

FRAIL CRAFT CAPSIZES AND EIGHT OF CREW DROWNED

EIGHT WENT TO THEIR DEATH AMID DARKNESS AND STORM

The Tragic Story of How Crew of U.S. Coastguard Cutter Merrill One by One Lost Their Grip on Uprighted Boat--Young Engineer Alone Reached Shore.

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 17.—But for the stamina and endurance of a nineteen-year-old Bay City, Mich., boy, C. Taylor, engineer of the United States coast guard cutter Merrill, the story of how eight members of the crew of that steamer went to their death amid darkness and storm in Shelburne harbor last night, would never have been told.

Soon after their sailboat left shore for the ship anchored five miles out, the frail craft capsized, and one by one the seamen lost their grip of the overturned boat and went down. Young Taylor and another man, J. R. Shea, aged twenty-three, kept hold for three hours, until they felt the down-hung mast strike bottom. They decided to try to swim to shore. Shea gave out after a few strokes, and then came the hardest time of all for Taylor. Shea, in his dying struggle, grabbed Taylor, and the latter felt himself being dragged down. Shea was done for, however, and, as his numb fingers released, he disappeared, and Taylor was left free to struggle on towards shore.

After a supreme effort he reached the rocks, and was washed against them bruised and exhausted. He was finally able to scramble up through the bushes, and after walking some distance his cries were heard by a small boy, who took him to his home where he was put to bed.

The nine men came ashore to bring a sick man to hospital, but he was found not to be seriously ill and was being returned to the Merrill when death overtook the whole party with the exception of Taylor.

The bodies of seven of the eight men were recovered this morning.

A REORGANIZATION OF TRADE OFFICES

W. McL. Clarke Heads Commercial Intelligence Service—Changes Completed.

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—An extensive reorganization of the commercial intelligence service of Canada, including the appointment of W. McL. Clarke as head of the service, was announced to-day by Hon. Thomas A. Low, retiring Minister of Trade and Commerce. The changes will take effect at once and will mark the conclusion of a reorganization which has been proceeding since since 1923. The service is to-day staffed "almost entirely with young and specially trained men," according to the department's announcement.

A. E. Bryan, formerly commissioner in Japan, has been appointed inspector of the service. Several of the offices abroad were held by citizens of the country in which they were placed and not by Canadians or men familiar with Canada. Substantial changes have been made in these offices and men thoroughly conversant with Canadian business conditions sent to take these posts.

During the last two years the offices in Scandinavia have been placed under the trade commissioner in Germany and new offices opened in the Irish Free State. The Manchester office has been closed and a trade commissioner responsible for this territory has been placed in Liverpool working this section of England under the Liverpool commissioner. Stuart Bleakney is transferred from Brussels to Rio de Janeiro.

L. D. Wilgress, who is in charge of the German and Scandinavian offices, is given supervision over the possible development of Russian trade.

Mr. Bleakney is a Queen's University graduate and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Stuart, Kingston.

CLEAN-UP ON QUEBEC SIDE

J. T. Purcell and Squad Round Up Law Violators.

Pembroke, Nov. 17.—A clean-up is being made on the Quebec side of the Ottawa river, near Pembroke, by J. T. Purcell, Hull, provincial revenue collector, and nine men. At Portage du Fort, Alfred Ladouceur was found with five gallons of liquor. A hotel keeper at Portage is held on a charge of selling beer on Sunday, contrary to law. At Fort Coulonge a warrant was to have been served on Raoul Leterrie, who it is alleged sold a bottle of highwines. Leterrie made his escape before the warrant was served. The provincial officer and his squad left Hull on Saturday morning, and have covered considerable territory since then. They arrived here yesterday afternoon.

AIRSHIP EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE

Paris, Nov. 17.—The French navy department plans an expedition to the North Pole next spring, and a subsequent airplane flight from the Pole to New York City, it was announced today.

Princess Burned to Death By Explosion of Gasoline

Grosewarden, Hungary, Nov. 17.—Princess Ghika, wife of the Adjutant of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, was burned to death today when gasoline ignited while she was cleaning a pair of gloves. She was formerly the Russian Princess Rowowa, and was twenty-three years old.

BRUCE LEADS IN SENATE.

Will Have Majority of 27 in Lower Australian House. Melbourne, Nov. 17.—The Government leads in the Senate elections in all the states of the Commonwealth by an aggregate of 149,000 votes, so far as is known. A big majority for the Government is probable, but the returns are yet very incomplete.

