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FIVE OFFICERS KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED

Gun Battle Between South Pittsburgh Policemen and Marion County Officers.

SOUTH PITTSBURGH, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Five officers were killed, one probably fatally wounded and three others less seriously wounded during a gun battle on the main street here last night.

The battle was declared to have been the culmination of bad feeling between county officers of Marion County and police officers of South Pittsburgh. The actual shooting lasted less than five minutes, witnesses declared.

The dead are Wash Coppinger, Sheriff of Marion County, Tenn.; L. A. Hennessey, a Deputy Sheriff; Ben Parker, former Sheriff and Marshal of South Pittsburgh; Ewing Smith, City Marshal of South Pittsburgh, and C. H. Larrowe, a special policeman.

James Connor, a Deputy City Marshal here, was believed fatally wounded.

The three other officers, John Holden, a Deputy City Marshal here; Fayette Nelson, a Deputy Sheriff, and Charles Pittman, a special policeman, were wounded.

Boys Parliament Opens In Mount A. University

(Canadian Press)
SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 27.—The Maritime Boys Parliament opened in Mount Allison University residence last evening with every constituency represented. After devotional exercises by W. C. Machum (6 m) hrdlu hrdlu hrdlu Machum, the leaders of the rival parties presented their platforms.

In the election that followed Thomas Parker of Halifax was chosen as Premier and Douglas Breen of Saint John became leader of the opposition. Charles Simms was elected speaker. The work of organizing a cabinet was in progress this morning and this afternoon the first session of the parliament will be held.

Canton Saved By Military Clash

(Special to The Guardian)
HONG KONG, Dec. 27.—Canton is believed to have been saved by a military clash within the city by the fact that "Ironsides," army of twenty to twenty five thousand has evacuated the district without the firing of a shot and leaving the Kwangsi forces free to enter. Ironsides presumably refers to General Li Fuhlung, war lord of Honan (S. A.)

Speculation as to Governor General

(Special to The Guardian)
DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—The retirement of Tim Healy from the Governor Generalship of the Free State next month has given rise to speculation regarding the position of Northern Ireland. It is believed that the present Governor, Lord Abercorn, will retire in the coming year and will most likely be succeeded by Lord Craigavon, better known as Sir James Craig, the present Premier.

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John Andrew McLeod, general manager, Bank of Nova Scotia, who has just been appointed a director and vice-president of the bank, is now in his forty-first year with the bank.

Search In Vain For Missing Fliers

(Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The graveyard of the Atlantic, that turbulent stretch of water around Sable Island, N. S., failed to divulge today whether or not it had added to its list of victims the names of Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and her three man crew of the amphibian plane "Dawn". All day long the navy dirigible "Los Angeles" sailed the above waves, two navy destroyers and three coastguard destroyers ploughed through them, but not a sign was seen to help solve the mystery of the missing plane.

234,000 Money Orders Reach Irish Free State

(Special to The Guardian)
DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Within a period of ten days before Christmas Eve 234,000 money order advices reached the Irish Free State, from the United States, representing at the lowest estimate 500,000 pounds sterling or approximately \$2,500,000.

TAKE TWO—APPROPRIATION approval of a three year branch line programme it is not expected that much legislation will emanate from that matter this year. The minister of finance will present a bill to ratify the agreement, concluded some time ago, with the Canadian Northern Income bond holders.

1800 Hogs Were Burned To Death

(Canadian Press)
EAST ST. LOUIS, Ills., Dec. 27.—Eighteen hundred hogs were burned to death in a blaze of undetermined origin which destroyed a hog farm in the stock yards here early today. Hundreds of hogs and goats were driven out before the flames gained headway. Damage to the building was estimated at \$50,000 and the animals destroyed were valued at \$36,000.

All Soviets Must Leave China

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—The red flag of Soviet Russia was lowered on the former Soviet Consulate here today and Soviet activities in Nationalist China ended officially.

Thirty-five Soviet consulate officials from Hankow and Shanghai, including General Kolvovsky, left for Vladivostok, Siberia.

This completed the exodus of Soviet representatives which resulted from the Nanking national severance of relations with Russia. The German consulate took over Russian affairs.

The Soviet consulate was closed and packed.

In all 75 Soviet officials have left China recently.

In a proclamation, the garrison commander declared that all Soviet Russians must be expelled from relations with Russians but that any one harboring Bolsheviks would face death.

The Roman Catholic bishop of Hankow was informed that three Italian missionary fathers had been captured by bandits and held for ransom close to Chengshou, province of Hanan. The bishop appealed to Marshal Fong Yu Hsiang to effect their release.

Marries Again

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Florence, widow of Russell T. Scott, who escaped the gallows five times in three years on account of court battling on a murder charge, has married William Cook, Chicago accountant.

