

## Chinese Pirates Taken By British

Bloody Battle Fought on Passenger Craft Before Destroyers Come

Hong Kong.—The British steamer Haiching, en route from Swatow to Hong Kong with Chinese passengers, was attacked off Chalang Point recently by pirates who set the vessel afire. The crew beat off the outlaws and completed the voyage.

The crew waged a bloody battle with the pirates. Twelve persons were killed and about 60 native passengers leaped overboard and were drowned. The steamer reached here with its super-structure partly burned away. Thirty-eight wounded buccaners were sent to the hospital where the condition of most of them was said to be serious. Others were brought ashore securely bound and thrown into jail. The ship was under escort by the British destroyers Sirdar and Sterling which had come to its aid.

The Haiching left Swatow for this city with 300 passengers, including an Englishman and three American women. Early in the morning 20 or 30 of the pirates who had shipped as passengers sprang upon the decks with bloodcurdling yells and attempted to seize the ship. They stormed the bridge, firing revolvers indiscriminately.

The bridge, however, was protected by barbed wire and the officers and Indian guards opened fire on the outlaws. A rapid exchange of shots forced the pirates to retire, although they had killed Third Officer Woodward.

Meanwhile, the young Chinese radio operator kept his head and sent out distress calls, which were picked up by the destroyer Sterling. While the destroyer, under full steam, was speeding to the rescue, the pirates used kerosene to set fire to the deck and bridge.



SECRETARY TO PREMIER Patrick Duff, C.E., C.V.O., recently appointed principal private secretary to Premier MacDonald of Great Britain.

## Trinity College, Toronto, Win Again

Enviably Record for This Historic College in Open Competition

The award of a Rhodes Scholarship for the Province of Ontario to Mr. Charles Herbert Little, of Trinity College, has directed attention to the fact that this is the fourth consecutive year in which Trinity College students have been selected as Rhodes Scholars.

Two Rhodes Scholarships are awarded each year in Ontario. The students of all universities are eligible as candidates. During the past four years, eight scholarships have been awarded in this province. Of these, no less than four have been given to Trinity College students. This is a unique record for any college, but especially for one as small as Trinity. There are only 190 men students registered in Trinity College, that is less than 5 per cent. of the men students registered in the universities of Ontario, while 50 per cent. of these scholarships have come to Trinity.

Mr. Escott Reid, Mr. Lynden Smith and Mr. George S. Cartwright, elected Rhodes Scholars in 1926, 1927 and 1928 respectively, are now studying at Oxford. They will be joined by Mr. C. H. Little, elected in 1929, next October. Mr. Escott Reid, has already won the highest honors at Oxford and been awarded two important scholarships there.

As is well known, the Rhodes Scholarships are awarded, in accordance with the will of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes, to the students showing the best scholarship, along with manliness and qualities of leadership.

### EXPECTATIONS

Truly we expect too much from life, like the blind men who made a long journey to go and listen to their God. They sat down on the steps of the Temple, and when anybody asked them what they were doing, they answered: "We are waiting, and God has not said a word." But they had not seen in the bronze gates of the temple were closed and they did not know that the voice of God filled the silence. Our God never ceases to speak to us, but nobody thinks of opening the gates. Mactorlak.

## V.C. Asphyxiated

After His Return Prince's Banquet

### HIS EXPLOIT

Death came insidiously by asphyxiation Sunday evening to Capt. George F. Kerr, V.C., of Toronto, who for three years had defied with impunity the bullets, bayonets and gas of the enemy and in so doing had won the highest honor in the gift of the British crown—the Victoria Cross.

Capt. Kerr returned a short time ago from England after three weeks of homage and hospitality as the guest of the Prince of Wales.

He was found unconscious by his wife, seated in the family auto in the garage at the rear of the house, 38 Cheltenham Avenue, at about six o'clock on Sunday evening. Apparently he had been reading a magazine as he ran the engine to warm it up and the doors had blown shut, preventing the escape of deadly carbon monoxide from the exhaust.

