

Scions of

English Nobility

ENGAGED IN BOOZE SMUGGLING,
CAPTURED BESIDE RUN ROW.

That scions of the English nobility may be involved in an international rum running scandal as the result of the arrest of Robert Graham Fothergill, wealthy Englishman, who to-day with five companions was captured in a disabled motor boat on rum row off New York last Sunday morning, is indicated by a news despatch from New York received yesterday. The despatch states that Fothergill and his five companions on being arraigned before Customs Collector Barnes, were relieved of certain papers and documents giving lists of names of supposed wholesale bootleggers in various parts of the United States, which were turned over to the Federal District Attorney for investigation.

The American embassy in London has been asked to furnish all available information concerning Fothergill, who claims to be related to a British nobleman by marriage. The United States authorities are evidently of the opinion that they are on the trail of widespread international bootlegging combine, with headquarters in London and Greenock and some startling disclosures implicating persons prominent in London's most exclusive social circles, are expected.

"Westward Ho!" the watchword of the men of Devon in the days of Drake, Raleigh and Frobenius, when the gentlemen adventurers of that period of English history sought fame and fortune, by privately equipping ships to harry the Spanish gold fleet and sack the towns of the Spanish Main has apparently in those latter days taken on a new interpretation. Where once, the nobility of England sought to recoup fallen fortunes at the expense of the tall ships of the Spanish Dons, and their semi-practical, privateering craft with the tacit consent of Her Britannic Majesty, good Queen Bess, roved the seas in the character of "Highway-men of the deep," there was much of the patriotic and a great deal of the romantic in their adventures. The lure of strange countries beyond the horizon's rim, where gold was to be had for the taking, the tales told by returned free-booters, home after a successful venture, of galleons and plate ships of Spain loaded with the wealth of the Indies which had fallen prey to them, fired the imagination of the people and as Spain was in those days, the hereditary enemy of England, what was more natural than that under the patronage of the nobility, bold captains should set sail for a "buffet with the Dons," especially when the reward of victory meant fame and fortune.

But "other days, other ways" and to-day we find the "gentlemen adventurers" of England in the role of bartenders to the thirsty American public. Younger sons returned from the battlefields of France with more or less glory and naught else beside, found the "welcome" of the ancestral doorman more or less obliterated as a result of failing family fortunes due to the war and they themselves faced with a future wherein the possession of an appointment, post, position or just a plain ordinary job, was of paramount importance. Many of them were ill-equipped for the prosaic of peace, whatever their talents as warriors, and the rum running game offered itself and was taken up by not a few of them as a quick road to affluence with some of the spice of adventure thrown in. The writer met two of this class in Halifax last spring, they had scraped together 2,000 pounds and invested it in shares in a 3,000 ton steamer operating between Greenock and rum row, and expected to realize 200 per cent. of their investment before the six month charter of the steamer would expire. They described rum running as a bit of a lark, and regarded themselves somewhat in the light of benefactors to the people of the United States. Really, you know, prohibition is a badly outrage, expresses their opinion of the 18th Amendment. Both came from good families impoverished by the war.

One of the best known British rum runners and one not a stranger to the port of Sydney, is the steamer Istar, formerly the Norma, the palatial yacht of J. Ogden Goelet, the American millionaire, who years ago visited Sydney in her. She is now the property of an English concern and last July called at North Sydney for bunker on her way from St. Pierre to Nassau. She made her first appearance in her present character at Halifax about ten months ago, where she figured in a \$300,000 libel action brought against the ship and her cargo of 20,000 cases of Scotch whiskey, by parties resident in Quebec. The writer was at the time writing space on a Halifax newspaper and followed up the story in the courts at the same time doing a little sleuthing on his own. The story was written but never published and in view of recent events, it is not too late to tell it now.

Two French Canadian, residents of Sherbrooke, Quebec, named La Vallee, and Brousseau and a Capt. Faulkner formerly of the C.G.M.M. representatives of a booze running combine operating on rum row, went to England in the winter of 1922-23, to arrange for shipments of liquor to be delivered to their craft off Sandy Hook, New York. The liquor to be delivered C.O.D. Twenty thousand cases were loaded into the Istar at Greenock, Scotland as the result of their negotiations, La Vallee paying over \$35,000 to her owners as earnest money. The three took passage home on the Istar. On their arrival at the place where the Canadian craft was to meet them for transshipment of cargo, she was not in sight, and after cruising around for ten days, the captain of the Istar shaped his course for Halifax for coal and supplies. On their arrival, Messrs. La Vallee, and Brousseau immediately libeled the ship and cargo in the sum of \$300,000, alleging breach of contract in their failure to make delivery of the booze.