In New South Wales, Albert Gardner, leader of the Opposition in the Senate, is 20,000 votes behind the Nationalist candidate. So far as can be judged by the incomplete returns, the House of Representatives will consist of 27 Nationalists, 24 Labor members and 14 members of the country party; thus the Government will have a majority of 27 in the new House.

CONSERVATIVES READY To Assume Office, Mr. Meighen Says at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Nov. 17.—"I do not speak the language of resentment or of bitterness. I speak only the language of truth when I say that never in the history of elections in this Dominion has a great party stooped to methods as did the Liberal party in the late campaign in the Province of Quebec," declared Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, speaking at a banquet given here last night by the Westworth Conservative Association, in honor of Gordon C. Wilson, member-elect for Westworth.

Mr. Meighen said the Conservative party stands ready to assume office.

WOLVES HARASSING GAME IN THE NORTH

Restoration of Bounty Urged to Reduce the Numbers of Depredators.

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—Reports from hunters who have returned from Northern Ontario and Quebec hunting grounds in the last few days are that wolves and foxes have united in a drive on bird and game life that has reached a very serious stage. Never were wolves and foxes so plentiful as now, the hunters say.

It is not an uncommon thing this year to see specimens of both quite near, which is most unusual. Tracks of the animals are seen frequently, and dead and half dead bucks show that the menace to the deer is real. Deer are plentiful but hard to get, and not in good condition for eating where wolves are after them. Hunters agree that the remarkable scarcity of partridge is due to the fox. Some hunters assert that in places where partridge were plentiful in former years they did not even see one this year.

The cutting of the bounty in Ontario is blamed for the increase in the number and boldness of wolves. They have not been harried and hunted as formerly. Hunters think that the larger Ontario bounty should be restored, and the Quebec bounty raised to equal it. It is also urged that steps be taken to encourage the park rangers to join in the fight to extinguish the wolves.

Canada Needs Million New Settlers, Says White

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 17.—Canada is confronted by great national problems, chief among them being the National Railways deficit and the heavy burden of taxation. But a million new settlers on Canadian soil would greatly help to solve them all, in the opinion of Sir Thomas White, former Finance Minister of Canada, expressed here yesterday before the dominion-wide conference of the boards of trade and chambers of commerce.

Accuse French of Trying To Foment Religious War

Beirut, Nov. 17.—A definite revolutionary movement appears to be developing from hitherto sporadic outbreaks against the French. Druse leaders accuse the French authorities of trying to foment a religious war.

Belgian Debt Settlement, Brussels, Nov. 17.—A bill calling for the ratification of the Belgian debt settlement, negotiated at Washington, was introduced in Belgian parliament today.

HIGHER PRICE FOR MILK IS TO BE ASKED

By the Milk Producers of the Kingston District.

WOULD RAISE QUART From Ten to Twelve Cents in City—A Milk Producers Association Is Formed.

At a meeting of the farmers of this district held in the Agricultural office Monday evening to discuss the prices being set by the wholesalers for milk, it was decided to re-organize the Milk Producers' Association, which existed here some time ago, and to make a bid for higher prices, namely, \$2.50 per hundred weight. Twenty milk producers were present, and all joined the Association. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and those present were of the opinion that they were not receiving a price that would net them any profit on their milk. The following officers were elected: President, J. McGrath; vice-president, J. Henderson; secretary, D. C. Rogers.

Mr. J. McGrath presided at the meeting, and in his opening remarks stated that all the milk producers were dissatisfied with the price now being paid and that all summer and this fall the cheese factories were paying them more for their milk than they received from the local dairies. He pointed out the cost of bringing the milk to the city and said that a higher price was being paid in other cities in Ontario. The speaker suggested that the old Association be formed here, that the farmers could unite and receive a better price.

To Canvas Producers.

It was decided to canvass the milk producers in the district and obtain more members. Mr. J. L. F. Sproule, acting secretary, said that the old Association had obtained better prices for the milk, but that a great many farmers, who were not members, sold their product at a lower price and the Association could not exist with this condition. Farmers present spoke of the heavy expense of producing milk and bringing it to the city and also of a number producing milk from cows living in stables not inspected according to law. They were of the opinion that they could not obtain any profit at the present price.

Reeve and Deputy Have Warm Clash

In Kingston Township Meeting Over Copies of the Provincial Audit.

A stormy passage took place between Reeve Graham and Deputy Reeve Cordukes at the regular meeting of the Kingston Township Council on Monday night. The deputy-revee introduced a resolution that the council pay a bill of \$12 for four typewritten copies of the provincial audit of the township books, which has recently been completed.

