operations to recover gold bars to the value of £750,000 from the steamship Oceana, which was sunk in collision off Folkestone, the diver sent down first had to obtain the key of the ship's strong room from the captain's cabin. He succeeded, and every gold bar was brought to the surface.

This is one of stories told to a London Globe representative of the salvage achievements of the British Admiralty.

Years ago operations were directed to recovering the cargo from sunken vessels and not the vessels themselves. Now the submerged ships constitute the "buried treasure," and it is in this direction that all the salvage companies are likely to be working at high pressure for many a month to come.

As every one knows, the war has taken a very heavy toll of the world's shipping, but probably few people visualize the scene that would be presented to the eye if they could explore the bottom of the ocean for miles round many a coast line.

Round the English coast, for example, the sea bed is thickly strewn with wrecks, the North Sea being literally covered with vessels that can never be raised owing to the great depth at which they are sunk. Round the Scilly Isles half a dozen vessels have been lying at a time, waiting for the attention of the salvage sections, while all round the Mediterranean the craft lie thick as leaves in Vallambrosa. Round other more distant coasts the casualties have been as heavy, scores of ships lying sunk off the Murman coast alone.

The salvage section may be said to be the child of Commodore F. W. Young, who was entrusted with the formalization of the admiralty, and within a remarkably short space of time he had organized a fleet of salvage vessels from other craft.

The salvage section was originally intended to look after casualties in the fleet, but with the rapid development of the submarine warfare it soon became apparent that merchant vessels were equally important and the admiralty accordingly extended the operations of the section to all classes of sunken craft. Unceasingly throughout the war the salvagers have been employed in their work of supreme usefulness and have run up a grand total of nearly 500 vessels of representing about £40,000,000 worth of craft. In every case the ships, after the necessary repairs, were used again. In several instances a vessel was torpedoed a second time, sunk, and a second time was raised by the salvage section and sent upon its ocean journey.

Obviously, the enemy did not look on at these operations without doing his best to circumvent them. On one occasion a ship was torpedoed and went ashore off Sardinia, where attempts were made to save her. While she was on the rocks, however, she was again torpedoed, this time twice, and the second torpedo sent her to pieces.

The method of raising the submerged vessels is exceedingly ingenious. Two barges or lifting cranes are moored over the sunken ship at low water and strands of nine-inch wire rope are passed under it and fastened to the vessel above. As the tide rises the lifting crane, of course, rise with it and raise at the same time the sunken vessel lying in the wire cradle. The damaged ship is then towed into shallow water.

Another method employed in the case of a vessel which has been holed in the side, and is only partly submerged, is to pump in compressed air, which not only prevents the water from entering at the hole, but enables the ship to rise the surface by her own buoyancy. Other devices have also been employed to meet varying circumstances. Such for instance, was the righting of a vessel lying on her side off Folkestone Pier by coupling up several locomotives, which pulled her into the perpendicular.

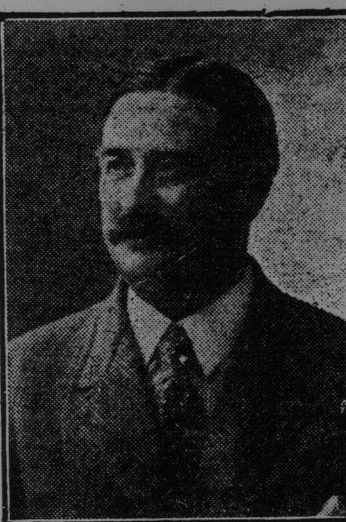
When a vessel is submerged much deeper than her masts it is not possible to raise her, and for this reason an enormous number of ships sunk during the war at sea have passed beyond recovery. Cargo, however, can be recovered by divers up to about thirty fathoms, and an immense amount of work await the salvage companies in this section also. The work of the admiralty salvage section, however, is now ending, and Commodore Young, after rendering the country invaluable service in the manner above described, is now engaged in clearing away the obstructions from the blocked Belgian ports.

NOT MODERNIZED



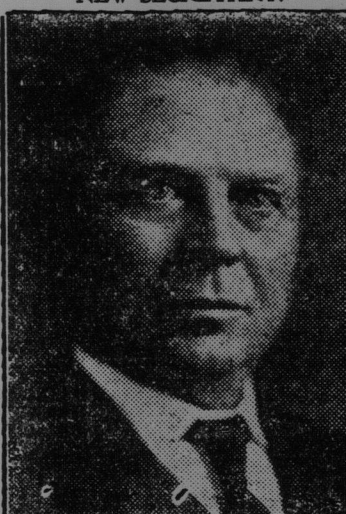
Some of the farmers in the country round Halifax adhere to primitive customs as shown by this picture of an ox-team taken a few Saturdays ago in the market at Halifax—British and Colonial Press photograph.