Police were immediately called. When they arrived Capt. Kerr was already dead. He had gone to the garage at about three o'clock to warm up the car, for his wife was to drive him to the station to meet a train from New York.

After three hours had passed and he had not returned to the house, Mrs. Kerr became anxious and went out to the garage to investigate. Her phone call brought P.C.'s Brown, 9; Stillwell, 536; and Ramsay, 643, to the scene. Attempts at resuscitation were considered useless.

Capt. Kerr was 35 years of age. He leaves his wife and two daughters, Mary Louise, age 4 and a half, and Janet, age two.

Captured Four Machine Guns The daring exploit which won Capt. Kerr his Victoria Cross—capturing single-handed four enemy machine guns and 31 prisoners—was the third display of bravery in less than two months which won him a war decoration, and two years previously he had won his military medal.

In August, 1918, a conspicuous display of coolness and courage won him the award of the Military Cross and a similar incident less than a month later resulted in an extra bar being added to the M.C. Then, on Sept. 27, came the heroic action which culminated later in the pinning on his breast of the little bronze cross with its breast testimony, "For Valor."

The official citation is bare of details, but it gives the essential points and leaves no doubt of the merits of the V.C. or its worthiness of the coveted V.C. It says:

"He displayed the most conspicuous bravery and leadership during the Burlon Wood operations on Sept. 27, 1918, when in command of the left supporting company in the attack. He handled his company with great skill and gave timely support by outflanking a machine gun which was impeding the advance."

Rushed Strong Point Later near the Arras-Cambrai road the advance was again held up by a strong point. Lieutenant Kerr, far in advance of his company, rushed this strong point single-handed, and captured four machine guns and 31 prisoners. His valor throughout this engagement was inspiring to all."

## Quebec Trying To Eliminate Bear Nuisance

Bounty of \$2,760 Paid for Killing of 184 Bears in Few Months

Quebec.—One hundred and eighty-four bears, on which bounty of \$2,760 has been paid, have fallen in the province of Quebec before the rifles and traps of farmers of this province during the past few months, or ever since the bounty of fifteen dollars per bear was put into force again owing to the damage wrought by Bruin to the sheep industry of the province, as well as to agriculture in general.

The Lake St. John district leads the way with the largest number of bears killed while Saguenay county come second and Charlevoix third. Frontenac and Terrebonne also figured prominently in the bear crop.