Reeve Graham demanded to know who had ordered the copies, and Deputy-Reeve Cordukes replied that he had. The reeve took the stand that all the township books were open to the scrutiny of the ratepayers at any time, and that the four extra copies of the report were an unnecessary expense. The deputy-revee declared that the books of the township could not be removed from the treasurer's office, and that the ratepayers under these conditions could not study them. He said that his idea was that any ratepayer could have one of the four extra copies of the report to take home and read and return it when he was through. He charged that Reeve Graham was opposed to having extra copies made because there was information in the report that the reeve did not wish to get out.

Reeve Graham indignantly denied this, and in turn charged that if the provincial audit had gone back to the time when Deputy-Reeve Cordukes was the auditor, more shortages would have been disclosed. This the deputy-revee denied.

The resolution to pay for the extra copies of the report was finally put to a vote of the council and carried.

ASSISTED MIGRATION.

Col. Amery Reviews Schemes and Quotes Figures.

London, Nov. 17.—Lieut.-Col. L. C. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, informed a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday that 3,225 families, comprising 12,594 individuals, and 10,289 other migrants had been assisted in settling overseas so far during the present financial year. The number of applications from families to emigrate under the scheme was keeping up pretty well, the secretary added. Under the "Big Brother" scheme, 150 boys had been sent to Australia a week ago and another group of boys would go shortly under the scheme.

News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

Fifty cancer experts will meet in New York for a conference.

A French aeroplane rose to a height of 3,500 feet with a six-ton load aboard.

The provincial Labor party in Quebec decides to expel Communists from the ranks.

Nearly thirty thousand persons are directly affected by the strike of shoe workers in Quebec.

A big jail delivery scheme has been uncovered in the penitentiary at New Westminster, B.C.

A bullet-proof glass saved the life of a Detroit bank bookkeeper when bandits attacked him.

Several Russian port officials were sentenced to death at Leningrad for defrauding the Soviet Government.

Aliens who enter United States illegally are to be deported in preference to being sentenced to imprisonment.

Under government orders every church, monastery, cathedral and convent in Moscow has been white-washed.

Portugal Government will appoint three delegates to negotiate the liquidation of the war debt to Great Britain.

Aemilius Jaryis tells the Toronto court that Andrew H. Peppall obtained \$380,000 in the provincial bond transaction.

Rev. Oswald Rigby, M.A., LL.D., has been elected rural dean of the United counties of Northumberland and Durham.

Bald-headed eagle, measuring six feet from tip to tip, was shot in the Thamesford district by Hugh McLeod, Ingersoll, Ont.

Under police protection, the invisible empire of Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a public lecture in Vancouver.

Weather conditions caused serious damage during October in the Northern States to unharvested crops of potatoes, beans and apples.

According to announcement by J. J. Nairn, president of Canadian Canneries, Limited, W. R. Drynan has been appointed to the position of general manager of the company to succeed R. L. Innes, who is retiring.

BOTH PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO THE CHARGE OF THEFT

J. F. Leatherland and F. W. Smith Appear Before County Magistrate to Elect--Will Be Tried at the Court of General Sessions Early in December.

J. F. Leatherland, ex-treasurer for the township of Kingston, and F. W. Smith, ex-tax collector for the same township, who were arrested on Monday, charged with theft, appeared before Magistrate J. W. Bradshaw, in the County Police Court on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Leatherland and Mr. Smith were represented by Mr. Ambrose Shea, Crown Attorney T. J. Rigney appeared for the crown.

Magistrate Bradshaw read the following charge to J. F. Leatherland: "J. F. Leatherland, defendant, charged within the space of five years last past, at the township of Kingston, in the County of Frontenac, that being employed in the service of the municipal corporation of the township as treasurer, and having received moneys on terms requiring him to account for or pay the same to the said corporation, did fraudulently omit to account for or pay the same; or the part thereof which he was required to account for or pay, thereby committing theft of the property of the said corporation, contrary to the provisions of the Criminal Code, section 355."

Plead "Not Guilty." Mr. W. M. Nickle, on behalf of his client, declared he was prepared to waive any evidence on behalf of the crown, at the preliminary hearing, and to consent to the committal of his client to trial. He entered a plea of "not guilty."

A charge similar to the one read to Mr. Leatherland, but with F. W. Smith's name inserted, and the position of tax collector substituted for treasurer, was also read.

