

DEBUNKING THE FAIRIES AND SANTA CLAUS

By Lewis Milligan
Charles Dickens was a keen student of human nature, and while some of his characters may have been overdrawn in certain features, they are mostly true to life.

We have our Pickwicks, Micawbers, Dombeyes, Humbles, Fagins, Gradgrinds and the rest of the Dickensian species with us to-day under different guises and circumstances.

The latest of these modern gradgrinds to reveal himself is Major-General Brock Chisholm, Deputy Health Minister at Ottawa.

The General himself seems to be entering into the realm of fantasy when he talks about a child sleeping on a grave in a cemetery.

"Heaven lies about us in our infancy," said Wordsworth, "shades of the prison-house begin to close upon the growing boy."

Those shadowy recollections, which, be they what they may, are yet the fountain-light of all our day.

WORLD SPEED RECORDS HELD BY BRITAIN

LONDON—With the Meteor's six hundred and six miles per hour flight Britain now holds world speed records on a water, land and in the air.

The Week at OTTAWA

By H. L. JONES, Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Talks lasting a total of just 20 hours took place among a dozen men in the nation's capital this week.

It was a meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Dominion-Provincial Conference which first met last summer.

Beyond the announcement that there had been a frank exchange of views of all participating governments and that discussions were "co-operative and constructive", there was little to indicate exactly what went on behind the closed and guarded doors of the parliamentary committee room that was the meeting place.

Newspapermen who kept a four-day vigil outside those doors got nowhere questioning the conferees as they went back and forth.

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New Tax Plan

Parliamentary discussion during the week disclosed that the federal government is working out a new system of income tax for farmers and fishermen.

The disclosure came after the Commons had defeated two stand-of-confidence motions in the government in the form of amendments to the budget motion.

At the week's end the Windsor strike still was the nation's labor sore spot following rejection of the latest settlement formula by the strikers.

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Cub Pack News

On Monday evening, November 26 at the Y.M.C.A. the Wolf Cubs were in full attendance and a marked improvement is to be noted already in their appearance on parade, due to the leadership of "Akela."

The twelve cubs who passed their tendered tests received the tendered badge in an inspiring ceremony conducted by "Akela" and presented by "Hakel" and each cub receiving the badge, did so very smartly.

The Cubs showed remarkable interest in tying knots and many a Cub had the furniture tied down at the close of the period of instruction.

DOMESTICS ON STRIKE

WINNIPEG (CP)—Western housewives will have to do without domestic help unless former domestic change their attitude, a government employment adviser said.

BETTER FARMERS

KEITHVILLE (CP)—Ontario in the future will need not more farmers but better farmers, according to Agriculture Minister T. L. Kennedy.

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GEORGETOWN LIONS SPONSOR SHOW FOR AMATEUR TALENT

The Georgetown Lions Club sponsored an amateur show held at the Grand Theatre in Georgetown.

The show was conducted for three nights, the winners of the first two nights were to compete on the third for the prizes.

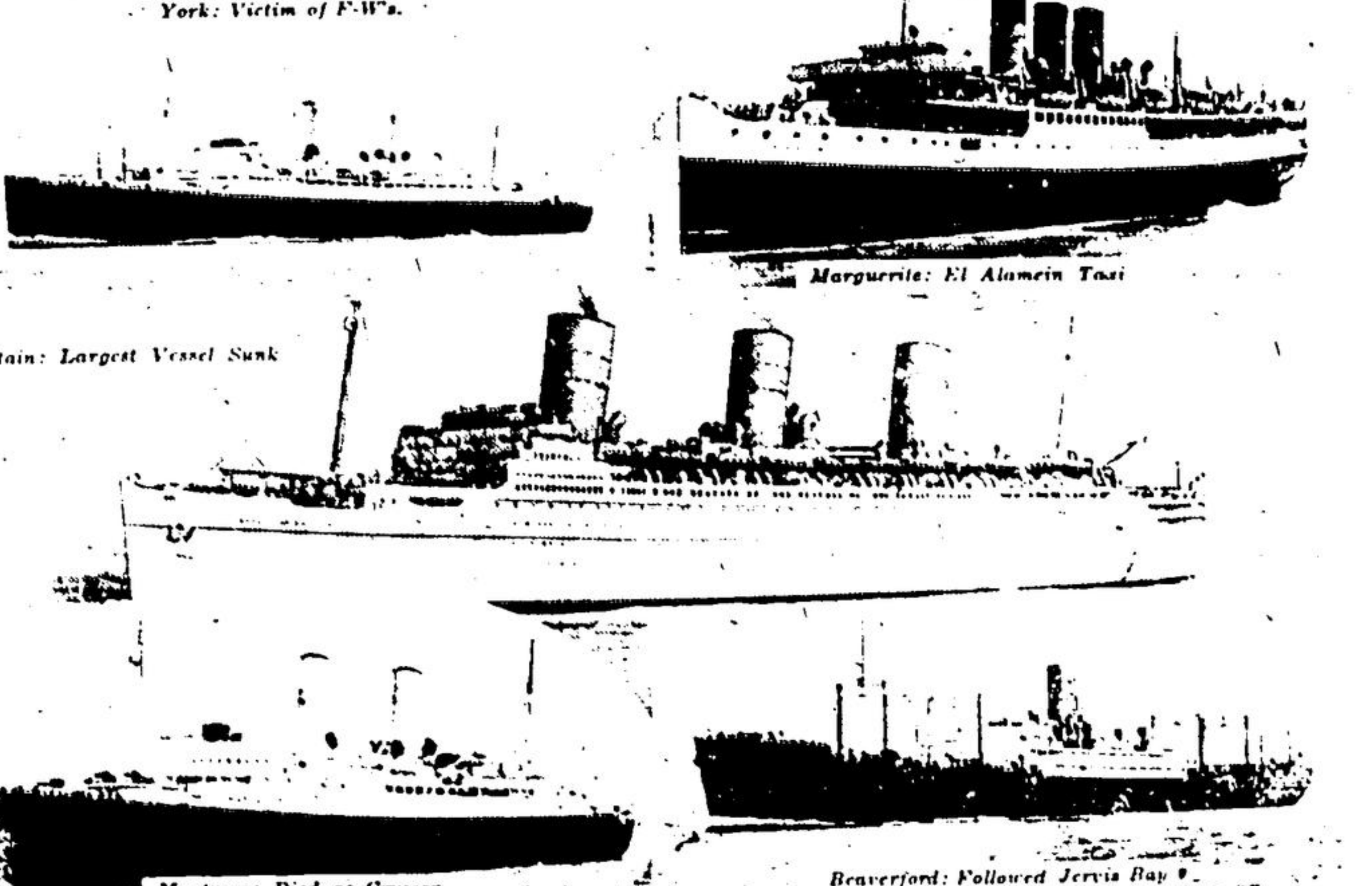
On Monday evening, November 26 the finals were chosen before a full house, the prizes were \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 for the seniors, \$10.00, \$5.00 and \$3.00 for the juniors.

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Advertisement for North American Life insurance, featuring the slogan 'All profits for policyholders' and 'Just 25 cents a day at age 30 guarantees \$50.00 every month for 10 years'.

A Fleet at War: Two Million Troop Miles for Canadian Pacific



YORK: Victim of F.W.
Britain: Largest Vessel Sunk
Montrose: Died as Cruiser
Beaverford: Followed Jervis Bay
Those sent to the bottom by German U-boats or Italian wolf packs were the 32,500-ton Empress of Britain, largest merchant ship sunk during the war.