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Lions Gain 10,000 in Membership in 1936

International Convention of Lions Clubs Concluded Last Week at Providence Rhode Island.

The twentieth annual convention of the International Association of Lions Clubs adjourned last week at Providence, Rhode Island, after a four-day programme. Early registration returns indicated an attendance of more than 5000 delegates and guests.

The convention unanimously elected Edwin R. Kingsley of Parkersburg, West Virginia, to the International presidency for 1936-37. The new president is a life insurance executive, and has been prominent in Lion affairs for many years. From 1930 to 1932 he served on the Association's board of directors, and in 1933 was elected to the third vice-presidency. In successive years he became second and first vice-president, and this year was elected to head the association. Kingsley was born in Springfield, Ohio, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Seymour D. Kingsley, and was educated in the public schools and Adrian College, Michigan. He was admitted to the bar in the states of Ohio and West Virginia, was licensed to practise in the United States courts, and for many years was engaged exclusively in legal work. He was attorney for the State Tax Commission Department of West Virginia during the term of Governor Glascock, and served as chairman of the West Virginia State Municipal Code Commission by appointment of the governor. He formerly represented Parkersburg in the

West Virginia Legislature, and served as chairman of the committee on counties, districts and municipalities and as ranking member of the judiciary committee of the House of Delegates. Since his retirement from active politics he has been principally engaged in the insurance business.

At the closing session Kingsley received the presidential gavel from retiring president, Richard J. Osenbaugh, of Denver.

The convention marked the close of one of Lionism's most successful years. Secretary General Melvin Jones reported a net gain in membership for the year of 10,000 members, a gain of 215 clubs, and an increase from 20,000 to 25,000 in the number of community activities successfully engaged in by the 2741 Lions Clubs which comprise the Association.

F. H. V. Ball attended the convention as delegate from the local Lions Club.

Second Forest Plane is Constructed at the Sault

The second Sault-constructed aeroplane of the Ontario Air Service was scheduled to be placed in service this week at a point to be named by the minister of lands and forests, having passed all its tests over the week-end. The aeroplane, a Buhl model, took the load test, last of the various trials, in fine style, getting off the water in 18 seconds with a load of 850 pounds.

The new machine will likely be placed in operation at some northern point where forest fire danger is high and the services of an additional ship necessary. The first Buhl built at Sault Ste. Marie was rushed into action last week. Two others are now under construction.

Returned Man Views the Vimy Memorial

"It is Art; it is Poetry; it is Music," Says Returned Soldier.

Many believe that the picture of the Vimy Memorial, as published in The Advance last week, is the most striking and expressive representation of that wonderful monument yet appearing. In The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune last week there appeared the most touching reference to the Vimy Memorial. The Advance is sorry that it was not possible to have this prose poem on the Memorial accompany the picture of the tribute to Canada's sons who rest in France. This beautiful poem is written by Ed. Stephenson, editor of The Northern Tribune. He is a returned soldier who suffered serious injuries overseas, but in these days of peace for the Empire carries on as best he may for what he believes to be the best interests of the Empire and its people. Here is the tribute to the Vimy Memorial:

"Out of the Strong Came Forth Sweetness"

So this is our memorial, boys. We have waited for it, and here it is. It is not merely beautiful; beauty passes. It is art. It is poetry. It is music. It is spiritual—the unnamed figure, the muted verse, the still song of the heart, the unphrased symphony. It crescendos the nobility of life, it whispers the mystic language of tranquillity. It stands, but it moves.

Every atom of its compass is bathed in woman's tears, every fibre of it has caught the sobs of the little child whose father marched on beyond. Thus endowed and reverberant, it shines and it speaks to you and to me, comrades.

We are thousands of miles away on this Sunday morning, yet we are in the throng that stands before it, and we hear and see. A kingly man from our ranks speaks for us to the attentive world, and he puts universal interpretation upon this great monument. It is good. He stands with reverent mien as he extols the sacrifices wrought into this massive prayer in stone, yet strongly he adjoins men of goodwill to harmonize themselves into a world of unshatterable peace. It is well.

This is no leaning post for florists' creations, no soundingboard for tawdry orators to exploit. The fitting dedication over, you and I would like to see impregnable barbed-wire entanglement put around the Vimy memorial so that none may profane it. For its whole message lies not in near approach, but in contemplation of it as a silhouette against the glory of the morning, symbolic of the risen spirits of whom we knew at our side.

Have you seen with me the ghost army of Vimy rise from their tortured clay and move silently into possession of this aggregate, as it was shaped? They have made it theirs; and they have made it not into a remembrance, but into a message. Who shall misinterpret it? It is not "Last Post," it is "Reveille!" And that is Victory where there is no enemy.