Mr. Ambrose Shea pleaded "not guilty" for Mr. Smith, and consented to the committal for trial, with crown evidence, at the preliminary hearing.

Both men were committed by the magistrate to stand trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. It is understood this will be the Court of General Sessions, and that it will sit about December 2nd.

DOUGHTY'S RELEASE WILL COME SHORTLY

Former Secretary to Ambrose J. Small Will Leave Penitentiary by February.

John Doughty is to be given his release from the Portsmouth penitentiary early in the new year, according to information given out from the Department of Justice at Ottawa, but at the office of the warden at the big prison to-day, it was stated that no information had been received as yet concerning his release. Doughty has served four years and six months, of a six-year sentence, and with good conduct, should be given his freedom in February. The exact date of his release is indefinite.

John Doughty, who was formerly secretary to Ambrose J. Small, the missing theatrical magnate of Toronto, was charged with the theft of \$105,000 of Victory Bonds, the property of Mr. Small, and was sentenced to six years in penitentiary. He arrived at the Portsmouth prison on May 15th, 1921.

It is stated that the provincial and the Toronto police authorities have not yet given up hope that John Doughty will yet tell what became of Mr. Small, who disappeared six years ago, and whose case attracted world-wide interest.

It is known that during the time Doughty has been confined at Portsmouth, the police authorities have done everything in their power to make him tell what he knows about the disappearance of Mr. Small. It is stated that detectives have interviewed him on several occasions, but apparently Doughty would not tell the officers anything that would help solve the mystery.

Will Doughty tell the police? This is the question, but from what can be learned the prisoner has no intention of talking about the case.

For a time, after being removed to the penitentiary, Doughty lost considerable weight, but during the past year, it is stated that he has put on flesh, and that he is now in good health.

PEPALL TELLS ABOUT MEETING PETER SMITH

Former Provincial Treasurer Borrowed Money to Install Lighting Equipment in Home.

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Andrew H. Peppall was placed on the witness stand when the hearing of four charges of theft, false pretences and bribery laid against him, following the provincial bond transaction, was resumed before Mr. Justice Wright and jury to-day.

Peppall declared that he had first become acquainted with Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, in 1919 when he had installed lighting equipment on Smith's farm near Stratford, Ont., and for this installation Smith had borrowed money. He declared that his family and Smith had become close friends. He had arranged a loan for Smith, and in February 1919 he said Smith owed him \$6,000.

His Three Fingers Are Blown Off By Bullet in a Stove

Charles Goodell, aged eighteen years, who resides at Barriefield, had three fingers shot off when a bullet exploded in the stove while he was putting wood in it on Monday afternoon. He had gathered considerable kindling along the river shore and probably picked the shell up with the wood. As he was putting wood in the stove the shell exploded, blowing his three fingers off. He was rushed to the Hotel Dieu where Dr. W. Gibson attended to his injuries. He was reported to be improving on Tuesday.

WILL REFUSE TO PAY ANY MORE FOR MILK

M. F. Price Comments Upon the Demands of the District Milk Producers.

Mr. H. F. Price, owner of Price's Dairy, in speaking to the Whig on Tuesday morning, about the meeting of the Milk Producers' Association, on Monday night, stated that he was not prepared to give the farmers the price that they demanded, namely \$2.50 a hundred weight. He said that he could procure all the milk he required for \$2.20.

In commenting on the meeting, Mr. Price stated that the gathering was not representative of the farmers of the vicinity, very few of the actual producers being present. Mr. Price said that he was not going to raise the price of his milk this winter. He claimed that the demands of the Producers' Association were unjust.

Jailed on His Return.

Belleville, Nov. 17.—In October, 1924, Albert Shoner, of this city, escaped from a police officer in this city while driving a truck under the influence of liquor. Shoner left the city and went to Detroit. He returned, was arrested and sent to jail for seven days.

Saw a Bull Moose.

Perth, Ont., Nov. 17.—While James Cavers was plowing on his farm in Bathurst, a large bull moose came along to within fifty yards of him. It grazed around for a short while, then jumped the fence and took to the woods again.

Sale of Land.

A sale of land was held at the County Treasurer's office on Tuesday. The taxes on this land have been in arrears for years and up to date a large section has been disposed of.

TO DRAFT BILLS FOR GERMAN CABINET.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—The Cabinet today authorized Foreign Minister Stresemann to draft the necessary bills giving effect to the treaties negotiated at Locarno.



Mrs. RUDOLPH VALENTINO
Who is suing her bigwig star husband for divorce in Paris, because she wants to continue her professional career.