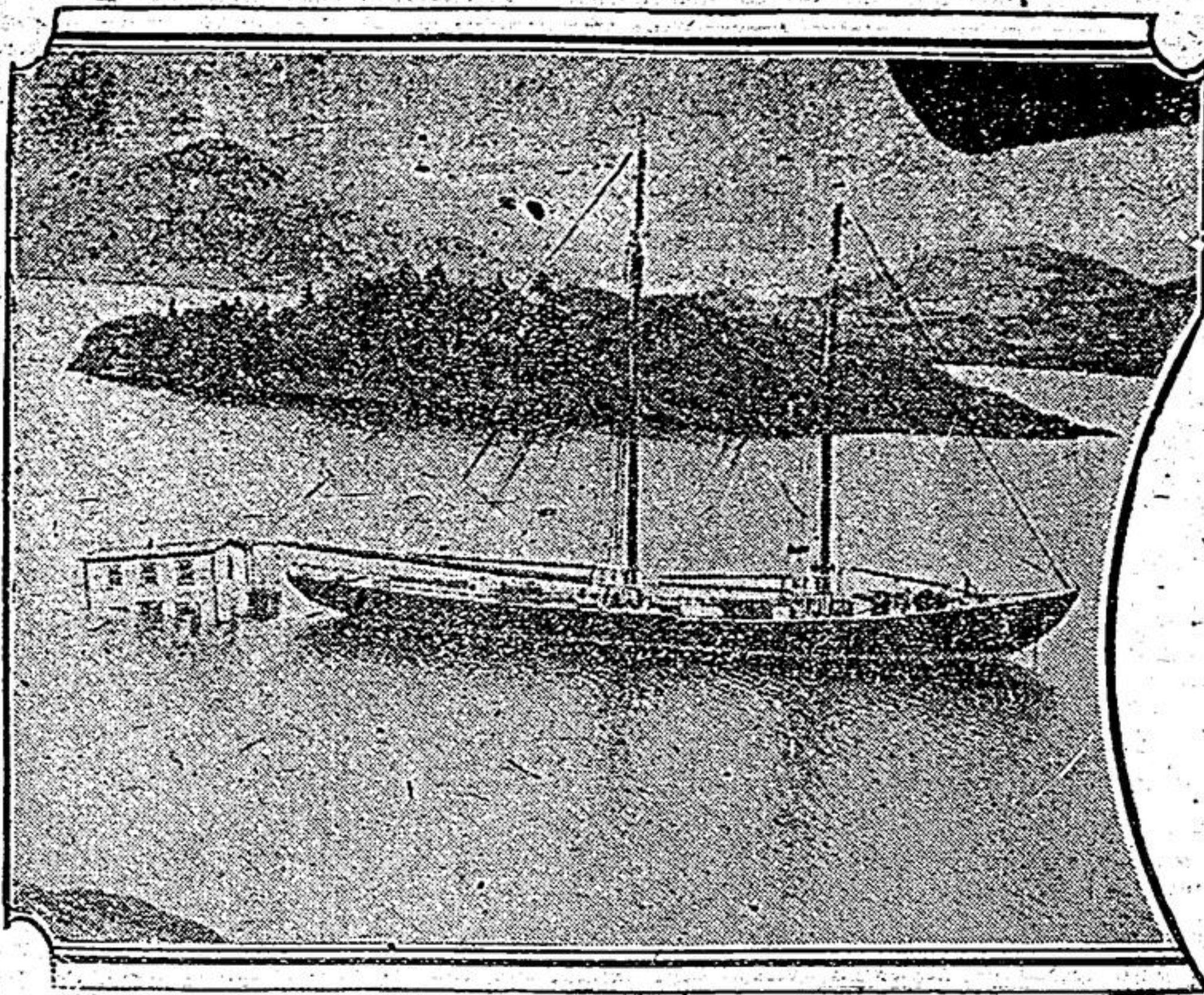
This bounty of fifteen dollars per bear was rescinded last year, on account of abuses which had been reported in 1927, but was re-established during August at the request of the Department of Agriculture, following complaints from farmers that their flocks of sheep were being worried and attacked by bears.

In order to prevent an abuse, however, several new regulations were introduced, among them being the fact that the hunter had to produce proof that the bear had been killed in a certain place. Another new factor is that the municipality wherein the bear is killed has to contribute one dollar of the bounty, while the ears and tail of the slain animal are to be destroyed ere the bounty is paid out.

### HISTORY

Histories make men wise; poets, witty; the mathematic, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; morals, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend. Bacon.

## An Unusual Story of Recent Tidal Wave Havoc



FISHING SCHOONER PLYING A STRANGE TRADE

Salvage is not uncommon on the sea but for a house to be rescued from the waves and brought home to safety is what happened at Burlin, Newfoundland, after the coast had been devastated by the tidal wave.

## Owl Laffs

"When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."—St. Matthew.

This custom of giving love gifts at Christmas time has continued through out the centuries. It is a beautiful custom, this giving of gifts and drawing together of our loved ones and friends. If you would be happy and enjoy this day of days, think not of yourself, but of others. Make an effort to brighten the life of some unfortunate, and the day will bring you many happy returns.

"Christmas Day has come at last, And I am glad 'tis here; For, don't you think, for this one day I've waited just a year."