The writer in the course of his day's work had occasion to visit the Istar in an attempt to learn the name of her owners. His request for information was coldly not to say frigidly received. The captain had nothing to say and proceeded to say it by asking for the latest odd country football results. After a half hour of fruitless questioning he took his departure, but fingered on the dock where he had the luck to hear one of the sailors ask if the "governor" was aboard. The governor is not the skipper, in sailor's parlance, and back aboard he went and asked to see the "governor," to be told that he couldn't, the captain hastily seeking to cover up his inadvertent admission by pretending ignorance of any "governor." The Istar lay at the dock for three days, before he received a clue to the identity of the governor. One of the plaintiff's outraged at the double crossing game, which he said was being put over on them by the owners of the Istar, interviewed by the writer at the Hal-

fax Hotel finally came across with information to the effect that the governor was Warwick Brookes, that he was an ex-member of parliament for the Mile End division of the city of London, and in a copy of a London newspaper, the Standard of recent publication, there could be found further information, also in "Who's Who."

The reference to Warwick Brookes in the columns of the Standard, was to the effect that he had just been granted the amusement concession for the British Empire Exposition at a purchase price which ran into several hundred thousands of pounds. The only Warwick Brookes, in Who's Who, resides on Park Lane one of the fashionable streets of London, he is set down as an ex-M.P. and a member of the Royal Thames and the Carlton, two of London's most exclusive clubs.

The case came up for trial before Registrar Barnhill at Halifax, the "governor" went on the stand and gave his name as "Warwick Brookes" and as against the claims of La Vallee, Brousseau and Faulkner, claimed ownership of the Istar's cargo of booze and admitted selling some of it on rum row previous to the sailing for Halifax. The writer was the only newspaper man present and got the whole story exclusive. After the hearing, Brookes approached and made an offer to buy the story, which offer was refused. The story was written, but never published. The Halifax paper—well it didn't print it. A prominent Halifax lawyer, counsel for Brookes, attempted to give the writer a call down over the telephone for what he termed indecency in publishing a report of the proceedings of the trial. He also remarked that Brookes' reputation and social standing in England, would be impaired should his connection with the rum running game be broadcast.

As will be seen from the ad., Miss T. Power has accepted a position at this popular Movie, thus making two violinists, and adding in no small way to a most enjoyable entertainment. "The best procurable," regardless of expense is none to good for the patrons of the Star.

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"Lighthouse Nan" ST. MARY'S HALL TO-NIGHT. What promises to be a successful run is the three act comedy playlet entitled "Lighthouse Nan," by the St. Mary's Amateur Dramatic Troupe, which takes place at St. Mary's Hall to-night, and will be continued during the week. The troupe needs no introduction to St. John's audience, because the ability of the players is well known. The staging of that amusing comedy "Quarantined," which took the town by storm about twelve months ago, made their reputation, and we feel assured that the success of "Lighthouse Nan," will equal, if not exceed, the last performance. Between the acts leading city artists will contribute numbers, which will make the enjoyment continuous.

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"Stand Up and Sing for Your Father."

"Little Irish Mother of Mine."

Obituary.

When the scene changes from life to death, leaving a void between friend and friend; when hand-shakes, prayers and sadness follow in succession, causing a lot of thinking to be done by the one on "This Side," memory irradiates in a cycle, as it were, and then: who next? The passing away of Ellen Joy Vetch, at the patriarchal age of 78, has impressed me with a realization, of what genuine friendship is, of how often the gray and the gay "down the walk" has been blended in a harmony, that makes life worth living. Call me friend said Mrs. Vetch, and that friendship then cemented was as binding, as if watched over by God and witnessed by Angels. In common with hundreds of others, I met the subject of my thoughts, in the early eighties, at her happy home in Holyrood, she was then the wife of that prince of men, the late John Vetch, who at that time represented the District of Harbour Main as a colleague of ex-Magistrate Richard McDonald. This noble man predeceased her 22 years ago. To speak of his unselfishness and kindness, only the Recording Angel can do right. I can see the Vetch home as it then was, and seeing this, I see the words: Welcome—Comfort—Happiness—in every corner of the home; the guests revelling in the unstinted attention shown them for the pleasures they sought, the hosts, the idealization of a family life, whose purity was a lesson to learn, to digest, a remarkable copy to follow, because here was unalloyed goodness—greatness—charity; you there saw the "Greatest of These" as the word would have it. There is nothing said for children to be separated by the "divide" from parents such as these, they lived happily, they live happy, their memory is a benediction, their souls are in the keeping of the God they loved—May the Lord have mercy on them. Six sons and one daughter are left to remember this good mother. William J. Mansner, W. U. Telegraph Services, Stock Exchange, New York; James, John and Edward with the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. in Manitoba; Mrs. Joseph McGrath, Wellington, Mass., besides George J., clerk in charge of the Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs, and Conductor P. J. of the Newfoundland Gvt. Railway. This family, Mrs. Vetch's heart was wrapped up in and it is unnecessary to say that it was reciprocated by them.