Scott committed suicide in Cook County jail two months ago while awaiting an insanity hearing.

THE WORST SNOWSTORM SINCE 1881

Railway Lines Blocked and Villages Isolated by Heaviest Snowfall Since Blizzard of 1881.

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—England is buried in snow. The storm over Christmas was without parallel in the southwestern English counties since the blizzards of 1881. In the valleys and railway cuts as far as in stances are from 12 to 16 feet deep. The people of the British Isles are still busily engaged in digging themselves out.

It has been one of the worst snow blockades in decades. The first main railway lines have been cleared, but trains on a number of branch roads are still firmly wedged in huge snowdrifts. Country villages in numerous sections are entirely isolated due to the breakdown of rail traffic and blocked highways.

Although the snow fall has ceased, high winds are still blowing over Great Britain. A furious gale is raging in the English Channel and for the first time in twelve years all cross channel services connected with the Southern Railway have been cancelled. The mid-day air service to the continent has also been cancelled owing to the deep snow at the Croydon Aerodrome and warnings have been sent out that landing at Croydon would not be advisable.



Mr. S. J. Moore, who has been elected president of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Taxation Burden Reduced By 300 Million Dollars

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Congress after sitting a fortnight over the Christmas holidays, however, during its brief sitting, the house passed an urgency supply bill, a bill reducing the annual burden of taxation by \$269,000,000 and a bill returning to German nationals 80 per cent of their property now held by the custodian of alien enemy property.

ANOTHER FIRE IN QUEBEC

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—The nerves of religious officials in charge of institutions in Quebec city, already shaken by two disastrous fires, were further disturbed early today when fire destroyed the summer retreat of the Maizerets Seminary, located in a Quebec suburb. Joseph Pageau, who had charge of the building, was almost overcome by smoke and was under the doctor's care today. His wife, four children and aged father were placed in a cold weather in their night clothes. A staff of ten servants saved themselves in a similar manner.

With the destruction of the building another historical landmark of Old Quebec disappeared. The original building on the site was destroyed in 1775 by the troops of Montgomery and the present structure was erected in 1776. During the 150 years of its existence the Seminary housed many generations of scholars, many of whom entered the priesthood.

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No estimate of the damage could be obtained tonight but it is believed that it will be large.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—A further appropriation of several million dollars for the Hudson Bay Railway will be included in the railway estimates of the coming session of parliament. The amount will be decided till the engineers report as to the extent of the work which can be accomplished during the year, the contract for the east section of the road having been awarded.

The appropriation for the current year was \$5,100,000 and good progress had been made. As the Canadian National last session got approval of the current year's appropriation.

Fourteen Deaths From Alcoholism In New York City

(Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Fourteen deaths from alcoholism since Friday were reported by police today, while 65 persons are receiving treatment in the alcoholic wards of the city hospitals.

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Tienstin Has Spectacular Fire

TIENSTIN, Dec. 27.—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, Commander of the United States Marines here, today was credited with holding down destructiveness of the most spectacular fire in the history of Tienstin, which nearly destroyed the \$25,000,000 plant of the Standard Oil Company of New York. The fire was under control today. The loss is estimated at from five to ten million gold dollars. General Butler personally directed the marines and Chinese, British, French and Italian fire brigades in fighting the blaze yesterday and last night. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it followed the explosion of a Chinese ammunition dump and two large fires in the British Concession the night before last, evoking theories of an incendiary campaign.

Rome Shaken By An Earthquake

ROME, Dec. 27.—Rome was shaken today by an earthquake of unusual violence, lasting about four minutes. The first shock was at 4:07 p. m. A fissure was opened up in the populous quarter of the city, the ceilings in several houses fell, and the cornice of a church broke off, injuring a priest who was passing by. The priest was removed to a hospital. The tremors were distinctly felt at the Vatican. The Pope was in his private study, and was not a little surprised to see books and papers moving perceptibly and the furniture wobbling in the room. Servants rushed in to ascertain if any objects had fallen near the Pontiff. He told them to urge the others in the Apostolic palace to observe a tranquil attitude.

HICKMAN CONFESSES SLAYING GIRL

Confesses That He Killed Marian Parker and Dismembered Her Body, Selling It to Her Father for \$1500.

(Special to The Guardian)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—In a narrative almost unparalleled in the annals of criminology for gruesome horror and brutality, Edward Hickman, 19, yesterday confessed that he, single-handed, had murdered 12 year old Marian Parker and mutilated her body before turning it over to her father.

Hickman's confession was made in the special car aboard the express train Cascade Limited, on which he was being brought under heavy guard from Pendleton, Oregon, to this city. It was replete with details so harrowing that the police officers to whom it was made were horrified.

