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STILL RULES THE WAVES

Great Britain Holds First Place in Sea Power.

UNITED STATES SELLING

Its Merchant Marine Fleet, Which Operated At a Great Loss.

London, March 3.—A report from America that the United States Shipping Board has, through the emergency fleet corporation, asked for bids for the merchant marine fleet is taken as a cause for exultation in this country.

It is generally interpreted as the end of an American mercantile marine of large enough proportions to compare with the British. The American government's shipping accounts for the last seven years are estimated as showing a loss as high as \$5,000,000,000.

"When the war ended," says the Evening Standard "virtually all Americans believed they were going to establish a great merchant navy, and Congress in 1920 passed a law deliberately aimed at ousting us from our position as the first maritime carrying power. Just as they thought, money meant commercial dominion, so they made the mistake of thinking ships meant a mercantile marine. In both cases the process of awakening has been bitter and expensive."

However, the Standard adds, America's efforts to sell her fleet will not mean the end of a costly adventure, because adequate bids are not likely to be forthcoming. "Only about one-third of the American vessels are in commission," the newspaper continues, "and these are run at a loss of between \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year. The remainder must now have sunk to about their break-up value."

"The enterprise has proved the most disastrous in shipping history, and Great Britain's supremacy is now unchallenged," says the Daily News. The Daily Express declares: "If an open secret that the American government has merely been running these vessels until it could find a suitable buyer. The loss has been estimated at \$1,250,000 weekly."

DANISH EMPLOYERS MAY LOOK OUT MEN

40,000 Likely to Be Made Workless Because of Labor Threats.

London, March 3.—Extensive lock-outs, affecting about 40,000 men, are to be declared shortly by the Danish Employers' Union, according to special despatches from Copenhagen. The lockouts, the majority of which are set for March 8th, involve the metal workers, bricklayers, masons, lithographers and many branches of unskilled labor.

A declaration issued by the Employers' Union says that, notwithstanding the renewal of many trade agreements, they find it impossible to continue operations in the face of persistent threats against the labor peace. The textile workers have given notice of a strike, to begin next Monday, involving 10,000 persons.

QUEBEC RELEASES 200 CITY EMPLOYEES

Action Follows the Legislature's Out in City's Borrowing Powers.

Quebec, March 3.—Borrowing powers of the city of Quebec, having been cut down from \$1,300,000 to \$500,000 by the legislature Friday, Mayor Samson notified two hundred non-permanent civic employees that their services were no longer required.

Mayor Samson, in explaining his move, stated that as a result of Premier Taschereau's statements that the mayor and the aldermen of the city of Quebec could be immediately disqualified and liable to a fine of \$500 each, for expending more money than legally authorized, City Treasurer Verge, who also falls under the same civil responsibility, refused to pay any more wages from Sunday.

Henri Miron, a Paris dentist, was ordered to pay a woman patient \$5,000 for kissing her and to serve six months in jail.

SEVEN MORE SMALLPOX DEATHS AT WINDSOR

Windsor, March 3.—The small pox epidemic has reached the high level of seven deaths in the past two days. Forty-two cases are under observation.

THE NAPLES GRAVE DIGGERS ON STRIKE

Naples, March 3.—The grave diggers of Naples are on strike for increased pay and extra allowances because of the high cost of living.

Claims Modernist Dispute Reason for Divorce Suit

New York, March 3.—Controversy between his wife, who he says is a religious modernist, and himself, a fundamentalist, is the real reason for the divorce suit brought against William H. Griffin, New York clubman and member of the law firm of Loucks, Griffin, Connett & Cullen. Mr. Griffin declared in papers filed with the appellate division.

Alimony of \$750 a month granted Mrs. Griffin by Supreme Court Justice Ford was reduced to \$500 on Griffin's application.

Mrs. Griffin names in her suit a woman whom she alleges Griffin met in an Atlantic City hotel last April.

Pinched Peer Compelled to Sell His Life Insurance

London, March 3.—High taxation has caused the split-up of big estates and the auctioning of works of art, but up to the present it has not much affected the more personal effects of the once-wealthy.