E. M. W.

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Express Passengers.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 11 a.m. yesterday, bringing the following passengers, who are now on the incoming express:—A. March, L. J. King, H. Smith, J. N. Vatcher, E. L. Matice, E. R. Parsons, A. Colby, F. Hackett, W. Dowett, A. and Mrs. Richards, Mrs. E. Windsor, E. Jones, A. Beck, N. White, A. Bennett, J. Matheson, Miss T. Hardy, Mrs. F. Gillis, W. J. James, D. O'Sullivan, S. Ingram, J. and Mrs. Brake, J. W. Ozer, Miss R. Downing, and C. A. White.

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Burglary Attempted

Early yesterday morning a burglary was attempted at the store of Mr. Walter Gardner, Walgrave St. The culprit first smashed a glass in the shop door and then removed an iron bar. With this instrument he attempted to smash the door, but the noise aroused a number of people in the neighbourhood and he was obliged to make a hasty retreat.

Special Boot Sale! Girl's Boots \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, now only \$2.59 at SMALLWOOD'S. dec24.11

Installation Ceremony

COLONIAL LODGE NO. 135 L.O.O.F.

The installation of officers of the above Lodge took place Friday night, January 4th, at 8 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, McBride's Hill. The ceremony was performed by the District Grand Master, Bro. G. T. Phillips, P.G., G.C., assisted by the following Grand Officers:—Bro. Geo. Soper, P.G., as Grand Marshal, Bro. H. Quick, P.G., as Grand Recorder, Bro. R. Young, P.G., as Grand Financial Secretary, Bro. J. Carberry, P.G., as Grand Treasurer, Bro. A. Alcock, as Grand Chaplain, and Bro. A. Heath, P.G., as Grand Guardian. The following officers were installed for the ensuing term:

I. P. G.—Bro. P. Dwyer.
Noble Grand—Bro. E. Warren.
Vice Sec.—Bro. W. Pippy.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. A. Waterfield, P. G.
Financial Sec.—Bro. A. Wick.
Treasurer—Bro. R. Morris.
Warden—Bro. A. Heath.
Conductor—Bro. B. Newworthy.
Chaplain—Bro. G. House.
R.S.N.G.—Bro. I. Sparkes, P. G.
L.S.N.G.—Bro. W. Gaulton, P. G.
R.S.V.G.—Bro. G. Phillips, P. G.
L. S. V. G.—Bro. H. Rendell.
R.S.S.—Bro. C. Dutoit.
L.S.C.G.—Bro. Hubert Rendell.
L.S.S.—Bro. W. Learning.
I.G.—Bro. E. Ebsary.
O.G.—A. Tilley.

The District Deputy at the request of the newly appointed Noble Grand, presented Bro. P. Dwyer, P.G., with a Past Grand's Jewel in recognition of his services while in the chair, and congratulated him on having one of the best terms that Colonial Lodge has had in its history. There were also presentations made to Bro. A. Heath, P.G., and A. King, of Atlantic Lodge, for their services to Colonial Lodge. The I. P. G. presented Bro. R. Morris with a fountain pen for services rendered to the Lodge in his term.

