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Steamers Collide In St. Lawrence; Third Afire On Ocean
PREMIER WASTED TO AID BANK

PORSANGER AND ORCA IN CRASH

Both Damaged, But Are Able to Proceed for Destinations.

ONTARIO AFIRE

Calvin Austin Hastens to Aid of Passenger Ship Off Block Island.

(Canadian Press.)
Father Point, Que., May 9.—The steamer Porsanger collided with the Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Orca last night in a dense fog about 50 miles east of here. The Porsanger's bows are crumpled and stern twisted, but she is not leaking. The Orca was hit amidships and a hole made in her side about 15 feet above her water line. She is taking water, but is able to control the intake with her pumps. No one was injured. Both steamers proceeded, the Porsanger for Montreal and the Orca for New York.

There were 44 cabin and seven third class passengers on the Orca at the time of collision. The ship called here yesterday and landed her Canadian passengers.

Alfire in Atlantic.
New York, May 9.—S. S. Ontario, a coastwise passenger vessel, reported early today that she was on fire off Block Island. The vessel, bound from Norfolk, Va., to Boston, was proceeding under her own power and expected to reach her destination some time today. The ship is owned by the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company.

The latest wireless report from the burning ship stated that the crew was at work clearing the hold.

Austin Goes to Aid.
The steamers Calvin Austin and Melville Dollar were the first to pick up S. O. S. calls from the Ontario and started under full steam to her aid.

The Calvin Austin reported heavy fog outside Boston and advised the Ontario to make for Providence or the Vineyard Sound Lightship. All commercial radio stations were given the "QRT" signal to cease broadcasting communication with the distressed steamer. Nantucket had gone to the assistance of the Ontario.

Widow Says Death Due to Rum; Sues

New York, May 9.—Mrs. Annie Nebel, who said she and her three children have been afflicted since the death of her husband, Albert C. Nebel, a plumbing contractor, on January 17, has filed a suit in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn demanding \$25,000 damages from Morris Chatow, owner of a cafe in Brooklyn. Mrs. Nebel charges that her husband died from the effects of liquor sold to him in Chatow's cafe.

BALKAN REPORTS ARE DISQUIETING

Russians Said to Be Concentrating on Bessarabian Frontier and Jugo-Slavs Active.
(By British United Press.)
London, May 9.—Russian troops are concentrating on the Bessarabian frontier and throwing up fortifications along the Danube, while the Roumanian population flees southward, panicky, according to reports from Tientsin, which are unconfirmed and taken with considerable reserve. Greek reports also tell of two rival columns of revolutionists, 1,000 each, moving on Tientsin. It is said one of these armies is Serbophile and the other Italophile.

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IS PLEASED AT COLLEGE FEDERATION

Archbishop Worrell Says First Kings-Dalhousie Year was Success.

LIST OF DEGREES

Arthur S. Coster of Saint John is Among the M. A.'s
(Canadian Press.)
Halifax, N. S., May 9.—Great satisfaction was expressed at the federation of Kings and Dalhousie universities by Archbishop Worrell of Halifax, at the annual convocation of King's College here yesterday. The first year of federation, he declared, was a decided success in every way, and was but the first step toward university federation in the province.

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They Are Married After 55 Years

Hanover, May 9.—Charles W. Smith of Newell, said to be the only Grand Army veteran living today, with but 60 years to his credit, has wedded his sweetheart, Mrs. Christina Varney of Newburyport, whom he married yesterday. Smith did not see Mrs. Varney for 45 years. It is a second marriage for both of them, who, up until a few months ago, had not met since the days when she wore her hair in plaits and he wore short trousers.