ON CROSS BENCHES



J. H. Burnham, M.P., for West Peterborough, Ont., who will occupy a seat on the cross benches of the House of Commons believing that the union Government has served its purpose.

NEW SECRETARY



W. E. Milner, the new secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade. A native of Exmouth, Ont., he was once mayor of that town and was Liberal candidate in Peel for the House of Commons in 1904. He was president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange in 1916.

THE GRAIN CROP VARIES GREATLY

Weekly Report of N. B. Department of Agriculture—Reports of Late Blight on Potatoes

The weekly report on agricultural conditions in New Brunswick, as reported by district representatives of the department of agriculture follows:

Fredericton, Aug. 29—Grain harvesting is becoming quite general in many sections of the province. The crop varies greatly throughout the province. In sections of Carleton, where drought injured the crops to quite an extent, the crop is inclined to be light. Taking the province as a whole, the grain crop will be up to a fair average. It is somewhat thin on the ground but is well headed and well filled. Some northern counties report extra good crops of grain. Reports of late blight on potatoes are beginning to come in from the potato inspectors. This has been much later than usual in showing up and the potatoes are nearer maturity. The cloudy weather, with little sunshine, seems to have favored the development of the disease. Just how far the blight will develop on the later varieties cannot be estimated at present.

Cobblers are being put on the market now, the average price received by the growers being around \$3 a barrel.

Under live stock reports, there is little change from last week. The northern counties report farmers being offered \$5 each for lambs, but few sales being made. Lambs are in good condition generally and growing well. Pastures are getting shorter all the time. Recent rains will freshen them up somewhat. Cows are reported to be in good demand, with prices remaining high. Beef cattle are slightly higher in price due to the larger number coming on the market.

LOCAL NEWS

Lieut. T. C. Armour, of Toronto, arrived in the city on Saturday to take charge of the physical department of the Y. M. C. A.

The Right Rev. Bishop Osborne, of Springfield, Ill., formerly of the Mission church, is in the city as the guest of Rev. J. V. Young, rector of the Mission church, and on Sunday His Lordship was heard in the church both morning and evening.

Kings county farmers are desirous of increasing the price of milk two cents a quart between now and October. Four delegates representing the farmers were at a meeting of the Kings County Milk and Cream Producers' Association on Friday when an increase was urged by them, but opposed by local vendors who said they had not sufficient time to warn their customers. The farmers wanted an increase of one cent to start yesterday. In addition to the advance in the cost of milk they proposed to increase the price of cream by five cents a quart.

FRANCE RESUMING TRADE WITH GERMANY

Paris, Sept. 1—(Havas)—A decree announcing the resumption of commercial relations with Germany will be published Tuesday, according to the newspapers of today.

MILLIONAIRE CLUBMAN IS MARRIED TO NURSE

Paul Crocker of Marblehead and Mary Marguerite Curran

IT WAS KEPT SECRET

Groom Member of a Noted New England Family and Graduate of Harvard—Bride is Graduate of a Cambridge Hospital

Boston, Sept. 1—Paul Crocker of Marblehead, millionaire clubman, globe trotter, Harvard grad, class of '95, and hitherto confirmed bachelor, is married. And his bride is a demure little nurse, formerly Miss Mary Marguerite Curran of Weymouth. Their love adventure began when Mr. Crocker, who was then passing into a state of staid bachelorhood—he is forty-seven—was a very sick man so sick he needed a nurse. Came the then Miss Curran, who is twenty-nine years of age, to his beautiful seaside home on Ocean avenue, Marblehead, and though Mr. Crocker, as a result of that illness is compelled to carry his injured left arm in a sling, perhaps four hours after the ceremony was performed, did those nearest to the Marblehead millionaire know of the wedding. It was unknown in his own household.

The ceremony was very simple. On Monday evening Mr. Crocker and Miss Curran left the Copley-Plaza in company with Fred Fitchard, Harvard classmate of Mr. Crocker, and Miss Josie Curran, sister of the bride, and motored to St. Cecilia's church.

There, while the accompanying ones acted as best man and bridesmaid, respectively, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Fletcher. The married pair then returned to the hotel and left for New York city on a three weeks' honeymoon.