Members of Parliament Outspoken in the North

(From The North Bay Nugget)
Northern Ontario can boast of at least two legislators who aren't subject to the dictates of party leaders or ever ready to submit to Cabinet rule.

They are Walter Little, Dominion member for Temiskaming and John Rowlandson, provincial representative for South Cochrane.

These men have repeatedly voiced displeasure with the administrations reigning at Ottawa and Toronto, despite the fact that they are members of the party in power.

This evidence of freedom of thought and action is encouraging. Were it followed by 50 per cent. of the members of the Dominion and provincial houses, it is certain that "better government" would result.

In an impromptu address in his home town, Kirkland Lake, Mr. Little declared that Canada is run by the Cabinet without regard for those who sit in the House of Commons as constituency representatives. He censured the majority of members for being more concerned with the "next election" than with matters that concern their constituents.

This rule-by-Cabinet instead of rule-by-Commons prompted Mr. Little to offer the opinion that there are approximately 225 members of parliament too many and 96 senators whose services could be terminated without the system of government being impaired to the slightest degree.

The member for Temiskaming gave further evidence of his independence by stating that while as good a Liberal as anybody, "there will be a change unless the government gets busy and does something."

Mr. Rowlandson of Porquus Junction has been equally as critical of the acts and omissions of the Ontario legislature, in which he holds a seat on the right side of Mr. Speaker. Only recently Mr. Rowlandson condemned a Cabinet proposal to assess urban municipalities of the North for a part of the cost of building colonization roads, and with that declared that Northern Ontario is strongly inclined to initiate proceedings with a view to seceding from the provincial union.

It is refreshing to learn of a little freedom of thought in parliamentary circles. If every member displayed as much courage and individuality as do Mr. Little and Mr. Rowlandson the Dominion and the province would benefit greatly.

Charlotte (N.C.) Observer:—The greatest curse of America, says a minister, is Hollywood and the country's crime wave. Ah! the Stars and Stripes!



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High School Orchestra Playing at Golden City

Wednesday evening dances at the Edgewater beach pavilion, Golden City, are popular events these days. A Timmins orchestra, in which the members are a group from the Timmins High and Vocational school orchestra are supplying the music. "The Melo-Deers" are doing well, many who have been to Edgewater recently say.

To Introduce New Pastor South End Finnish Church

The Finnish United Church of South Porcupine will have its first public worship conducted by the new minister, Rev. A. I. Heinonen, next Sunday at 2 o'clock p.m. in the United Church of South Porcupine.

The former pastor, Rev. Wm. Lee-man, now of Kirkland Lake, will accompany Mr. Heinonen and will give to the congregation his farewell message and will also at this service introduce his successor to the people of South Porcupine.

Immediately after the service, it has been planned, the people of South Porcupine will motor to McDonald Lake, where they will take part in the celebrations of formal opening of the Church Camp of the Finnish United Church.

Visitor to Canada Gives Impressions

Rev. B. S. W. Green, who Visited South Porcupine Some Months Ago Writes of his Trip.

South Porcupine, Ont., July 29, 1936. Special to The Advance.

Rev. Bryan Green, a nephew of Archdeacon Woodall, paid a visit some months ago to South Porcupine, a full account of the visit and the meetings held in connection therewith being given in the South Porcupine correspondence at the time. On his return to England Rev. Mr. Green wrote an account of his impressions of the trip. Some extracts from Mr. Green's article are given below:—

"A Preaching Visit to Canada"

(Extracts from an article in "The Johnian"—the Magazine of the London, Eng., College of Divinity)

"B. S. W. Green has just returned from an intensive evangelistic tour in Canada. The invitation to visit Canada came from that Evangelical section of the Canadian Church whose life centres in Wycliffe College, Toronto. The object of the visit was especially to encourage clergy in evangelistic work. This was attempted in two ways—by evangelistic missions in selected centres and by lectures to clergy. In the course of seven weeks Green addressed some 1500 clergy and 25,000 laymen. The outstanding events were a mission in St. Paul's Toronto, and a school of evangelism also in Toronto.

"One result was that 14 clergy volunteered to try to take two missions every year, and to meet for conference and training in order to build up in Canada a brand of parochial clergy who would be willing to do one month's missioning every year.

"Before proceeding to Canada, Green visited Washington; here he gave three lectures to the Conference preceding the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of U.S.A., which was attended by a thousand ministers; he also spoke at that unique institution, the College of Preachers; to this College the younger clergy come from all parts of the States for a week's course in preaching; two sermons a day are preached to the other clergy present, who tear them to pieces.

In Canada he also took smaller missions than that at St. Paul's, spoke at the chief public schools for boys and girls, addressed the graduation ceremony at Wycliffe College and preached the Synod sermon of the Niagara Diocese.

