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EXPLANATION OF DISASTER

Given By Engineer Officers of the Vestris Who Declare That Attacks on the Captain Are Ill-Founded.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Caustic criticism of the conduct of the enquiry now being conducted in New York on the sinking of the Vestris appeared in the editorial columns of the Evening Star and the Evening Standard today. The Star contends that the New York enquiry is being conducted not as an inquiry but as a public prosecution and protests that it is "indecent to subject the reputation of a British ship and a British captain who is dead and cannot defend himself to this monstrous man-handling." The Standard says that the object seems to be "to bully the witnesses into contradictions of themselves and one another and entrap them into admissions of some as not yet clearly defined crime." "In due course, no doubt," the Standard concluded, "the truth will be discovered. A Board of Trade enquiry will be held in England and to this all nautical opinion looks as to an expert and unbiased authority. So it was in the case of the Titanic. So it will be now."

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—In an exclusive interview with Rueters here, three surviving members of the crew of the ill-fated Vestris, which sank off the Virginia coast Monday with a loss of more than 100 lives, stated that the reason the Vestris sank was because the negro firemen refused to keep up the steam in the boilers and Captain Carey did not send his S.O.S. sooner than he did, because up to 2 p. m. Monday, there was not any need for it.

These are the answers to the two main questions, the explanation of which have been most eagerly sought since the disaster.

The sailors, small, insignificant figures dressed in ill-fitting clothes were all engineer officers, and all three hail from Liverpool. They were refrigerating engineer Smith, fourth engineer officer Prestwick and sixth engineer Dixon.

They told their story brokenly stopping frequently to bite hungrily at sandwiches. They were all especially insistent that Captain Carey's reputation be vindicated of the baseless charges laid against him, to which he was unable to reply, having held true to the tradition of British seamen and stuck to his post to the last, dying with his vessel.

The volume of matter carried in the New York newspapers criticising the captain and crew of the steamer Vestris, which sank last Monday with a loss of more than 100 lives, has been very heavy, and Messrs. Lamport and Holt and Company, agents for the line, have intimated that they may have a statement in reply to these criticisms later.

Reuters' news agency, dealing with this situation, cabled to London in part:

"Even in the spectacular history of New York's so-called yellow journalism no story has ever evoked such violent headlines, unjust condemnation or ridiculous surmise as the tragic loss of the Vestris.

"A batch of bright ideas prominently spread all over the front pages of the different papers included firstly, the serious claim that the sinking of the Vestris was due to an explosion of contraband ammunition being carried aboard and destined for guerilla warfare in some South American republic; secondly the serious suggestion that the owners of the Vestris, after a warning from Captain Carey that the ship was badly damaged, had ruthlessly ordered him to proceed as best he could; and, thirdly, the story which was featured in several evening papers to the effect that Chief Officer Johnson of the Vestris had been hidden by the owners, and that it was only after a long search, accompanied by threats, that he was finally "surrendered" as a witness for the enquiry now proceeding.

"In no other country in the world except the United States where newspaper libel is practically non-existent, could such absurd, no to say malicious, statements be published and read without comment and presumably with a considerable degree of belief.

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Loses Battle For His Life

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Nov. 20—Chungyi-Miao young Chinese law student from New York today, lost his battle for his life which he waged in the criminal court of appeal. The court this morning dismissed the young Chinese's appeal from conviction and death sentence for the murder of his wife, Wai Sheung-Miao. She was found strangled to death near Keswick shortly after the arrival of the couple in England on their honeymoon. They had been married in New York, where both had been students at Columbia University.

ITALIAN TO HANG FEB. 5

(Canadian Press)

SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 20.—Pietro Dell'Ospiedale, convicted of the murder of Silvy Servente, Whitney Pier boy, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Carroll today to be hanged on February 5. Counsel for Dell'Ospedale said the conviction would be appealed to the Supreme Court. Dell'Ospidale, an Italian, is fifty years old. The crime for which he was found guilty with a recommendation for mercy, was committed on the evening of September 29.

Sigmund Nodge, convicted on a charge of manslaughter arising from the death of Louis Herega at Whitney Pier some weeks ago was sentenced to seven years' imprsonment.

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Enroute to Royal Winter Fair

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Nov. 20—More than 150 of the bluest of blue-blooded foxes, pride of the ranches of Prince Edward Island, passed through Montreal today enroute to Toronto where they will be exhibited at the silver fox show in connection with the Royal Winter Fair. The foxes were accompanied by a party of forty exhibitors from Prince Edward Island, who are travelling to Toronto with them.

Prominent members of the party were Peter G. Clark, of Summerside, President of the Canadian Silver Fox Breeders' Association; Mayor F. Arnett and Shelton Sharpe of Summerside, members of the Board of Directors of the C. S. F. B. A.; George Calbeck of Summerside, and L. D. McKenzie, of Truro, N. S. who will act as judges of the show Captain F. W. Peters, Summerside Dr. Lockhart of the Classification committee and George Lightizer of Charlottetown.

The members of the party are accompanied on their journey by Hon Walter Lea, Minister of Agriculture for Prince Edward Island and C. A Meikle, travelling passenger agent of the Canadian National Railways.

New Regulation Re Seed Potatoes

(Canadian Press)

ST. JOHN, N. B., Nov. 20—Maritime exporters of seed potatoes to the Republic of Cuba will have extra latitude in future according to a new Cuban customs regulation which went into effect this month and word of which has been received in St. John by Señor Benato Canizares, consul for the Maritimes with headquarters here, from James Cormack, new Canadian trade commissioner at Havana.

For the last year or more seed potatoes have only been admitted free of duty into Cuba provided they were cut in pieces, with the eyes visible and preserved in ashes or other substances. By a government decree, however, the tariff regulation which provides for the free entry of the seed if cut up has been extended by the addition of the words "and whole potatoes for seed," provided they fulfill the requirements stated by the decree.

