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DEATH SENTENCE SET ON MAN AND WOMAN SEARCHING FOR BOATS MORENGEN, CONVENTION, WASHINGTON AND PELICAN

Patrol Vessels Sent to Halibut Banks in Quest Four Missing Schooners

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—The United States coast guard cutter Smith has left Ketchikan, Alaska, to search for the Seattle fishing schooners Washington, Pelican, Morengen and Convention which are reported long overdue from the storm swept fishing banks of Southeastern Alaska, according to a cablegram received here today. The Canadian fisheries patrol steamer Malaspina, Capt. Newcombe, is also aiding in the search, it is said.

Despite the fact that heavy gales have swept the fishing banks for the last month, officials of the Seattle Fishing Vessel Owners' Association said today that they believed it possible that the missing schooners had sought shelter in remote anchorages and that their crews were safe.

REPORT ON LUSITANIA

Submarine Vessel Carried no
Guns, Explosives or Troops
For War

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—An official report on cargo vessels made public by the New York port collector during the war shows that the Lusitania carried neither guns, troops nor explosives but only 5,100 rounds of ammunition which constituted an ordinary cargo under pre-war rulings.

The Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine in 1915 and Germany is still seeking to justify the enormous loss of civilian life on the grounds that the Lusitania was a camouflaged ship of war.

REDUCTION RED ARMY

M. Litvinoff Makes Proposition
Dependent on Similar Action
by Neighboring States

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—At a disarmament conference here, M. Litvinoff, assistant commissioner of foreign affairs for Russia, definitely proposed a reduction of the Red Army to 200,000 soldiers. This is conditional on a corresponding reduction being made in the standing armies of states on Russia's western boundaries.

LIQUOR APPEALS ADJOURNED TODAY

Local Registrar Awaiting Judgment From Chief Justice Hunter

The appeal cases against conviction under the liquor act were spoken to before Judge Young this morning but, owing to the absence of a ruling from Chief Justice Hunter on the stated case of liquor sold to a defective being property of the government, it was decided to wait till Thursday before setting a date for the trials. In the meantime the local registrar is wiring the registrar in the south regarding the ruling.

L. W. Patmore appeared in the case of June Alexander who was sentenced to six months by Magistrate McClymont. He pointed out that it would be better to wait the result of the stated case rather than to go ahead and add the cost of the trial to his client.

A fortune left by will may prove to be nil.

PRINCE ANDREW TO BE BANISHED

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Prince Andrew, of Greece, has been sentenced to perpetual banishment by the court martial sitting at Athens, according to a despatch. He will also suffer degradation in the army. Prince Andrew, who is a brother of ex-King Constantine, was tried on a charge of disobeying orders of the general staff in the recent military operations in Asia Minor.

It is understood Prince Andrew will go to England on a British warship.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Prince Andrew of Greece and his wife, Princess Alice, are proceeding to Corfu and hence to Brindisi, Italy, aboard the light cruiser Syphos, says a Malta despatch today.

FOUR CANDIDATES IN RUNNING FOR VICTORIA MAYOR

VICTORIA, Dec. 4.—Four candidates are already in the running for the mayoralty of Victoria. They are Mayor William Marchant, Ald. John Harvey, Reginald Hayward and Lieut. Col. C. L. Flock. The election will take place next week and the campaign is now well under way.

MINE EXPLOSION AT STEWART REPORTED

Hearsay Rumors Received in City But Police Are Not Advised

Arrivals from Stewart on the Prince Rupert last night reported that word was received at the beach shortly before the vessel left the northern mining town, that an explosion had occurred at the Premier mine with serious results. One report had it that five men had been killed. Enquiries made at the mounted police and provincial police offices late this afternoon failed to bring any light to the reports.

LOWEST TEMPERATURE

The temperature reached its lowest reading yet this winter when 22 above zero was recorded at 7 o'clock this morning by H. O. Crewe, Dominion Meteorologist.

Good music in the air lightens burden and care.

SWANSON BAY MILL REOPENS

O. A. Jorgenson, General Manager, Reports on Resumed Operations at Plant Down Coast

With enough logs of hand, to last through the winter season, the pulp mill at Swanson Bay belonging to the Whalen Pulp and Paper Company, is now working at full capacity says the Pacific Coast Lumberman. After being closed since early last spring, the mill was started on November 15 last and is now turning out pulp, lumber and shingles.

The original 250 men, who formed the staff, have been re-engaged wherever possible, most of them having been distributed during the past few months among the various plants of the company.

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Operate All Winter

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BERT RUSSELL WAS LAID TO REST AT FAIRVIEW TODAY

The funeral of the late Herbert Russell took place at 2:30 this afternoon from the B.C. Undertakers' Parlors to Fairview Cemetery. Reverend Archdeacon G. A. Rix officiated and interment was made in the Great War Veterans' Association plot, deceased having been a returned soldier with service in the 102nd battalion. The pallbearers were Kenny Road, A. Duckworth, R. Arthur Jr., A. McKenzie, Sergeant Jenkins and Stewart McDonald.

There were floral offerings from the Grotto Athletic Club, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Bailey, Arthur's Orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. R. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwards, St. Andrew's Society, Mr. and Mrs. D. Glennie.

FRENCH BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION DEFEATED MATTHEWS AT PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Eugene Criqui, the French bantamweight champion, defeated Billy Matthews, of England, with a technical knockout in the seventeenth round of their bout there Saturday night. The referee stopped the fight after the Englishman had been downed four times.

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IRISH BILL PASSES HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The House of Lords today passed a bill on its third reading. The bill now only requires the royal sanction to make it law.