"He took one journey 500 miles north of Toronto, to South Porcupine, where Archdeacon Woodall, a Johnian, is the Rector. South Porcupine is a mining district with many foreigners. He spoke to a packed church, many of the congregation having travelled 70 miles over rough roads, and not leaving the village until 11 p.m.

"His flying visit left the following impressions: Of course, these impressions were gained in East Canada only and principally from a small part of Ontario; probably the West is very different.

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2. The people are still greatly attached to the Old Country; often after a meeting it would be said, "How nice to hear an English voice again!" 3. The laity are tremendously loyal to their church and try to take their full share in its work. 4. The evangelicals are a number of years behind their brethren at home in conceptions of worship; not in elaborateness of ritual but in such matters as beauty and form and a willingness to experiment with new tunes and other adaptations of traditional features of worship.

"While it is absurd to say that the groups have swept through Canada and captured its church life, their efforts have helped the work of the evangelist in creating a willingness for change and a yearning for constructive evangelical church leadership.

"The Sunday after his return Green broadcast again from his own church in Cruch End."

Claims to Have Driven 31 Years Without Accident

Archie J. House, automobile salesman of Jackson, Mich., is sticking out his chest these days. Indeed, all the motorists of Jackson have their chests elated, extended, distended, or whatever the word may be. All on account of House's record. He has been hailed as the city's safest auto driver. In Jackson they think that is equivalent to being the world's safest driver. House, who is 54 years old, has driven an automobile (or automobiles, more likely) for 31 years past. He has never had an accident of any kind, and never received a ticket for even the slightest traffic violation. And he has driven approximately 250,000 miles, which is considerable driving even for 31 years or maybe, especially for 31 years. Any way, it is more than 8000 miles a year on an average for each of those 31 years. However, House has never had to use roads like the Ferguson highway is to-day. If he had had to travel roads as bad as the Northern roads of to-day, House wouldn't have lasted half the 31 years as a driver. About the only kind of a record possible to Northerners using the roads here to-day is one dealing with the number of new cars used up by the roads. At the same time House's record for safe driving is worthy of note. Apparently he has never had a full House in charge of a car, always been careful and courteous, and voted right.