The announcement is made, however, that a British peer, whose name is not disclosed, has decided to part with insurance policies amounting to \$1,600,000 and these will be sold at auction.

PROBING THE MYSTERY OF BRIDE'S DISAPPEARANCE

Girl From a Convent Reported by Her Husband to Have Died.

Hamilton, March 3.—Hamilton police, in conjunction with the American authorities, are endeavoring to solve the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Cyril Condon, a recent graduate of Lorretta convent.

Upon graduating, the young woman, whose maiden name was Viola Hooper, expressed the intention of taking the veil in London. A few days after leaving the convent she met Condon. After a whirlwind courtship of two days' duration the couple eloped and were married by Rev. Dr. Renison. They boarded an evening train for New York and left information that after a few days' stay there they would leave for California.

A week elapsed. Then the girl's mother received a letter saying that she was enjoying the best of health. The following day a telegram came from the 22-year-old husband, stating that his girl-wife had died suddenly.

The information was placed in the hands of Chief Smith, of Burlington, where the girl's parents reside. He left hurriedly for California.

In a telegram received here today, Chief Smith states that he has found no record of the death of Mrs. Condon in California, and added that he had learned that the young husband had left California.

CARBON MONOXIDE FUMES END LIFE OF COL. GEORGE

In His Garage at Toronto—Deceased Was Born in Kingston.

Toronto, March 3.—Overcome by carbon monoxide fumes from the engine of his motor car while alone in his garage, Colonel James George, of 36 Maple avenue, chartered accountant, well known also in military and literary circles in Toronto, was found dead last night. Col. George was last seen alive by members of his family about 5.30 o'clock when he was observed to be going toward the garage. As it was thought that he had gone motoring, no alarm was felt about his non-appearance for more than two hours.

His daughter, Mildred, then went to the garage, and found her father lying there lifeless. The garage had been kept tightly shut for some time.

The late Col. George was in his sixty-sixth year. He was born in Kingston, Ont., and was the son of the late Rev. James George, a vice-chancellor of Queen's university.

Fielding's Brother Retires

Halifax, N.S., March 3.—Stipendiary Magistrate George H. Fielding, who has presided over the police court in this city for nearly thirty years, notified Mayor Murphy, Saturday, that he would retire shortly. He is a brother of Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance.

Miss Dorothea Sharp, 389 Brantwick avenue, Toronto, has been chosen as the winner of the Dominion Federation of University Women's Travelling Fellowship for the academic year, 1924-25.

AN EXPLOSION KILLS TWENTY

TNT Plant At Camp Raritan, New Jersey, Demolished.

MANY BUILDINGS DAMAGED

In the Settlement Itself Every Structure Was Wrecked—The Rescue.

New York, March 3.—Twenty persons were killed, 100 injured and the entire plant of the Nixon (N.J.) nitration works destroyed Saturday when a terrific explosion in the TNT plant took place adjoining Camp Raritan.

Eighteen men were doing repair work on the roof of the building when the explosion occurred, and insofar as can be learned, none of them has been seen since.

Seventy-five persons are understood to have been working in the structure at the time of the catastrophe.

The building in which the explosion occurred was a brick structure about 800 feet long and 200 feet wide. The building was literally ripped apart, debris was thrown for hundreds of yards.

A great sheet of flame shot from the building burning debris dropping down on nearby wooden structures which had been partially destroyed by the blast. That in which cellulose products were made was quickly a mass of flames and fire began to take hold in other buildings.

Whole Country to Rescue

Meantime the whole countryside turned out in every sort of vehicle to assist in the rescue work. The roads became a great confusion of automobiles, ambulances, fire wagons and pedestrians, all milling around in the mud and water.

Men and women employees who were fortunate enough to escape death staggered out from the blinding, billowing smoke which hid the burning structures. Many of them were wounded, several with most of their clothes burned or torn off.

They were all of them black from head to foot.