Colonial Lodge has had a banner term with Bro. P. Dwyer in the chair, both in finance and in membership. This last year Odd Fellowship in Newfoundland has had an excellent year. One new Lodge has been instituted in Carbonear, and two or three others will probably be instituted this year. The D. G. M. Bro. G. T. Phillips, who has maintained that office for three years, is an untiring worker in Odd Fellowship in this Colony, and hopes to see a Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in the Island before many more years have passed. After the ceremony was completed, and the usual congratulatory speeches made, the members sat down to a sumptuous repast and the following toast list was honored:

THE KING.
Proposed, the Chairman; Responded, "God Save the King."

GRAND LODGE.
Proposed, Bro. G. Noonan, P. G.; Responded, Bro. G. T. Phillips, P. G.; G. C. D.D.G.M.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.
Proposed, Bro. G. Gaulton, P. G.; Responded, Bro. Geo. Soper, P. G.; M. D.D.G.P.

SISTER LODGES.
Proposed, Bro. P. Dwyer, P. G.; Responded, Bro. Geo. Soper, P. G.; P.D.D.G.P.

SISTER LODGES.
Proposed, Bro. P. Dwyer, P. G.; Responded, Bro. J. C. Phillips, P. G.; P.D.D.G.M. of Atlantic Lodge; A. W. Waterfield, P.G., C.P., Encampment.

THE CHAIRMAN.
Proposed, Bro. G. G. Phillips, P.G.; Responded, Bro. E. Warren, N. G. The singing of the National Anthem brought an end to one of the best terms of Colonial Lodge.

R. S.

L. O. B. A.

Edith Cavell Lodge, No. 334, held its annual meeting in the Chapter Room of Victoria Hall Thursday, Jan. 3rd. The reports which were read by the retiring officers, showed that during the past year the Lodge had made substantial progress. The reports showed that the Lodge was in a healthy condition financially and otherwise. The following duly elected officers were installed:

W. M.—Sister Hooker.
D. M.—Sister Avery.
Rec. Secretary—Sister Williams.
Fin. Secretary—Sister Benson.
Treasurer—Sister Ledrew.
Dir. of Ceremonies—Sister Rogers.
Lecturer—Sister Jeans.
In. Guard—Sister Young.
Organist—Sister Ledrew.
Guardian—Bro. Jeans.

Committee—Sisters Chapman, Rogers, Earle, Churchill, Escott.
The installing officer was P.W.M. Sister Clark, of Queen Mary's Lodge, who came from St. Philip's for that purpose. The I. O. was assisted by P. W. M. Sister Taylor and P. M. Bro. Clarke, of Queen Mary's Lodge, St. Philip's, C.B. Short addresses were given by the newly installed officers and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the installing officers, carried by acclamation. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Officers Installed

The regular weekly meeting of Victoria Lodge, L.O.B.A. met on Friday night, Jan. 4th. After the regular business, the officers for the coming year were installed by Past Mistress Ethel Kennedy, assisted by Sister Helen Hiscok. Past Mistress—Sister E. Kennedy. Worthy Mistress—Sister M. Bastow. Deputy Mistress—Sister L. Taylor. Chaplain—Sister M. Green. Rec. Secretary—Sister J. Bastow. Fin. Secretary—Sister V. Byrne. Treasurer—Sister E. Heater. 1st Lecturer—Sister A. Yelman. 2nd Lecturer—Sister Kate Young. Dir. of Cer.—Sister I. Harvey. Inner Guard—Sister D. Jones. Outer Guard—Bro. S. Taylor. Com. of five—1st Com.—Sister J. Simmonds; 2nd Com.—Sister M. Woolrich; Annie Busey, Mary J. Harris, Margaret Goodrich.

Trustees—Sisters E. Kennedy, Kate Young, Emily Heater. Auditors—Sisters E. Kennedy, D. Rollings, Bro. A. Ivany. Guardian—Bro. A. Ivany. Financial Committee—Sisters A. Busey, L. Cullmore, Bro. H. Fry. Plans—Sister Keats.

After installation, tea was served by committee in charge and a short programme was gone through. The guests of the evening were the officers from the various Orange Lodges. During the evening Worthy Mistress Margaret Bastow, in a few well chosen words presented Sister Ethel Kennedy with a Past Mistress Jewel. Past Mistress Kennedy then expressed her thanks to the officers and members for their beautiful gift. Sister Emily Heater was also presented with a silver cake plate, by the officers and members on the occasion of her 25th wedding anniversary.

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Sister Heater thanked the officers and members in a very suitable manner. Short speeches were made by visiting officers and also by Brother A. Ivany, Guardian of Victoria Lodge. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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