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

The Christmas spirit once more envelops us in its atmosphere of peace, good will and affection. It draws new friends closer and makes old friends dearer. The best that we are and the best that we have take on new life and meaning. Friendship, lives, Charity gives, Love forgives. And as we wish for you the old wish, "A Merry Christmas," shall we not hope that our wish has caught the truest spirit of the season and so brings a little more of good cheer and happiness to you and to yours at this glad time.

### Christmas at Nazareth

In the house at Nazareth, year by year, A feast was spread for the Christ-child, dear; There were gay little takes by the Mother made; And a late, bright flower at the Boy's place laid.

Joseph in his kind voice, would say, "Taller and taller He grows, each day."

But the Mother, with shadows in her clear eyes, Would whisper, "Daily He grows more wise."

The years sped by at Nazareth; They seemed no more than a passing

breath, Till, counting her memories, one by one, Mary, the Mother, watched alone.

She marked the turn of the Christmas hour With a little cake, and a late, bright flower, Seeing what no one else could see— For at her table there still were three.

May the love of Christmas time be with you.

Let us think of Christmas only in terms of love. Touch the fabric of its mystic story and we find ourselves enthralled by its spell. And in its warp and woof is woven a colorful masterpiece—a picture too great for even a Raphael to portray with justice.

Yet it is only the simple story of love. Deep snows and jingling sleigh bells are not typical of Christmas. Toys and tinsel but represent, the superficial side. Feasting does not speak any of its holiness or its sweetness.

Love! This is Christmas! Something that kindles the spark within us; that peculiar flash which makes the whole world one's kin. No, we have never really seen Christmas. We must feel it!

It is good to relax from the strain and stress of the work-a-day world; to take a moment apart from current concerns and daily duties—and welcome the Christmas Spirit, bringing a wealth of enriching thoughts which mellow the mind and nourish the soul. Ennobling sentiment.

It is good to thrill to the fantastical influences of Christmas— that "makes us all boys again just for to night"— childhood's laughter, happiness, surprises, fairy-fancies, anticipations, twinkling trees and jingling bells, old Santy and his span of deer, even unto the chimney story.

Inspiring youthfulness. In the spirit of the season do we wish that every wholesome and light-hearted impulse be yours this Christmas. And sincerely from the heart, "Everybody at our place extends to everybody at your place the sentiments of the Psalm which sings:

"Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."

## Auto Licenses in Ontario Cheaper

Small Car Owners Will Pay \$5, Others \$10, For Ensuing Year

Toronto.—Motorists this month will feel the benefit of the Ontario Government's \$2,000,000 reduction in the motor license fees. The 1930 licenses and markers will be ready about December 15. Owners of four-cylinder cars and the lighter sixes will pay only \$5 this year for their licenses.

Motorists driving cars of from 25 to 35 horse-power will pay \$10 for their licenses. Under the new system of prefating marker numbers with letters indicating the car's origin, Ottawa has been allotted the letters A. B. and C. No license numeral will exceed the number 9,999.