They were helped to hospitals or homes by the townsfolk, who also were active with first aid until physicians arrived from Camp Raritan and neighboring cities.

Nearly homes of 150 workmen were wrecked by the explosion.

The explosion was felt throughout the countryside and was heard over a wide area. Windows were shattered in towns ten miles distant. Flying embers from the fire ignited clumps of trees and farm buildings. In the settlement itself the explosion and fires wrecked every structure.

The hollow in which the nitrate plant, built for war work, lies was nothing more than a pit of fire at 4 o'clock.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

Montreal Corporation headquarters looted by armed bandits.

Moscow Red International formulates campaign for world conquest.

German Bank of Issue, proposed by experts, to be located in Switzerland.

Congress recommends to provide over \$18,000,000 to enforce prohibition.

One of every four widows receiving pensions has remarried, the British pension officials report.

President Reynolds of O.A.C. states that fifty-four out of every 100 ex-students return to farm.

General manager of Massey-Harris Company predicts depression of industry if duty on farm implements is cut.

Percy Tate, yardmaster for the Algoma Central Railway at Sault Ste. Marie, was instantly killed in the Steeltown yards Saturday when he slipped under the wheels of a car.

Fine Traffic Predicted

Winnipeg, March 3.—Wood pulp and newspaper mills throughout Canada are continually increasing their output and while the recent heavy snowstorms have somewhat slowed up traffic, the C.P.R. company is looking forward to a particularly heavy spring and summer movement. Another heavy increase in rail traffic, during the coming summer, will be brought about by the amount of grain which has yet to be moved.

War Veteran Dies

Prescott, March 3.—Lawrence Kavanagh, a returned soldier, son of John Kavanagh, Cardinal, died at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, where he was receiving treatment. He is survived by his wife and one child.

C. R. McKeown, M.P.P., complains that his son is refused permission to repeat year at Toronto University.

THE CALIPH'S HAREM LEAVING TURKEY

Constantinople, March 3.—All the members of the caliph's harem are expected to sail for Alexandria on March 15th, in consequence of a movement for the abolition of the caliphate. Prince Orchin, grandson of the late Sultan Abdul Hamid, and student at Robert college, is on the list of those to be expelled.

PRODUCTIVE OF EVIL IN OUR FAMILIES

Mgr. Campeau, Ottawa, Speaks of Immoral Dress and Lewd Dances

Ottawa, March 3.—"Would it not be proper for us to avail ourselves during this holy season of the opportunity to react against immorality in dress, lascivious dances and intemperance, all of which are productive of so much evil in our Christian families? This exhortation is embodied in the circular forwarded to the clergy of Ottawa diocese by Manager L. H. Campeau, administrator of the diocese.

FOUND RIDING A TENDER.

Boy "Beating His Way" to Father at New Westminster, B.C.

Ottawa, March 3.—Jed Embree, aged fifteen, who told the police that he was "beating his way" to join his father at New Westminster, B.C., was found riding a tender of the engine on the Imperial Limited here early this morning. He stated that his married brother at Port Hawkesbury, with whom he had been living, had turned him out of his home.

THE LENTEN PASTORAL OF CARDINAL MERCIER

Scores Germany for Evil Determination Not to Pay the Allies.

Brussels, March 3.—Cardinal Mercier, Belgium's heroic war cardinal, has issued a pastoral in which he alludes frequently to after-war disappointments, including the impoverishment of Europe and the gathering of immense fortunes by profiteers. He scores Germany for her "evil determination" not to pay the allies, for organizing fictitious bankruptcy and for provoking economic perturbations.

NO STATEMENT YET INTO R.M.C. ENQUIRY

Cadets Have Testified—Major Arnold is Expected From New York.

No official word can be learned of the present stage of the proceedings of the board of inquiry appointed by the department of militia and defence, to inquire into why Cadet Florent Arnold absented himself from the Royal Military College. The board has been sitting at the college, but its progress is not declared. It is believed the board has called certain cadets of the college before them and testimony has been taken of events leading up to Cadet Arnold's departure. The nature of this evidence is not learned.

