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PRESIDENT WANTS BIGGER U.S. NAVY

KING GEORGE SLIGHTLY BETTER; CONDITION PRECARIOUS

King George Slightly Improved But Condition Is Still Precarious Owing to Weak State of Heart

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The King's physicians issued the following bulletin at 8:30 tonight: "The rise in temperature noted in the afternoon report persists, and, as a result, the King is rather less comfortable. Otherwise conditions remain unchanged."

LONDON, Dec. 5.—King George today continued in that precarious condition which for many days has held his subjects in a state of grave suspense. Everything would appear to centre now on the question as to whether the King's heavily-taxed heart will stand the strain imposed by a fortnight's grievous illness. It is understood that his present condition may continue for some time without material change.

Queen Mary took her usual afternoon motor drive today, accompanied by Princess Mary.

The cruiser Enterprise, with the Prince of Wales on board rushing homeward from a trip to Africa, is travelling so speedily that the Admiralty expects she will reach Suez Friday night. It is estimated that the vessel is travelling at a speed of twenty-nine knots per hour.

Premier Baldwin announced in the House of Commons today that the King-in-council had this morning nominated Queen Mary, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor and Premier Baldwin to be councillors of state for the summoning and holding of the Privy Council and the transaction of business on behalf of His Majesty. Introducing his remarks, Premier Baldwin said: "I am glad to be able to inform the House that the King was well enough this morning to enable a meeting of the Privy Council." The Premier stated that the King had signed the order-in-council regarding the councillors of state.

Earlier Bulletin

LONDON, Dec. 4:—The King's physicians in the official bulletin today announced that although anxiety concerning his heart continued the improvement that was noted has been satisfactorily maintained. The bulletin stated: "The King passed a quieter night. Though anxiety concerning his heart must continue, improvement noted last evening was so far satisfactorily maintained.

The Archbishop of Canterbury before beginning his sermon at the enthronement ceremonies today said: "you will be thankful to know that last night the King had six hours sleep and though anxiety is not removed we have good cause to be hopeful."

The privy council had a meeting at Buckingham Palace this morning. It is presumed the council was called in connection with the appointment of a commission which it is understood has been decided upon to name and act for the King in the State Affairs.

The King's physicians at 3.30 yesterday afternoon issued the following bulletin: "His Majesty passed a quiet morning though his temperature is now 100.2 the slight improvement in his general condition noted in the last bulletin is still maintained.

GIVE UP HOPE HALIBUT BOATS

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Dec. 4.—Virtually the last vestige of hope for the safety of the halibut boats Imperial and Brunvol with twelve men aboard faded yesterday with word from the searching parties that no trace of missing ships had been found.

INCREASE CAPITAL BANK OF MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 4. — At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal yesterday they authorized the directors to increase the authorized capital from $31,175,000 to $50,000,000.

SAVED BABY FROM DEATH

Ten Year Old Lad Given Bronze Medal For Brave Act

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 4.—When Stanley Conron, ten years of age, was presented here with the bronze medal for heroism by the Royal Canadian Humane Society, he had the distinction of being the very first child of his age to be so recognized by the Humane Society for bravery. A few months ago he saved a baby from death beneath the wheels of a train, snatching the child from the engine's path in the nick of time. A second later he would have lost his life.

The father is Sergeant George Conron of the Sudbury police force and the boy is a native of Barrie.

Major L. Bullock Webster formerly of Prince Rupert but now of Victoria is directing the activities of the little theatre group in that city. They are preparing to put on "The Chester Mysteries" during the Yuletide festival at the Empress Hotel. The play was written by an ancient Chester monk and this will be the first time it has been put on in any of the coast cities. It will present some of the old Christmas customs as seen many years ago in England.

WARNING FROM HEAD OF BANK

Rampant Stock Speculation Is Matter of Concern to Bankers

MONTREAL, Dtc. 4.—"The rampant speculation of the stock exchange which has persisted over a considerable period with wide ramifications is a matter of concern to bankers," said President Sir Charles Gordon at the Annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal yesterday. "I need not tell you that the rise in prices cannot go on forever and that there is a defined limit to bank loans on stocks. My hope is that the reaction may not be sudden or severe."