M R S. PHILLIPSON MAY BE CANDIDATE

Liberal Effort to Prevent Husband Contesting Election May Have This Effect.
By HARRY N. MOORE
(British United Press.)
London, May 9.—A dramatic surprise has followed the announced decision of Mrs. Phillipson, formerly Miss Mabel Russell, actress, not to contest the coming election. It is said that her husband, who was unseated owing to irregularities committed by his agents, will again be the candidate, but that the Liberals have unearthed an old statute by which they say anyone unseated through the irregular acts of himself or his agents is not eligible for election in that division. If the contention of the Liberals proves to be well-founded, Mrs. Phillipson will reconsider and will run again.

OLYMPIC MEN MAY TRAIN AT ROTHESAY

Decision Likely This Afternoon—Canadian Trainer for Boxers.
Just where the Maritime Olympic aspirants will train, who will be secured to coach them in the various branches of sport and other details were to be decided this afternoon at a special meeting of the Maritime Olympic committee, which is being held at the office of A. W. Covey, president of the Maritime branch of the A. A. U. of C. Those in attendance were: P. J. Legge, secretary; S. F. Doyle of Charlottetown; P. E. L. A. C. Mills of Halifax; G. P. Bolton of Sussex and President Covey.

N. S. LEGISLATURE SESSION ENDS

Assent Was Given to Church Union in Closing Hours.
Halifax, N. S., May 9.—The fourth session of the fourteenth legislature of Nova Scotia was prorogued this morning with all the ceremony that marked its opening February 14, nearly three months ago, with His Honor Oliver Justice of Nova Scotia, as administrator of the province, acting as royal representative in the absence of Lieutenant Governor Grant, who is at a health resort in the U. S. The call from the legislative council chamber reached the assembly a little after eleven o'clock and interrupted Hon. J. J. Kinley in the midst of a speech in which he was stressing the importance of the public drive in Nova Scotia. The interruption was not unexpected, however, as the booming of guns from the Citadel had already informed the House that prorogation was imminent.

BOND REFUSES CABINET TASK

Coaker and Albert Hickman Are Now Talked of in Newfoundland.
St. John's, Nfld., May 9.—Sir Robert Bond, former premier of Newfoundland, has refused to re-enter public life and accept the task of forming a cabinet, as requested yesterday by Premier W. R. Warren, whose government resigned on Wednesday. Mr. Warren planned to visit Governor Allarday today and it was understood that he would recommend that the Governor invite Sir William Coaker, president of the Fishermen's Union, to become Premier.

RAISE STREET CAR FARES TO 10 CENTS

Tram Company's Application in Halifax Unopposed—Gas Rates Also.
Halifax, N. S., May 9.—No opposition was heard at the hearing by the Board of Public Utilities this morning on an application from the Nova Scotia Tram Company for authority to increase street car and gas fares. The intention is to increase the street car fares from seven to ten cents.

WARNS OF DANGER OF NEW WAR

London Times Sees Possibility of Conflict on the Pacific.

JAPAN AND U. S.

Declares Latter's Action Significant and Says Britain Has Responsibility.
(Canadian Press.)
London, May 9.—The Times commenting editorially on the American-Japanese immigration legislation, says undoubtedly much of the friendly atmosphere created by the Washington treaty has been dispelled thereby. Dwelling upon the "fundamental causes of the antagonism" between the Americans and Japanese the paper continues:

MAKES CHARGES IN CANADA'S SENATE

Hon. Wm. Taylor Says There is Organized "Rascality" in C. G. M. and C. N. R.
Ottawa, May 9.—(By Canadian Press.)
In the Senate yesterday Senator N. D. Taylor of New Westminster, B. C., said that there was "organized rascality" in several departments of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine and the Canadian National Railway in British Columbia.

BRITISH TURF Bud Hal Is at Fredericton Park

Plack, at Eight to One, Captures The Thousand Guineas Stakes.
Newmarket, Eng., May 9.—Plack, by Hurry On, out of Great, owned by the Irish Free State, won the 1,000 guineas stakes, the second classic of the season, run here today. H. H. Aga Khan's Muntas Mashal was second, and Sir Edward Hulston's Strailace was third.