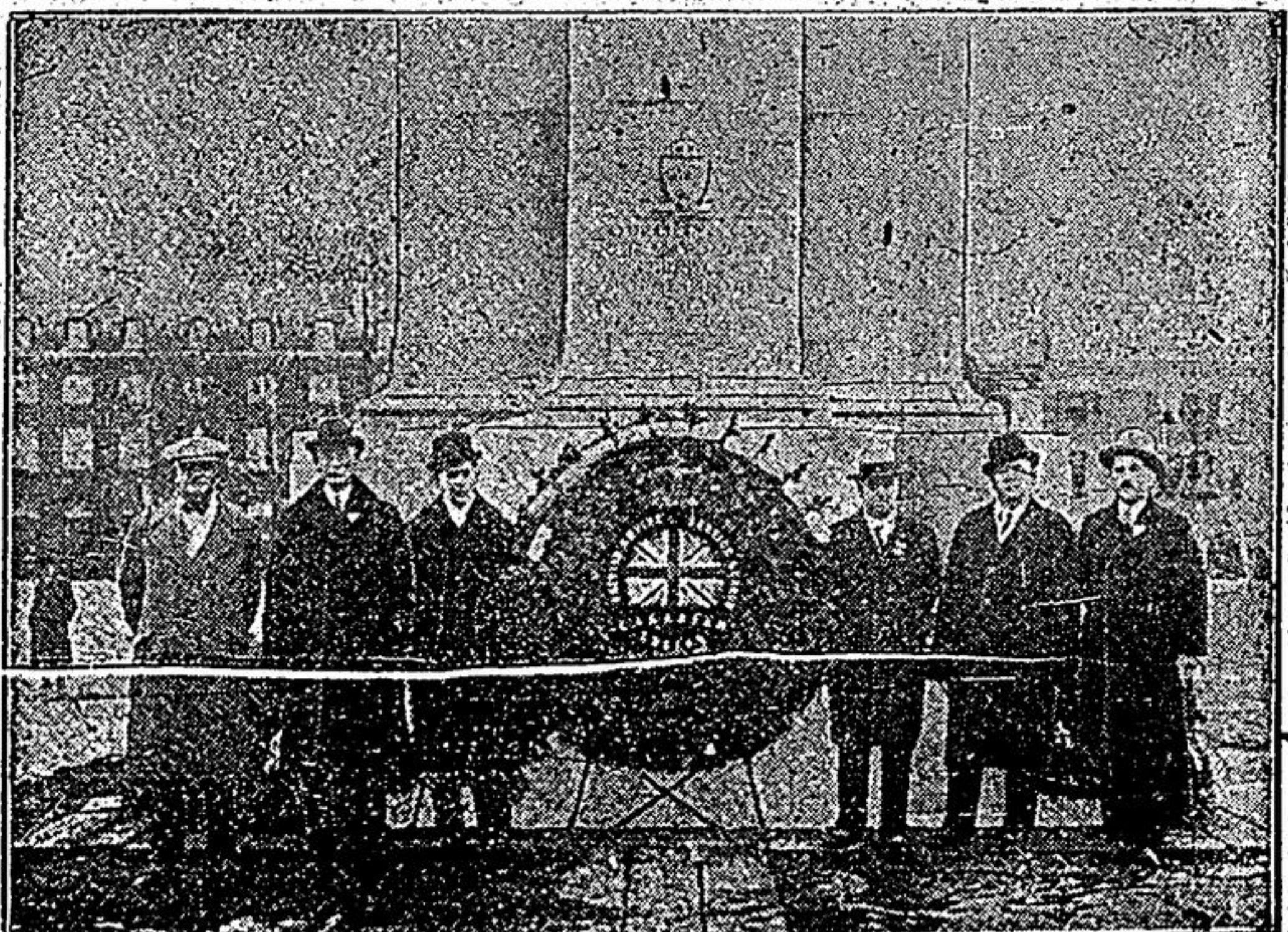
### Commercial Airships

London Daily Herald (Lab.): The present problem is whether or not airships, from a civilian standpoint, are a "commercial proposition." The affirmative has still to be proved, after making due allowance for the anti-airship school of thought. It is true that the Graf Zeppelin has flown round the world, and that should answer the "It can't be done" critics. But there remains the fact that her crew, mindful of the limitations of their craft, have displayed decided antipathy to her projected Polar flight. That is not to say that she, or her British counterparts, could not surmount the difficulties ahead. But it does suggest that—and here, one may be sure, the staunchest supporters of airships would agree—the problem is not yet solved.

### NATURE

To act in obedience to the hidden precepts of Nature—that is rest; and in this special case, since man is meant to be an intelligent creature, the more intelligent his acts are, the more he finds repose in them. When a child acts only in a disorderly, disconnected manner, his nervous force is under a great strain; while, on the other hand, his nervous energy is positively increased and multiplied by intelligent actions.