A Romance

Considerable interest attaches to the love adventure of this retired millionaire. About a year ago—July, 1918—he suffered a paralytic stroke at his Marblehead home. Miss Curran was summoned to nurse him and for months had him in her care. Last fall his physician advised a trip to the south. Accordingly, when he left for Billiers Heights, Fla., he found the attentions of his nurse indispensable and she went with him.

They made their stopping place at Hotel Bellevue. Handicapped with an incapacitated arm that had to be carried in a sling, he found the quiet serviceableness of this trained nurse a balm to his affliction. Those who have seen her attend him declare she was responsive to his every wish, seemed to know what he wanted before he wanted it, and went about her duties with a painstaking care and alertness that endeared the bachelor millionaire to the young nurse until he found that he could not do without her.

MADE K. C. B.



Brigadier-General William Edmund Tronside, who has been created a K. C. B. in recognition of his services as British commander in northern Russia. In the early stages of the war he did great service in German East Africa and later was attached to the Fourth Canadian division in France as chief staff officer.

NEW SPEAKER



J. N. Francour, M.P., for Lotbinière, who will be the next Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec.

NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL



Hon. L. A. Taschereau, who has abandoned the Ministry of Public Works and Labor of Quebec to become Attorney-General, and who will succeed Sir Lomer Gouin as Prime Minister when he goes to Ottawa later on.

ton. For a time Mr. Crocker put up at the Copley-Plaza. She continued to take care of him. Later he fixed his Marblehead home to suit his changed desires and returned to live there while Miss Curran still continued to nurse him. The

HON. MR. KING TO P. E. ISLAND

Probably Candidate in Prince County Bye Election in Oct. 27

Charlottetown, Sept. 2—Hon. MacKenzie King will probably be the Liberal candidate in Prince county in the bye-election to be held October 27. It is understood that he will accept a unanimous nomination. A convention is to be held at Summerside next Thursday. Mr. King was offered the nomination by Liberal delegates from Prince county at the Ottawa convention just after he was elected Liberal leader.

In Prince county at the last general election the late Captain Joseph Read, Liberal, had a majority of only 324 over his nephew, A. A. Lefurgey. The latter will be Mr. King's opponent unless he is appointed lieutenant-governor. His name has been prominently mentioned in connection with this position.

TROPHIES IN VICTORY LOAN WILL BE KNOWN AS PRINCE OF WALES FLAGS

Ottawa, Sept. 2—The honor flags to be awarded this year to those cities and districts which exceed their objectives in the victory loan campaign are to be known as the Prince of Wales flags.

AMNESTY FOR 40,000 SOLDIERS IN ITALY

Rome, Sept. 2—Forty thousand Italian soldiers sentenced to long periods of imprisonment during the war were granted amnesty yesterday by King Victor Emmanuel.

Reports from seventy-two cold storage houses in the United States, show large increases in holdings of creamery products and eggs over August, 1918, and indicate hoarding.

H. Johnson, a Norwegian, went to jail for twenty-four hours at New York rather than pay sixty cents for a haircut and shave, when he considered forty cents a fair charge.

change in him upon his return from the south was very marked. It was plain the trip had done him considerable good.

Groom from Noted Family

The color returned to his cheeks and he forgot the aftermath of his stroke. He was about on his feet with an agility that fairly disarmed his handicaps. In the meantime Miss Curran was preparing to return to her apartment with her fellow nurses at 738 Commonwealth avenue. Her patient was no longer a sick man. Then followed the filing of the marriage intentions and the marriage.

Mrs. Paul Crocker graduated from the Charlesgate Hospital in Cambridge, receiving her diploma as graduate nurse in 1914. Since then she has nursed in many prominent Back Bay families. Her home and birthplace was in Weymouth. She is the daughter of John Curran of that city, who came here many years ago from Canada.

Mr. Crocker's fortune was built up by the Crocker family in Fitchburg, where the huge paper mills of that city count the members of the Crocker family—Kendall, Charles, Alvan and William T. of New York city—all brothers of Paul Crocker, as their owners.

When young Paul Crocker graduated from Harvard in 1895 he determined to enter the railroad business, and cut his career in that game until his retirement about ten years ago. During the war he did considerable and invaluable secret service work for the government—a fact never before disclosed. His government duties, it is understood, consisted of "spotting slackers" in fashionable society. Returning from their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Crocker are to take another trip to Florida this winter and return to live at Marblehead.