

SURVIVORS TELL STORIES

Federal Inquiry Into the S. S. Vestris Disaster Begun Before Commissioner at New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Six survivors of the Vestris disaster still suffering as a result of their experiences when the vessel foundered, made grave charges under oath before a United States Commissioner today.

Witnesses at the opening session of a Federal inquiry before United States Commissioner Francis O'Neil, were all passengers. Frederick W. Puppe, whose wife and seven months-old baby were lost, was the first to testify, and Carlos Quiros, of the Argentine Consulate at Washington, the last. Puppe in a broken voice—choking up at times and once breaking off his testimony to remove his spectacles and polish them—told how he stood with his wife and baby on the sharply sloping deck of the Vestris Monday forenoon and anxiously scanned the horizon for the "steamers we were absolutely sure must have been called to our help."

"Suddenly, though no officers were in sight," he said, "the crew began to take down the lifeboats. You could see that none of them had ever even tried to lower a lifeboat before. They ran from one boat to another, taking things from one and putting them into another. I didn't realize what this meant, but later I discovered."

"At night when we were out in the lifeboat, we saw that there were flames in some of the other boats, though ours were wet. Then I realized what it meant when I saw men taking things from one boat and putting them into another. They were fixing a few with proper equipment, planning to ride in them themselves, and they winked to their friends to join them."

Puppe charged the ship's crew with an inefficiency which he said was indicated first when they called Saturday and he was told that the steward in charge of his stateroom was drunk, and continued "right through to the long hours in the lifeboat, when he testified that the occupants found salt water in the drinking casks."

DRAMATIC MOMENTS
Quiros, a dapper figure in spots with pearl grey hat resting on his knee, furnished some of the most dramatic moments of the afternoon. "A man I knew, a pugilist," he said, "came up to me and said

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

"ROBIN HOOD RAPID CHINA OATS, Better Oats, Better China All Grocers. 8529-10-20-1f

"See 'The White Feather' in Victoria Hall, Monday, November 19th at 8:30 p. m. Charlottetown talent. 9109-11-16-31

"Club leading hogs and lambs, Monday, Nov. 26th, at St. Peter's. G. W. J. McInnis, Secy. 9104-11-16-21

"Dr. Cliff, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure. Purdy Station Westchester Co., N. Y., U. S. A. 9-7-5mos

"Donation Party Trinity Social Hall next Monday evening. Bring Fancy Work for Bazaar. 9137-11-17-11

"Loading live hogs at Hazelbrook on Wednesday, November 21st. Harry Jenkins. 9052-11-14-51

"Rummage Sale in St. Peter's schoolroom next Monday, 19th, at 3 o'clock. 9140

"Remember St. Paul's tea and fancy sale in the Parish Hall next Thursday, November 22. 9135-11-17-31

"Whist, Music, Annandale Hall, Monday evening, November 19th. 9080-11-15-31

"Buying hogs, sheep, and lambs at Kensington Tuesday forenoon of each week. Alden Monse. 7957-9-9 m tf

"Buying hogs, sheep and lambs at Emerald Tuesday forenoon, Nov. 20th. 9120-11-17-21

"Bazaar and High Tea, Games etc. in aid of St. James Church, Town Hall, Georgetown, Tuesday, Nov. 20th. 9128-11-17-21

"Reserve Tuesday, Dec. 10th, for Young Peoples' Play, 'June Days' in Hearts Memorial Hall. 9142-11-17-81

"Dressed hogs—We will pay a special price for dressed hogs, organs out, delivered Wednesday, November 21st. Peter McNutt & Son, Malpeque. 9105-11-16-31

"North Wiltshire, Nov. 20th. A grand concert and supper. Charlottetown and local talent. A good time is assured. 9122-11-17-31

"The W. M. S. of the United Church of New London will hold a bazaar and sale of ice cream in the Hall on Nov. 28th. If not fine, will be held the following night. 9119-11-17-24

FEDERAL ELECTIONS PREDICTED

L'Evenement says Premier King Will be Forced to Appeal Sept. 1929 Due to Hoover Policies.

QUEBEC, Nov. 17.—Federal elections in September, 1929, are the prediction of the Conservative daily L'Evenement, which sees in the forthcoming tariff and waterway activities of President-elect Hoover the two reasons that will force Premier King to the country, even though his M.P.'s say they cannot afford an election before 1930.

"In our view," says L'Evenement, "the King Cabinet is obliged to have recourse to this expedient to avoid serious embarrassment. From the moment he takes office, Mr. Hoover will work on achieving his economic program. Two of the elements directly affect Canada—the increase in the tariff on agricultural products and the canalization of the St. Lawrence."