## Those Who Planned for Veterans Future This Year



CANADIAN LEGION OFFICIALS AT THE REGINA DOMINION CONVENTION

Delegates attending third annual convention of Canadian Legion in Regina, Saskatchewan, paraded to Cenotaph in Victoria Park and placed wreath. Left to right: A. E. Moore, Sir Percy Lake, Sir Richard Turned, Lt. Col. James McCa, Sgt. Major James Robinson, and Col. J. L. LaFleche.

## Terrific Storm Batters Europe

British Seamanship and Courage Has Ample Chance to Manifest Itself as Coast Line Suffers

London.—From the southernmost tip of Portugal to the northernmost tip of Denmark, and more especially the shores of England, staggering under the unparalleled savagery of a hurricane which roared out of the southwestern seas several days ago, all of eastern Europe is beginning laboriously to count, as far as can be counted, the toll of disaster.

Wind which reached as high a velocity as 140 miles an hour has strewn the coasts of Portugal, France and Britain with the battered wreckage of half a hundred ships, has destroyed homes and buildings far inland and taken lives incalculable.

The storm is still raging with diminished violence—but the god of the winds is merely stepping back a trifle for another leap ahead according to air ministry reports forecasting further tempests.

### TALES OF HEROISM

From out of the welter of wreck and disaster, with at least a hundred lives snuffed out at sea, stories of heroism, of crews saved at incredible risk, are beginning to trick. Many of them, though fragmentary, already reveal that when the full tale is told, a new chapter will have been added to the historic record of the highest traditions of British seamanship and courage immortalized by Kipling's:

"We'll strive our best to the sea's unrest To the shark and the shearing gull—"

If blood be the price of admiralty, Lord God, we ha' paid in full. More than 50 ships bound to or from the ports of Britain have suffered damage, wreck or distress.

Of 40 specifically reported to-night, 20 are listed as "in distress," 13 are ashore with varying loss of life; seven are sunk, abandoned, or have vanished after sending S.O.S. signals.

Twenty-one members of the crew of one ship, sixteen members of the crew of another, are definitely known to have been lost as the ships foundered; at least eight are known to have been killed inland by flying chimneys and roofs—and the counting of the toll is only beginning.

The velocity of the wind is declared by the weather bureau to have been greater than any ever previously recorded in England.

All down the coast of France and Spain and Portugal a similar tale is told, though the main brunt of the storm fury seems to have been vented upon the British Isles.

Telegraph and telephone service between Italy, France and Spain was interrupted as a result of the storm. American cable companies operating in France announced serious delays between Paris and New York owing to wires being blown down on land.

## Big Increase in Canadian Trade

Figures for 12 months Show Jump to \$2,611,453,000

Ottawa.—Canadian trade in the 12 months ending October 31, climbed to \$2,611,453,000. This was an advance of \$9,529,000 over the preceding 12 months. The acceleration is more notable from the fact that exports of grain and its products were down to \$431,228,000 from \$549,570,000. Imports for consumption in the 12 months were \$1,303,451,000, an increase of \$101,000,000. Domestic export amounted to \$1,307,927,000, a decrease of \$51,000,000.

Agricultural and vegetable products remained the chief item of exports, at \$524,828,000. Exports of wood and paper totalled \$294,917,000 and animal products \$146,629,000. Iron and its products constituted the leading import item, at \$348,650,000. Agricultural and vegetable products were imported to the extent of \$232,757,000 and fibres and textiles, \$204,793,000. Figures have been made available at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

## Buying of Empire Goods on Increase

Foodstuffs Demand in Britain Exceeds Supplies from Dominions

Toronto.—So effective have been the efforts to promote buying of Empire goods in the British Isles that now the demand for foodstuffs actually exceeds the supply from the Dominions, said W. A. Wilson, agricultural products representative for Canada in Great Britain, in an interview here.

Business men, importers, wholesalers and large retailers of foodstuffs in Great Britain, who are desirous of doing what they can to correct the economic situation in favor of the Empire, are coming to the conclusion, said Mr. Wilson, that the remedy largely lies in the inauguration of a policy of greater production of agricultural goods within the Empire.