LIBERAL MEMBER DIES

SARNIA, Dec. 4.—W. T. Goodison, Liberal member of the House of Commons for West Lambton, died last night.

KILLED GIRL AND HIMSELF

Lighted Dynamite as He Held His Former Sweetheart in His Arms

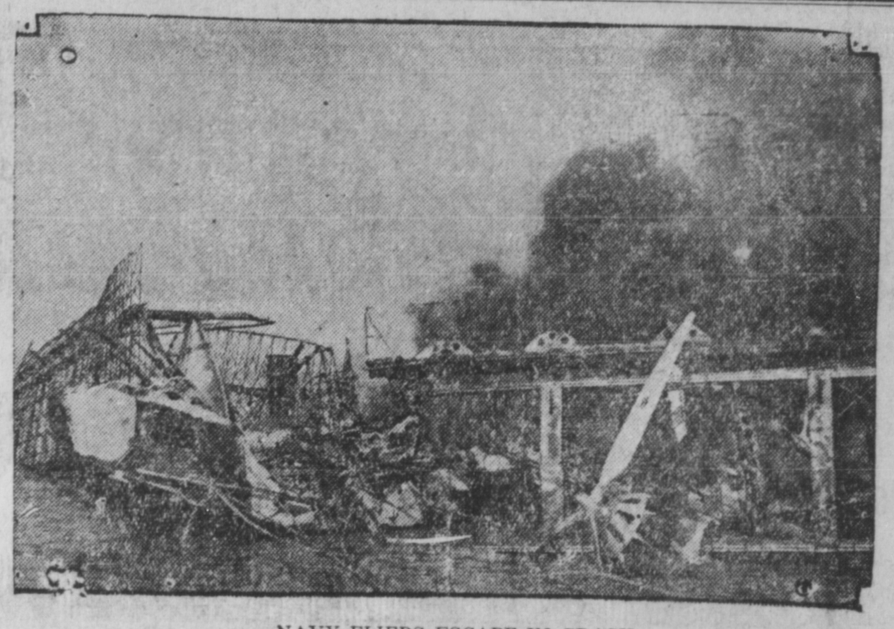
ANEROID, Sask., Dec. 4.—Maddened with jealousy because Beatrice Baragar, 26 years of age, refused his offer of marriage, William Laqua, 30 years of age, yesterday lighted a stick of dynamite with his cigarette while he held his former sweetheart in his arms and killed himself, the girl and her mother in the explosion which followed.

The triple tragedy occurred in a rooming house in a portion of the Gordon Neil Cafe.

WEST IS STILL IN FROST GRIP

Edmonton Coldest Place on Prairies With Thermometer Reading of Thirty Below

WINNIPEG, Dec. 5.—Western Canada remained today in the grip of the winter's first real cold spell. Thermometers on the prairies registered as low as thirty below in Edmonton and hovering between 18 and 26 below in many localities. Winnipeg recorded three below. Rising temperature is forecast.



NAVY FLIERS ESCAPE IN CRASH

Skillful manoeuvering saved the lives of pilot and four of the crew of this huge navy plane when it burst into flames three hundred feet above the Potomac River, near Giesboro Point, Md. The photo shows the smouldering wreckage on the shore where the pilot taxied his flaming craft only a few seconds before the explosion.

President Coolidge in Message to Congress Today Urges Building of 15 More Cruisers for the U.S. Navy

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 4.—In what was probably his valedictory address to Congress, President Coolidge today emphasized anew his desire for increased naval strength for the United States by urging the passage of a construction bill for fifteen cruisers and one aircraft carrier. "With the elimination of the time clause," he said, referring to a section providing that the ships must be laid down within three years, "I wish to repeat again, for the benefit of the timid and suspicious, that this country is neither militaristic or imperialistic.

MAY DONATE GROCERIES TO XMAS DINNER

The Salvation Army announces that they can use groceries or other goods for their Christmas dinner which they are giving as usual this year. These will be acknowledged along with the money which is donated.

It is hoped to commence the list of donors tomorrow and those wishing to contribute are asked to leave the money at The Daily News office, or hand it to one of the members of the Salvation Army staff.

All want to have a merry Christmas and doubtless they will wish that those not able to provide for themselves shall also have a merry time.