"The question of the tariff leaves part of the electorate indifferent, but it is not the same with the controversial question of forming an international partnership to exploit St. Lawrence waters. Mr. King will have two powerful motives to solicit renewal of his mandate before being shoved into recalling the next session, he has made in connection with the waterway. Certainly he will not be anxious to appear like taking orders from Washington, and he will prefer not to give too much account to the people on the manner in which that question will be tackled."

"In addition, the West is already crying out that the price of wheat is dropping too quickly, and it is just as well not to wait much longer. With the promise of another railroad somewhere or other, there ought to be means to stop Mr. Bennett from getting the country's confidence. The next session, therefore, may be long, and the probability is that it will be followed by an appeal to the people in September, 1929."

PRESENTED CREDENTIALS

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—France's new minister to Canada—Georges Jean Knight—formally presented his credentials to the Governor General, Vincent Wilford, at the government house today. With the Dominion government represented by Dr. O. D. Skelton, Under Secretary for External Affairs, the ceremony was brief.

CANADA AND THE EMPIRE

Sir Austen Chamberlain Addresses Canadian Club in French Language.

(Canadian Press)
QUEBEC, Nov. 16.—In an address before the Canadian Club here today, Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, spoke on British foreign policy, Canada's duty towards the British Commonwealth of Nations and the part played by the French-Canadians in the development of the dominion. He spoke in French.

The empire, he declared, permitted the component peoples to preserve their traditions. It was not an empire of conquest or aggression but a union which guaranteed peace wherever King George reigned.

"I find here in Canada," the speaker continued, "a nation bound by the traditions of two great races, the combined efforts of which have resulted in the high position held by Canada today."

Community Chest For Vancouver

(Special to the Guardian)
VANCOUVER, Nov. 16.—Taking its cue from Toronto, Hamilton, and other eastern cities, Vancouver Board of Trade has launched movements to establish a "better business bureau" and a community chest. Both are regarded as evidences that Greater Vancouver, amalgamating under one government January 1 to become Canada's third city already is acquiring a metropolitan consciousness.

RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES



Honorary degrees were conferred Thursday on Sir Austen Chamberlain, British secretary of foreign affairs, and Paul Claudel, French ambassador to the United States by the University of Toronto. The photographer caught both, with Sir Robert Falconer, university president, in characteristic pose. President Falconer and Sir Austen are shown on the left, upper center; Sir Robert Falconer, university president, in profile; LOWER CENTER, Paul Claudel.

Splendid Revue At Prince Edward

"Why Worry" Delighted Large Audience Last Night. Dumbells Scored Another Sensational Success in Musical Comedy.

The opening performance by the Dumbells in the tenth annual revue of the company under the management of Captain Plunkett, given at the Prince Edward Theatre last night, elicited the enthusiastic appreciation of an audience which, as usual on the occasion of the Dumbells' visit to this city, filled the theatre to capacity. No visiting theatrical troupe is so popular in Charlottetown as this now famous organization, and no audience has been known to resist their appeal. It might be said of them as of Cleopatra that "age cannot wither, nor custom stale their infinite variety."

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASHES

(Special to the Guardian)
TOKYO, Nov. 16.—The Japanese freighter Nagasaki Maru is reported to have sunk off the coast of Saghalien yesterday after a collision with the Shmsei Maru. Only the captain and two officers of the Nagasaki Maru were reported saved.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Seventeen members of the crew of the lifeboat Mary Stanford, were drowned within sight of their relatives and friends, who were powerless to help them when the life-saving vessel capsized in a rough sea, while returning to Rye, Sussex, early today.

REGINA, Nov. 16.—Three children were drowned last night at Rosthern, Sask., when the car of Charles Gregor, containing his family broke through the ice near the ferry. Gregor managed to save his life before the car was submerged.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Hon. P. C. Cairns, Canadian high commissioner in London and prominent member of the foreign consular corps in London were guests at the United States Chamber of Commerce today at a luncheon given to Albert Halstead, new United States consul general.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Nov. 16.—The swing against prohibition of liquor in the New Zealand referendum in New Zealand yesterday was even more pronounced than first indicated. It is estimated the majority against continuance of prohibition amounts to 129,000.

INCREASE IN TRADE SHOWN

The Total Revenue for the Seven Months Period Just Ended is Given as \$194,000,000.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—Canada's total trade increased by \$200,000,000 approximately for the seven months period ended Oct. 31, last, as compared with the corresponding period in 1927. Both imports and exports jumped.