Hickman had previously denied all connection with the slaying of Marian Parker, although admitting that he had kidnapped her and had later returned the body to her father, after collecting \$1,500 ransom money. The actual killing and dismemberment of the body Hickman, since his arrest at Echo, Oregon, last Thursday had hid at the door of a mysterious Andrew Kramer, Kramer, who he has now admitted had no part whatever in any phase of the crime.

After twice attempting suicide before being taken from the Pendleton jail, Hickman broke down aboard the train and acknowledged full guilt in one of the most ghastly crimes in North American history. The confession removed the last shield upon which Hickman relied to save him from the gallows. When he entered the Superior Court in Los Angeles today he will go through the formality of entering a plea to murder and kidnapping based on his signed confessions to both.

Prince George Had Narrow Escape

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily Mail says today that Prince George, second son of the King, narrowly escaped serious injury while motoring to Sandringham Friday evening to join the rest of the Royal Family for Christmas. The paper says the Prince's car skidded on a country road, struck a bank and overturned. The Prince, the chauffeur and another occupant were shaken up, but uninjured.

New Destroyers Will Replace "Patriot" And "Patrician"

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The government will seek authority at the coming session of parliament for the building of two new modern destroyers to be delivered within three years. The new destroyers will replace the "Patriot" and "Patrician" to be taken out of commission immediately and will be sold out of the Canadian navy.

Construction of the first of the new destroyers is to be commenced as soon as parliamentary authority arrangements have been made with the admiralty to obtain two destroyers to carry on with until the new craft are ready. These are H. M. S. "Torbay" and "Treadwell". The Canadian government has authorized the commencement of work forthwith at Portsmouth to recondition the vessels and bring them forward for Canadian service. It is expected that they will arrive in Canada towards the end of March.

Loss Of Forty Lives Is Feared

(Canadian Press)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—Forty lives are feared to have been lost in the sinking of the Turkish steamer Sivedj at the entrance of the Gulf of Moudania yesterday, after a collision with the Turkish steamship Marmora. The vessel sank within a few minutes. It carried 130 passengers.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Constantinople gives the name of the steamship which sank as Soveitch. There is no steamship Sivedj listed in Lloyd's Register, but there is the Soveitch, a steel steamer of 591 tons gross whose home port is Constantinople.

Afghanistan King To Visit England

CAIRO, Dec. 27.—The picturesque King Amanullah, of Afghanistan, on his way to England and Russia on his first trip abroad, arrived here yesterday to receive a Royal welcome. He was escorted to the palace between dense lines of cheering natives. King Amanullah who is 36 years old is the son of Amir Habibullah, who was assassinated in 1919. Amanullah ascended the throne with the title of Amir, but he dropped that appellation to observe a tranquil attitude.



Miss Charlotte Whitton, who has been nominated to fill the vacancy of trustee on the Queen's University board, created by the resignation of Dean Cappon. If Miss Whitton is elected she will be the first woman to sit on that board. Miss Whitton is secretary of the Child Welfare League of Canada and official Canadian observer on the League of Nations.

Moncton Atlantics Defeat Saint John Fusiliers

(Canadian Press)
MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 27.—Scoring one goal in the first period, two in the second, and three in the third, the Moncton Atlantics defeated the Saint John Fusiliers here tonight by a score of 6 to 1, in the opening game of the New Brunswick amateur section of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association League. The Fusiliers scored their lone goal in the final period.

Chinese Pirates Looted Ship

(Special to The Guardian)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—Thirty pirates in several sampans attacked the Siangtan (1,950 tons) which belongs to Butterfield, Swire and Co., when she was anchored for the night. The pirates opened a vigorous fire and after killing three crew members seized Capt. Lalor and looted the ship. The booty included 2,000 pounds sterling in cash.

They carried off Capt. Lalor into the neighboring hilly country and sent a message demanding a ransom of 10,000 pounds for his release. Two of the pirates were killed and two were wounded during the attack.

Australia Hears Big Ben

(Special to The Guardian)
SYDNEY, Dec. 27.—The chiming of Big Ben in Westminster were clearly heard by hundreds of radio listeners in Sydney and throughout Australia early today. The general broadcasting program, however, was disappointing because of the unsuitable hour, 1:15 a. m. to 2 a. m.

Toronto Girl Frozen To Death

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 27.—In the ice-crusted stream of a little ravine less than a mile from her home, the frozen body of Florence Cecilia, 13 year old Toronto girl who has been missing from her home on Birdsall Avenue for the past twelve days, was found today.