NEW PRIMATE IS ENTHRONED

Beautiful Ceremonies Marked Seating of Dr. Cosmo Lang at Canterbury

CANTERBURY, England, Dec. 5.—Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, the ninety-seventh archbishop of Canterbury and primate of the established Church of England, today was enthroned in the marble chair of St. Augustine. The enthronement of the former archbishop of York was carried out with beautiful, medieval and ecclesiastic ceremony and pageantry in venerable cathedral here.

PRICE OF WHEAT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4:—The price of wheat here today was $1.18⅜.

DOMINION IS PROSPEROUS

(Edmonton Bulletin)

Building permits issued in Canada during October call for a larger expenditure than the permits taken out in any previous October since Ottawa began to keep an official record, totalling more than $21,000,000. October is the time of year when in all parts of Canada except on the Pacific coast building operations for the season are being wound up and very few new projects launched. A new October record in permits testifies to a generally favorable fall, and good financial conditions the country over. Alberta is not peculiar in having good times, and an active building campaign under way. The conditions are general in the Dominion.

THREE RELIGIONS OF EAST ARE DISCUSSED

United Church Young People Meet at Home of Misses Rogers, Grassie and and Garnett

The Young People's Society of First United Church met last evening at the apartments on Third Avenue of Miss E. P. Grassie, Miss B. Rogers and Miss A. Garnett where the interesting subject was three great Eastern religions—Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. G. H. Stocks gave a paper on Buddhism; Rev. A. Wilson on Taoism, and Miss Rogers on Confucianism. After the reading of the papers, a general discussion was enagged in by the members. Playing of games followed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The society plans to hold meetings occasionally at the homes of members.

Organization of the Ku Klux Klan is reported to be under way locally with about thirty citizens interesting themselves in the movement. The fiery cross is said to have been displayed at a meeting an evening or so ago on Acropolis Hill.

Northcott Hints That His Father Implicated in Number of Murders

Taken to Scene and Signs Written Confession Saying He Slew Only Five Out of Nine Who Are Missing

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 4.—Gordon Stewart Northcott last night wrote and signed a confession to the killing of one youth, Alvin Gothea, so-called headless Mexican, at his chicken ranch, and it was quoted by the officers that he admitted to the killing of five of the nine youths murdered at the ranch.

"I killed Walter Collins," said Northcott, it was quoted by the officers who accompanied him on searches for the remains of his victims, "Lewis Winslow, Gothea, Richard, and another boy whose name I never knew." He refused to say who killed the additional four boys.

The confessions of Northcott were made on the Mojave desert last night, where Northcott was taken when he said he would try to locate Gothea's buried head. The hunt was unsuccessful. The youth's aged father, Cyrus Northcott, was referred to in hints by him as being involved in some of the other murders and named directly as an accomplice in murders at the ranch, which he described as a regular butcher shop.

"I've always been a misfit," Northcott said, "and once a misfit always a misfit, and I might say that my father is greatly responsible for my degeneracy. I was only eleven years old when my downfall began. What can a fellow expect when his father gets him off on the wrong foot at eleven years of age?"

In a wild rambling unloading of his mind to avoid going mad, Northcott is reported as confessing the killing of Walter Collins, Lewie Winslow, a boy named only as Richard, and another whose name he never knew. Northcott said that both he and Sanford Clark mistreated the boys before they were killed. He said that he killed the Collins boy because he loved him and could not stand the idea that he might go away.

Jack Zarelli sails by the Catala this afternoon on a trip to Victoria.

ODDS FAVOR DR. M'LEAN

Fierce Battle in Victoria This Week in Victoria By-Election

VICTORIA, Dec. 4.—The battle of ballots here this week promises to be such as Victoria has seldom seen. Dr. MacLean has been supported by a number of federal ministers, and Plunkett, the Conservative, has had the leader of the opposition and others prominent on that side to speak for him and the outcome is uncertain, although the odds seem slightly in favor of the former premier.

LOVAT SCHEME NOT ACCEPTED

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Canadian government has not accepted the scheme of immigration of Lord Lovat, chairman of overseas settlement board, but alternative suggestions are under discussion, stated the secretary for the dominions, Hon. Amery, in reply to the questions in the house of commons yesterday.