### TEMPER

A man who cannot command his temper should not think of being a man of business.

## Quebec Officers Chase Bootleggers

Automobiles, Yachts and Schooners Also Gathered in From Haunts of Bootleggers—Officials Believe Illegal Sale of Canadian Whiskey About Stamped Out in Province

### Gaspe Rum Runners

Quebec.—Life for the bootlegger and rum-runner in the province of Quebec has become hard and hazardous, for during the course of three months alone, from August to October sleuths of the Quebec Liquor Commission have seized some 35,000 gallons of liquor, on which the excise duty alone is valued at ten dollars per gallon, this forming a total of \$350,000, in addition to automobiles, yachts and schooners, and various other conveyances used in the illegal transportation of the smuggled liquor.

Unceasing activity on the part of Quebec Liquor Commission operatives has driven rum-runners to cover generally throughout the province, and while there are still cases where very small quantities of liquor are involved, the big fellows have apparently left Quebec for more hospitable climes.

Last year the Gaspe coast was reported as a haven for rum-runners, but a strict watch was maintained there this year, and the result is that liquor, except the legitimate Quebec Liquor Commission stuff, is so hard to get that it is practically non-existent.

The largest haul made during the year was near St. Catherine's Bay, not a great distance from Quebec, where 10,000 gallons was discovered scattered around in one and two gallon containers, hidden in abandoned boats, in fissures in the rocks and in the most unlikely looking places.

This load was placed upon a schooner, and eventually brought to Quebec, although Quebec Liquor Commission inspectors had to maintain watch twenty-four hours per day in order to prevent any helping themselves.

Another big load was made right within the limits of the city of Quebec, when the schooner, A. Renaud, was seized with 5,000 gallons on board. The liquor was confiscated, and the skipper of the vessel, Capt. Castongay, paid his thousand dollar fine.

In addition to all the liquor, which is turned over to the Customs as fast as it is taken by Q. L. C. officials, activities against bootleggers have netted the Government about thirty automobiles, of all kinds and makes, as well as yachts and schooners.

Recently the largest bottling plant ever discovered in the province of Quebec was raided near Notre Dame du Lac, and demolished. The plant contained three or four electric bottling machines, hundreds of cases of choice liquors, Johnny Walker, John Haig, etc., gin of all kinds, and various other liquors, vast boxes of caps for the bottles, thousands of empty bottles, labels galore, and in fact everything that goes with a bottling plant, and involved the expenditure of a considerable sum of money on the part of the people connected with it.

All their labor and money was wasted, however, for the liquor is in the customs warehouse, while the remainder of the plant is in Quebec.

People at the head of the Q. L. C. detective service voice the opinion that the season has been a particularly good one for them, and think that they have done their share in the stamping out of rum-running in the province of Quebec, the majority of which was not real rum-running, but the illegal sale of Canadian liquors.

## Detroit Tunnel To Be Well Handled

Tube to Canada to be Opened Next Year

Detroit.—With the \$25,000,000 tunnel which will connect this city with Windsor, Ont., now three-fourths complete, plans have been finished for handling traffic through this huge artery of travel. The tube, which extends under the Detroit River, will be opened to traffic next year.

Traffic in the Detroit tube will be handled according to the methods which have been found so successful in the Holland Tunnel at New York. Disabled cars will be removed with split-second dispatch, safeguarding every minute for the swiftly moving underground traffic expected.

The Detroit and Canada tunnel will be approximately a mile long between portals. It consists of a single passage way, thirty-five feet in overall diameter. The roadway is twenty-two feet wide, accommodating one lane of traffic in each direction and a lane to spare for emergency uses. Traffic capacity is estimated at 1,000 vehicles an hour in each direction.

New problems of air purification and ventilation have been met and conquered and engineers are confident that air in every section will be free from carbon monoxide gas.

### SELF-REVERENCE

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control, these three lead life to serene reign power.—Tracyson.