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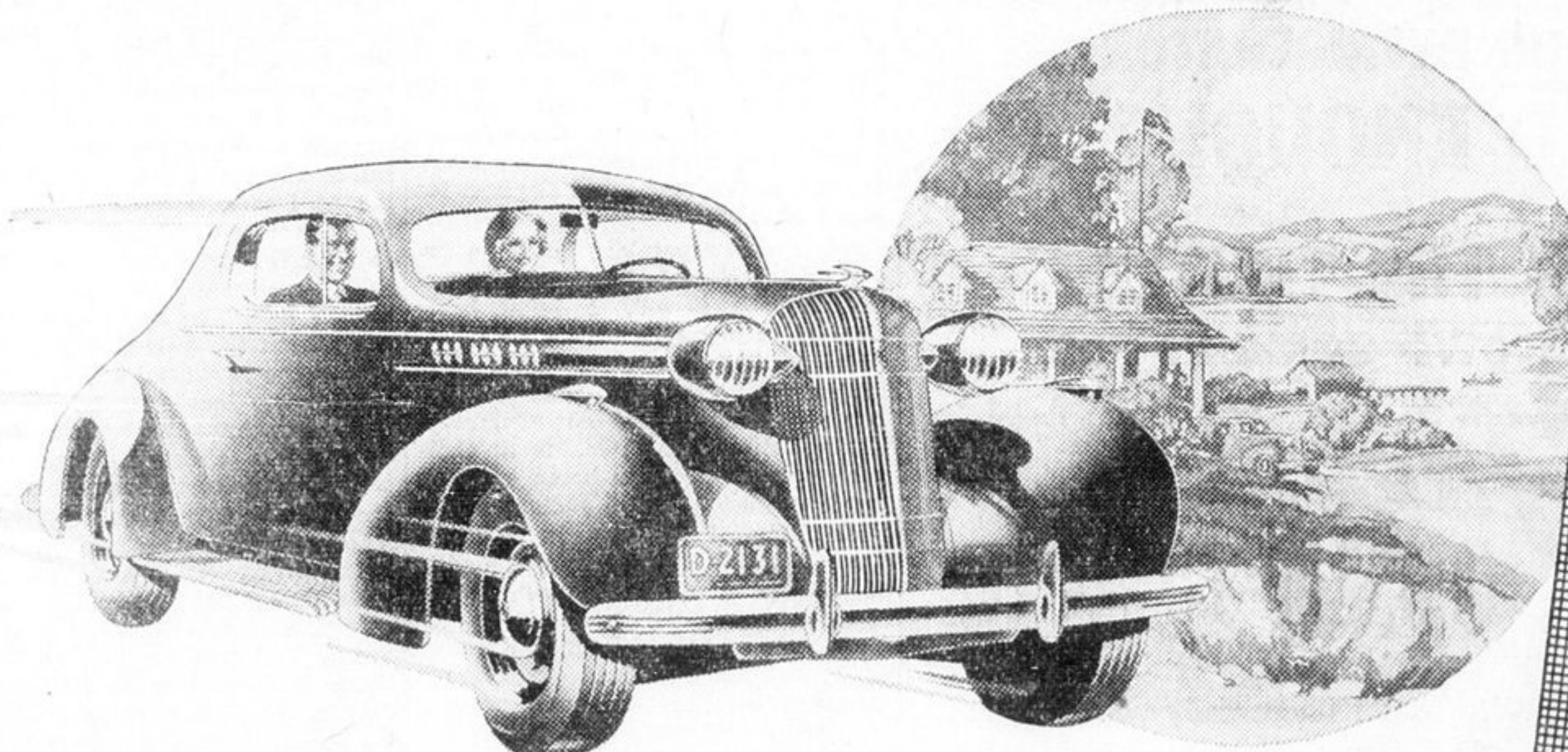
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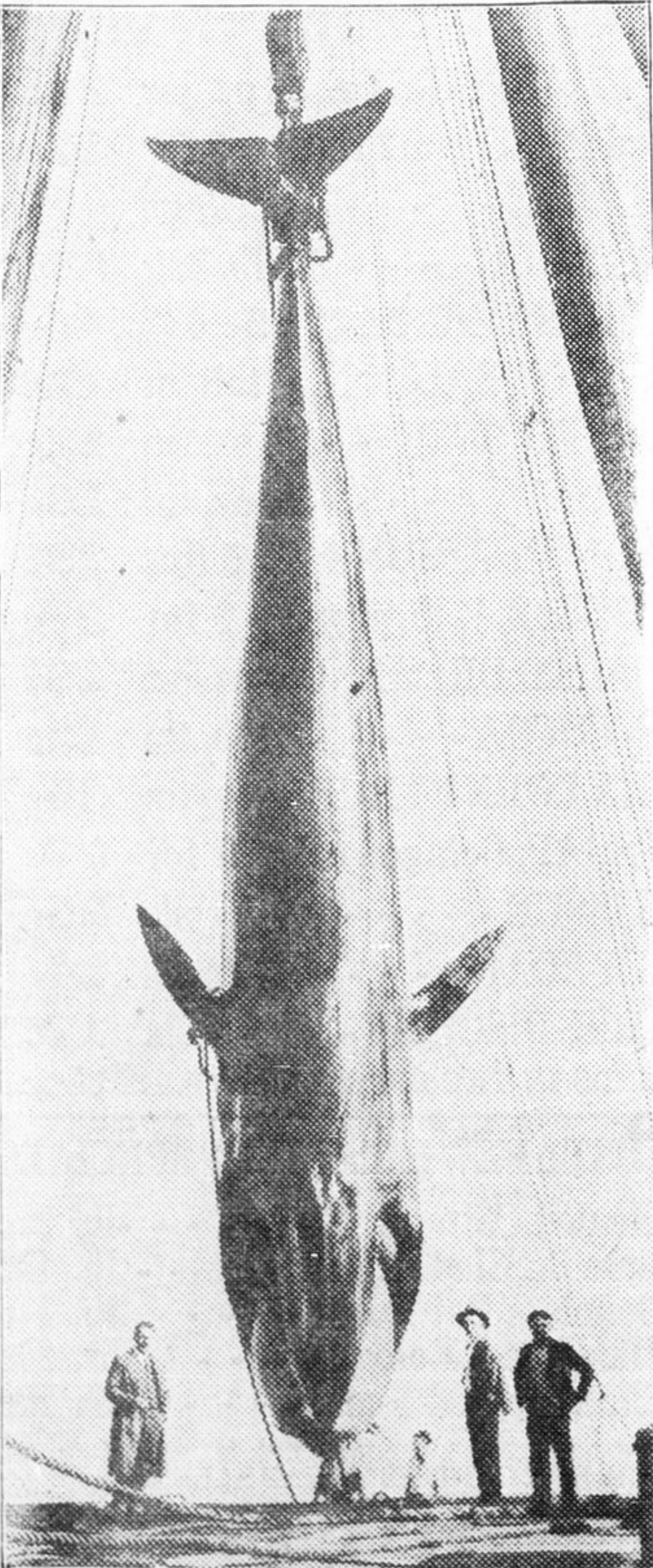
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