SAD FATE OF PRIVATE BILLS

Like Orphans They Have Hard Time in their Short Lives

VICTORIA, Dec. 4.—Private bills do not have much opportunity to get through the Legislature when the sessions are short. By the time they are introduced and printed the end of the session is usually approaching and the House is too busy to bother with them. Private members have only one day a week and usually after the member fathering the measure has spoken someone adjourns the debate, which means that the bill will not come up again for another week. It is a very easy matter to talk out a private bill.

With a Government measure it is different as the party is behind it and it can be brought up day after day. If there is danger of it not getting through, the party refuses to allow adjournment of the debate and it is forced through. The private bill usually has nobody behind it and nobody cares whether it is passed or not. The easier way to get legislation passed is to approach the Government members in regard to it and try to get them to take it up as a Government measure. If they refuse to do so, it is pretty certain the measure has not much merit.

WIRELESS AND BOOTLEGGERS

Prohibition Director to Take Drastic Steps to Combat Coast Trading

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QUEEN'S WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Defeated Edmonton in Saturday's Rugby Game by 13 to 1

KINGSTON, Dec. 4.—The Queen's University rugby team won the championship of Canada in a great struggle on Saturday with the Edmonton Eskimos who went down to defeat by a score of 13 to 1. It was a splendid game and the Westerners displayed skill that surprised the Easterners. Early in the game it looked as if the championship might go West for the Eskimos made their one and only point in the first half, while the University was scoreless. In the second half, Queen's came through with dash and scored thirteen points while Edmonton made nothing.

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Emil Picarello and Florence Lassandra Sentenced to Hang for Murder Constable Lawson

CALGARY, Dec. 4.—Emil Picarello and Mrs. Florence Lassandra, found guilty of the murder of Provincial Constable S. O. Lawson, at Coleman, Alberta, on September 17 last, were sentenced by Mr. Justice Walsh to hang on February 21. Picarello is one of the best known citizens of Fernie, B.C. His son refused to stop when challenged by late Constable Lawson at the Alberta border under suspicion of bootlegging. The officer fired, slightly wounding young Picarello, and the father is said to have threatened to get every policeman around. A few hours later Constable Lawson was shot on his own doorstep from a closed auto in which the older Picarello and a woman were said to have been riding.

The trial was in progress all last week and crowds thronged the court room to attend it. After the room had been filled with spectators, attempts were made by disappointed ones to enter through the back doors but police officers were posted at every corner to prevent them from gaining admittance. On the first day after the room had been comfortably filled, the police were instructed to lock the doors and a howl of disappointment arose from those left on the outside.

Picarello appeared in court attired in a new navy blue suit, white collar and bright blue tie. He smiled in friendly fashion to the newspapermen as he entered the prisoner's dock on the first day and throughout the trial exhibited a keen interest in the proceedings. Mrs. Lassandra, on the other hand, was very pale and nervous. She was attired in a dark brown dress, dark brown coat with fur trimmings and a small black hat.

Picarello took the sentence calmly, but Mrs. Lassandra broke down completely.

TIM HEALY NEW IRISH GOVERNOR

Has Accepted Office and Will Take Over Post When Free State Bill Finally Signed

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Timothy Healy has accepted the governor generalship of Irish Free State and will be officially appointed when the Free State bill, now in the hands of the House of Lords, is signed by the King. Mr. Healy was a stormy petrel of Irish politics throughout his parliamentary career which ended with his resignation in 1918. He is 67 years old.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The appointment of Timothy Healy as first governor-general of the Irish Free State is now regarded as a certainty. It is understood the post was offered to him some time ago and its final allotment to the veteran champion of Irish autonomy depended only on his acceptance. That acceptance, it is stated in Dublin, has now been given and the consensus of opinion today was that "the King had been pleased to appoint" will follow the declaration of His Majesty to the assent of the Irish Bill.

The Dail Eireann meets today for the last time as the provincial government of Ireland. It assembles tomorrow as one of the three estates of the new Irish realm. The others are the King, represented by the governor-general and the senate which has not yet been formed.

PREMIER LUGHEE IS STABBED WITH HATPIN IN MEETING

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4.—Premier Hughes, while speaking at a general election campaign meeting here, was mobbed and stabbed with a hatpin. He was rescued by the police and continued his campaign.

LOT OF BUSINESS IS AWAITING ATTENTION

Some of the Work the City Council Has to Deal With Before End of Year

The city will have a great deal of work to attend to before the end of the year, according to the amount of business piled up in the city clerk's office. First and foremost there is the appointment of a returning officer and his deputies besides the advertising of nomination day.

Then the daylight saving referendum is to be submitted to the electorate and it must be prepared as well as the changing of the half holiday bill and the Hays Creek bridge bylaw.

The council itself must pass or reject the bylaw regarding the Section One surfacing debenture and the milk and stables bylaw. The court of revision for the voters' list will sit on December 11 and the court of revision in regard to the Section One surfacing appeals is slated for December 28.

HIGH PRICE FISH TODAY

Twenty Cents is Paid for American Halibut and 18c for Canadian

The halibut price reached its highest level of the fall at the Fish Exchange this morning when purchasing companies bid 20c for American first class catches and 18c for Canadian. The second class price was 11 1/2c and 10c. Four boats were in with a total of 56,000 pounds.

Arrivals and sales were as follows:

Fairway, 20,000 pounds, at 20c and 11.6c, to the Atlin Fisheries.

Yellowstone, 8,000 pounds, and National, 15,000 pounds, at 20c and 11.5c, to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.

Kayousu, 13,000 pounds, at 18c and 10c, to the Atlin Fisheries.

The last mentioned was the only Canadian boat.

Shortage of supply is given as the reason for the rising prices.

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