Three little girls of the neighborhood made the discovery and solved a mystery that has perplexed the police distressed for the missing girl and agitated citizens of this city to a marked degree. Owing to the manner in which the girl disappeared and the circumstances surrounding the discovery of her body, it appears that her death was accidental. Florence vanished after asking her school teacher to be allowed to go home on the afternoon of December 14th, as she was feeling ill, and the theory that she was struck most seriously on the way home and fell into the stream.

ST. JOHN'S DAY DULY OPENED BY MASONIC LODGES

Banquet And Installation Of Officers For 1928 Takes Place.

Yesterday being the festival of St. John the evangelist, the annual communications of St. John's and Victoria Lodges, A. F. & A. M. of this city were held last night, for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing year.

The proceedings were opened by a banquet held under the auspices of the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star. This excellent repast, which had been prepared with the greatest care, was enjoyed by a very large number of members of the craft.

The menu and the evening programme were as follows:

MENU
Grace—Rev. W. B. Muir
Grape Fruit
Chicken Salad
Cold Ham
Cold Meat
Chow
Beet Salad
Pickles
Cheese
Apple Pie
Whipped Cream
Tea
Coffee

PROGRAMME
Toastmaster—Bro. Geo. W. Wakeford, P. M.
The King—"God Save the King"
Solo—"A Dream"—Bro. C. J. Gallagher
The Saint John—Bro. R. H. Rogers, P. M.
The Craft—Bro. E. T. Higgs, P. M.
Solo—"Land of Glad Tomorrow"—Bro. A. R. Bruce
Absent Members—Bro. Rev. W. B. Muir
Solo—"Angus MacDonald"—Bro. C. Earle
Eastern Star—Bro. J. J. McKinnon
Committee—L. Winchester, P. M., G. R. Brady, L. McDonald, P. M., H. R. Stewart, Wm. Schofield, P. M., V. D. Currie.

The vocal solos, sung by Bros. C. T. Gallagher, A. R. Bruce and C. Minister of Mines for the Province Earle were much enjoyed by all of Ontario, in a recent address present. Bro. Earle sang as an encore, "Mrs. Gibson said," from the Island of New Caledonia, a French penal colony in the Southern Pacific, and the splendid comic which Bro. Earle rendered it caused everybody to laugh.

In their speeches, Bros. R. H. Rogers, E. T. Higgs and Rev. W. B. Muir all touched on many points of interest to the craft. Bro. J. J. MacKinnon in well chosen words, enlarged the ladies generally, and in particular, extended the thanks of the assembled lodges to the ladies of the Eastern Star for the excellent meal which had just been enjoyed.

The lodges were then called to order for the installation of officers. Most Worshipful W. G. Drake, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island was the Installing Master and Most Worshipful W. P. Doull, Past Grand Master, officiated as Grand Marshal. The ancient ceremonial was performed with a dignity and a solemnity which could not fail to impress the crafts with deep sense of the importance of the occasion.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

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Worshipful Master—L. Winchester, P. M.
Senior Warden—Neil D. MacLean
Junior Warden—J. W. Johnston
Treasurer—J. Lester Douglas, P. M.

Canada Produces 90 Percent Of The World's Nickel

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Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

- *SEE "A FRIEND FROM INDIA," JANUARY 16 AND 17. 1558
- **Come to the measuring party at the home of William Clark, Jr., North Wiltshire, Thursday, Dec. 29th. If not fine, Friday. 1559-12-28-21
- **Eat Wholesome Whole Wheat Cereal the 100 per cent. food in bread biscuit, muffins, etc. 9486-Oct. 3-1f
- **Come to the Presbyterian Sunday School concert and Christmas Tree, Orange Hall, Bradshaw, Friday evening, December 30th. 1554
- **Come one, come all, to the box social in the C. M. B. A. Hall, Vernon River, on Wednesday, December 28. 1521-12-24-31
- **Rheumatism, diseases of blood, Stomach and Internal Organs cured. References given. Phone 897. J. Dr. Cliff, 112 Prince St., Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Canada East. 123 mos
- **Lenten Lecture on Tibet, Winsloe North Wednesday, Dec. 28th, Princetown Road, Thursday 29th, Highfield, Friday, 30th; Winsloe South, Tuesday, Jan 3rd at 7.30 p. m.



TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 27.—Maritime to fresh westerly winds fair with much the same temperature.

Toronto, clear 30-24
Montreal, cloudy 16-14
Quebec, cloudy 14-4
Halifax, fair 30-16
Saint John, fair 18-8
Boston, fair 36-20
New York, clear 32-20
Charlottetown, fair 28-17
High tide this afternoon at 2:26 and tomorrow morning at 1:29.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:23 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:41.
First quarter moon Saturday, Dec. 31st, 6:58 a. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.