Major Arnold's letter which requested an open inquiry into the case has, it is said, been forwarded to the militia department, Ottawa, for consideration and decision in this regard, is expected, Major Arnold arrived from New York Monday afternoon with his son.

Hotel Proposition Before City Council Tuesday Night

It was announced on Monday forenoon that a special meeting of the city council would be held on Tuesday evening to discuss the hotel proposition.

The regular meeting of the city council will be held tonight.

POWER YACHT SEIZED

Abandoned With Ram Cargo After Eluding N.Y. Police.

New York, March 3.—A power yacht, named the Monoc, valued at \$100,000 and capable of making 40 miles an hour, eluded five police speedboats yesterday after a vicarious chase during which scores of shots were fired as the boat sped from Quarantine up the harbor. The Monoc was abandoned under the shadow of Brooklyn bridge and was later seized by the police together with a quantity of liquor.

Princess Louise of Belgium, who fled from a loveless marriage to live in exile and poverty with Count Matlach over twenty years ago, is dead in Brussels.

King George is confined to Buckingham palace suffering from a cold. He has cancelled important engagements.

Prince Masayuki Matsukata, whose death was announced in Tokio on Saturday, is alive, with a chance for recovery.

THE COMMONS MEETS AGAIN

The Speech From the Throne Under Consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORKE

Promising Support to King Government Main Topic of Discussion.

Ottawa, March 3.—The House of Commons gets down to business this afternoon with the opening of the debate on the address. The motion for the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by F. L. Kelly, Liberal Cape Breton north, and will be seconded by E. A. Lapierre, Liberal of Nipissing. After the formal speeches have been delivered, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Opposition, will give the key note for the Conservatives. These three speeches are expected to occupy most of the afternoon, and Prime Minister King is scheduled to reply in the evening.

The length of the debate is as yet unsettled, but it is generally expected that it will run into next week. Over the week-end the main topic of political discussion was the announcement from Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives, to the Manitoba Free Press that he would support the government if the promise of tariff reductions in the King's speech should be carried out.

LUSITANIA CLAIMS

The Life Insurance Companies File Brief For Argument.

Toronto, March 3.—World-wide interest will be taken in the announcement that there will soon be heard before the Mixed Claims Commission at Washington, argument on the claims growing out of the payment of life insurance proceeds as a result of the Lusitania disaster, as the American companies have filed their brief in the case.

Counsel for the Germans is expected to file an answer to the brief any day, after eight years of evasion.

The companies promptly paid the insurance moneys to the beneficiaries, but filed claim with the United States government for damages to cover a loss sustained under such circumstances.

Many Canadians were insured in their own companies, and much needed funds were paid out to widows and children who were fortunately protected.

INSULIN PRICE CUT

New Water Process Devised in London Being Employed.

London, March 3.—The finance committee of Middlesex Hospital and Medical School state that the cost of the preparation of insulin have been so reduced by the employment of a new water process devised by Dr. Dods and Dickens, now being used by the bio-chemical department of the Bland-Sutton Institute of Pathology, that they are able to greatly reduce the price to the hospital.

An immediate reduction to something under two shillings is recommended after allowing for a margin of profit.

The committee confidently anticipates that a further substantial reduction of the price will be possible. This insulin is being supplied only to the hospital and for experimental purposes.

OFFER BY "RAINMAKER"

San Bernardino is Asked \$1,000 an Inch by C. M. Hatfield.

San Bernardino, Cal., March 3.—Terms of \$1,000 an inch for rain were offered Saturday to the board of supervisors by Charles M. Hatfield, the "rainmaker" who operated one season at Medicine Hat, Alberta. The supervisors will vote to-day on the petition of farmers that the county employ Hatfield.

Passport Fees Increased

Ottawa, March 3.—Persons who are planning to visit Europe during the coming spring and summer will find that they must pay more for their passports. On the 15th of this month, the fee in connection with the issue of passport will be advanced from two to five dollars, while the fee for renewal of passport, now one dollar, will be increased to two.