CRAIG WOULD MAKE SWAP OF PEOPLES

Exchange Catholics For Protestants on Either Side of Border.
Belfast, May 9.—Premier Craig of Ulster yesterday told County Down Orangemen, of whom he is grand master, that as President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State did not want unwilling citizens in either of the Irish areas he was quite willing to swap Catholics who wished Free State rule with Protestants in Monaghan, Cavan and Donegal who wanted to join with their Ulster friends. He promised the latter his heartiest welcome.

Doisy Speeds On Way to Bangkok

(British United Press.)
Calcutta, May 9.—Flying eastward, Lieutenant Pelletier Doisy, French airman, left Calcutta today for Bangkok. He took off at 5:40 a.m. on what will be one of the last legs of his flight from Paris to Japan. Bangkok is 1,850 kilometers distant. Doisy said he might stop at Akay, 650 kilometers from here.

Here's the Glass Wig



Kidnapped as Babe, Soldier Meets Mother in Boston Station

Boston, May 9.—Kidnapped from his mother, 17 years ago, Private Howard J. McConnell, 20-year-old soldier from Fort Slocum, met her again at North station Wednesday, when she journeyed from her home at Harmony, Me., to verify his identification and confirm her fondest hopes. Seventeen years ago the soldier's father, George McConnell, stole him away from his mother in the dead of night, the story goes, and took the three-year-old baby to Hadley, Quebec, where he was placed in the care of Mrs. Alice LeBarron. Several years ago Mrs. LeBarron died and the boy drifted into a lumber camp. At the age of 16 he joined the U. S. navy and served for three years. Then he joined the army. A week ago he was transferred from New York to Fort Slocum. A friend told him to look up George Kitchell of East Boston, a crossing tender for the Narrow Gauge railroad.

Prominent Soviet Commits Suicide

Moscow, May 9.—Julius Lutovinov, a member of the federal executive council of the Soviets, is a suicide by shooting. The authorities say it was due to nervous depression. This is the first instance of a high member of the Communist government taking his life.

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HOME BANK SOUGHT A DEPOSIT

Three Days Before Failure Directors Asked Big Deposit from Govt. WAS REFUSED.

Probe at Ottawa Brings the Prime Minister to Witness Stand.

(Canadian Press.)
Ottawa, May 9.—Premier Mackenzie King appeared before the royal commission investigating the Home Bank this morning, and told of a visit which was made to him by J. F. M. Stewart, a director of the Home Bank, three days before its failure. Mr. Stewart had informed him that the bank was on the point of failure and asked for a large government deposit to enable it to continue in business. Mr. King had replied that if the bank was in the condition which Mr. Stewart described, it was manifestly impossible for the government even to consider making such a deposit.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 9.—Pressure continues high over northern Canada and low over the southern portion of the Great Lakes and the middle state. Strong northeast winds prevail in eastern Canada as well as on the Great Lakes, and rain is falling in southern Ontario and in Nova Scotia.
Forecast:—
Gulf and North Shore—Strong northeast winds; fair and cool today and Saturday.
Occasional Rain.
Maritime—Fresh to strong northeast and east winds; cloudy and cooler with occasional rain.
Northern New England; rain tonight and Saturday; no change in temperature; strong easterly winds.
Toronto, May 9.—Temperatures:—
Highest during day
Lowest
Victoria 50 70 50
Kamloops 59 78 48
Calgary 38 64 34
Edmonton 42 66 40
Winnipeg 40 52 34
Montreal 48 54 44
St. John 42 58 38
Halifax 62 62 38
New York 60 62 48

Believed Condition Bad
"Did you understand how insolvent the bank was?" queried R. J. McLaughlin, depositor's counsel. "I gathered that its condition was very bad," replied the Prime Minister. "The impression made on my mind at the time was that the situation was very grave. I was led to believe that if demands were made on the bank within the next few days, it would not be able to meet them," continued Mr. King.