For the seven months period just ended total exports reached \$787,000,000, as against \$679,000,000 for the similar period ended Oct. 31, 1927. Imports for the period under review totalled \$737,000,000 in value, while in the seven months of 1927 imports were \$645,000,000. The increase in exports was \$108,000,000, while the increase in imports amounted to \$92,000,000.

The figures, which were issued today by the Department of National Revenue, show that the principal increase in exports was in wheat, which jumped from \$163,000,000 to \$237,000,000. Newsprint also increased from \$69,000,000 to \$79,000,000, while the automobile industry contributed an increase of approximately \$6,000,000. Details of the increases in imports are not available.

Under the head of customs and excise revenue, a net increase of \$14,000,000 is reported for the seven months period under review. The total revenue is shown as \$194,000,000 during the seven months, compared with \$180,000,000 in 1927. Income tax revenue also advanced, the net increase being \$4,500,000 over the corresponding seven months of last year. The figures indicate that net collections in 1928 amounted to \$54,000,000 against \$49,500,000 in 1927.

Discrimination Against Ports Is Claimed

(Canadian Press)
PORTLAND, Maine, Nov. 16.—Manufacturing and business opportunities in New England and the possibilities of improved agricultural methods were the subjects of discussion in group meetings here today of delegates from the six states to the fourth annual conference of the New England council. Alleged discrimination against ports, ships and trade of New England by "neighbors of the north" was emphasized by Congressman Wallace H. White of Lewiston, in an address before the main group of the council in which he urged the necessity for new and fast ships.

"We have seen export traffic originating in the western part of the United States and Canada diverted from Portland and Boston by the joint effort of the Canadian Railways and the Atlantic ports of the Dominion," he said.

Race For Oil In Oklahoma

(Special to the Guardian)
MAUD, Okla., Nov. 16.—Oklahoma today witnessed one of the greatest races for "black gold" that the world has ever known. Long before dawn a shot rang out and the spudding bits of 92 well drills smashed into the ground. The chug chug of oil field engines mingled with the cursing of workers. The race for oil was on. The 92 wells this morning entail a cost of approximately \$4,000,000. Each well, it is estimated will force the expenditure of more than \$40,000. One concern, the Gypsy Oil Co. started 31 of the 92 wells. The first drill to reach oil will have an advantage in draining the great pool of oil that is believed to lie beneath the soil.

Maritimes Get Railway Orders

(Special to the Guardian)
MONCTON, Nov. 16.—Steel work for the new hotel and station which the Canadian National Railways are constructing at Halifax is being fabricated at the works of the Dominion Bridge Company at Amherst. This is in line with the policy of the executive of the National System to obtain wherever possible material in the Maritime Provinces. This order will mean thousands of tons of steel and will mean also a large amount of money for labor and material. The Canadian National Railways are spending large sums of money in the Maritime Provinces outside of that for labor and materials in the day to day operation of the railways. An order has been placed in the Maritimes for rolling stock which will amount to upwards of \$2,500,000. This should mean much in the prosperity of the Maritime Provinces, providing as it does employment for large numbers of people throughout the winter months.

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LLOYD GEORGE IS ALARMED

(Canadian Press)
OXFORD, Eng., Nov. 16.—A hope that the Anglo-French naval accord had "gone forever" was expressed by David Lloyd George in an address at Oxford University today. The war time Premier used scathing terms in discussing the disarmament policies of the Baldwin government. "The naval accord has well been called a compromise," he said. "It compromises our honor and the peace of the world. I hope it has gone forever. So long as we go on with huge armaments in the face of our pledged word the covenant of the League of Nations, the Locarno treaty and the peace pact are mockeries and shame."

Body of Missing Girl is Found

(Canadian Press)
KIRKPATRICK, Ont., Nov. 16.—The body of Gladys Brotherton, of Kirkpatrick, 19 year old girl missing since Friday, was found at noon today near Fry's Mills, with a bullet wound in the head. Fry's Mills is about three miles from here, near the home from which she moved last winter. The body was found on dry land.

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ROBBERS ARE SENTENCED

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Nov. 16.—Finlay McLeod, sr., 50, Toronto, Everett McKibben, 33, Detroit barber and James Brown, alias Sullivan, 23, Toronto, were each sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and Ray Boyin, 30, Detroit truck driver, was sentenced to 10 years by Mr. Justice Wright this afternoon for their parts in the \$300,000 mail car robbery at the Union Station here on June 19, last.