Grain Rates Are Reasonable

Washington, March 3.—Rates on grain moving into the southeastern quarter of the United States from the Mississippi Valley to the Atlantic coast are reasonable as they stand, it was decided to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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A LEAP DAY BABY.

Kingston has at least one Leap Day baby girl. At the city clerk's office on Monday forenoon it was learned that the birth of a baby girl had been recorded for Feb. 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. William John Harvey of Beverly street. The baby was born at the General Hospital.

COUSIN OF ROYALTY

Lieut. Leslie Blackburn Confirms Engagement to Actress.

London, March 3.—With reference to the reported engagement of Miss Lillian Smith, revue actress, to Lieut. Hon. Leslie Herbert Blackburn, son of Lord Blackburn, and a first cousin of H.R.H. the Duchess of York, the Evening Standard says that Lord Blackburn when asked as to his son's engagement, replied: "I know of no authority for publishing anything about the reported engagement."

On the other hand, Lieut. Leslie Blackburn himself, in an interview in the Evening Standard to-day, confirmed the report of his engagement to Miss Smith, the actress. When asked the question, he said: "Yes, most certainly I am engaged."

MENNONITE LAND CASE

Two Appeals Will Be Carried To Privy Council.

Regina, March 3.—Leave for the Mennonite Land Sales Company to carry two appeals in the famous Mennonite land case to the Privy Council was granted yesterday. The company seeks to offset a King's Bench order upheld in the Appeal Court cancelling the contract between the Mennonite colony trustees and their firm, and secondly, to offset an Appeal Court judgment preventing the registration of the company mortgages on 10,000 acres of the colony lands.

AUTO OF THE SAME TYPE AS ABBE DELORME DROVE

What Witness Swears He Saw Drive Opposite Gate of Cemetery.

Montreal, March 3.—The automobile he saw a priest driving opposite the gate to Cote des Neiges cemetery at two o'clock on the morning Raoul Delorme's body was found at Snowdon was of the same type as the Franklin brougham shown to him as Abbe Delorme's car, Edward Depocas, a new crown witness, whose evidence last Thursday caused a sensation, declared today when recalled at the resumed trial of the priest on the charge of murdering his half-brother.

REPORT ON CHIPPAWA

To Be Submitted to Ontario Legislature This Week.

Toronto, March 3.—Premier Ferguson stated Saturday that the report of the Gregory commission on Chippawa development and provincial affairs would be laid on the table of the house this week. The commission visited the premier Saturday, informing him that they had but a few corrections to make in the report, and that then it would be submitted. As soon as received the report will be brought before the members of the legislature. It will be a bulky report of many volumes. The Gregory commission was appointed by the Drury government.

Farmers of Renfrew county are protesting against the proposed reduction in the bounty paid from the provincial treasury for the killing of wolves. They hold that \$40 for each wolf killed is not too much.

The king and queen of Italy will visit Britain in the latter part of May. The king and queen of Rumania will also make a state visit, arriving about May 12th.

The ancient system of land leases in Hull, Que., is to be abolished. The owners must sell.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE TALBOY

On "Women and Reflections."

The DIFFERENCE between An UNINTERESTING WOMAN, And an INTERESTING ONE Is that the FORMER is Like a MAP but the Latter is—a COUNTRY.

When a GIRL is open and easy To read, LIKE A MAP. The FIRST thing a man notices Is the gay COLORING, Then the OUTLINE, And then he looks for The names of the BEAUTIES Famous for their QUALITY— But when a WOMAN is

A COUNTRY, every new comer Is a VISITOR, a STRANGER, A POTENTIAL PROSPECTOR— And has to PROVE his right. But a STRONG WOMAN is only As strong as NATURE, And, like Nature, she will Give back to MAN ONLY What he can make her YIELD; But THAT woman is A GLORIOUS FIGHTER, Of which the woman like A MAP is but a Pale, FLAT REFLECTION.