House Debates Credit Scheme

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, Nov. 20—The House of Commons debated the exports credit scheme, the minister of overseas trade, Hon. D. H. Hacking stating again that the government would decline to extend the scheme to include Russia. In view of the unsatisfactory trade position of Russia which was steadily becoming worse. Extension of the scheme to include that nation would be likely to imperil credits, he said.

Ferguson Issues Ultimatum

(Special to The Guardian)

TORONTO, Nov. 20—Premier Ferguson last night issued his ultimatum to the pulp and paper interests of Ontario.

Charging them with pursuing methods that have created the present chaotic conditions in the industry the prime minister made it plain that such a situation would not be allowed to continue.

"The government have made up its mind" he stated, that these gentlemen in the next few days must give up their plan of assassination or we are going to take a hand in it. We've too much at stake to let them simply play with the matter for selfish purposes and interests."

Any breakdown in this industry, the second largest industry in Canada might, Mr. Ferguson warned bring about a very critical condition in business and financial circles. For that reason as well as one of determination to see that investors, settlers, wage earners and the public generally shall not suffer, he has stepped into the existing newsprint price war picture with a chip on each shoulder and both fists closed. To the some fifteen paper companies operating within the province the last nine directed a letter setting forth in blunt, emphatic terms the government's attitude on the question and the course the government would be compelled to follow unless steps were immediately taken by those people interested in the operation of the industry to place it on a more satisfactory basis.

Arrests Made in Fur Robbery

(Canadian Press)

BRIGHTON, Ont., Nov. 20.—Less than four hours after the store of Victor Goodman, Spadina Avenue Toronto, had been robbed of furs variously estimated to be worth between $10,000 and $25,000 provincial police arrested three men and took into custody an automobile containing a quantity of furs at the outskirts of this village shortly after noon today. The men gave their names as Louis Wilson, 19, Al. Phillips, 19, and Charles Martin, 27. They refused to give their addresses.

Dollar Advances

(Special to The Guardian)

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—The Canadian dollar, which had been quoted at a discount for weeks in New York, advanced to a premium of 1-16 of 1 per cent today, a development which puzzzled dealers in foreign exchange. The general explanation was the unseasonably mild weather, permitting large scale traffic on the Great Lakes beyond the usual time, was prolonging the season for Canadian expert of grain and other commodities and creating a demand for Canadian funds with which to make payment.

A Serious Gunning Accident

(Special to The Guardian)

Master Ray Culicutt, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Culicutt of O'Leary, was brought to the Prince County Hospital on Monday morning suffering from a painful and serious gunshot wound. It appears that he and a seventeen year old companion, who had da .22 rifle in his possession, were out in the woods on Sunday when the elder boy shot at a bird. In some unaccountable way the bullet entered Ray's shoulder from the front, shattering the shoulder joint and being deflected by the shoulder blade lodged between the third and fourth ribs. The poor boy suffered considerable pain and was weak from shock and loss of blood when admitted to the hospital. The bullet was located by X-ray on Tuesday embedded in the chest, where it was decided to leave it until the patient gains strength. In the meantime his shoulder has been set and he is doing as well as can be expected.

CHAMBERLAIN PLEADS FOR UNDERSTANDING

Necessity for Strong Navy Is Pointed Out by British Foreign Secretary.

QUEBEC, Nov. 20.—"I wish one could see a geater disposition on the part of the American people, to study the actual position of Great Britain and see how very peculiar it is," Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Baldwin Government said here in a press interview. He made this statement in answer to a request for an opinion on the Armistice Day statement of President Coolidge and the comment it aroused in the British press. The Foreign Secretary also issued a farewell message to the Canadian people expressive of the thanks of himself and his family for the reception accorded them here.

"We have no rivalry with the United States" Sir Austen continued, "we have no desire to start or enter upon a naval competition with them, but our circumstances are very peculiar and I believe they would judge us more fairly if they appreciated them.

"We are the centre of the world wide Empire. While their communications are mainly continental ours lie across the seas.

"Whilst the approach to their coasts, with the single exception of the Panama Canal is heavily fortified and with a large garrison, are across the open sea, the approaches to England are through narrow waterways, which expose our trade to peculiar dangers.

"Canadian corn and meat reaching our country has to pass through narrow channels, which surround our coast. Supplies coming from the East or from Australia, pass through what is little more than a canal the moment they leave the Indian Ocean.

"If you pass as I have seen, a chart of the vessels sunk around the Mediterranean and the British Isles during the great war, you would find that the crosses which indicate these wrecks almost cover the floor of these waters. It is natural that the British people should feel it an elementary precaution for their safety and even the existence to have a force suitable not only in size, but character, to guard these vital arteries of supply.

"If we fail, Canada and other parts of the Empire would lose their market and be plunged in distress while we would starve. It these facts were recognized, I am confident that Americans would give a sympathetic consideration to the British case and with the good will which exists on both sides, I believe we should reconcile what little differences we have."

Questioned as to the probable outcome of the general elections to be held in the United Kingdom in the coming year, Sir Austen replied "Mr. Baldwin will have a majority."

FOOTBALL CRAZY

(British United Press)

LONDON, Nov. 19.—"I am travelling six thousand miles to see a football match," said Willam Wright an Ontario metal worker, who arrived at Liverpool recently on his way to Bradford. He is 72 years old and left Bradford for Canada 18 years ago.

"I have not seen a first-class football match since then," he said, "but I am going to see a real soccer game between Bradford and Bristol City this afternoon."

TORONTO, Nov. 20.—Maritime, fresh northwest to west winds, fair and rather cold.

High tide this afternoon at 5.51 and tomorrow morning at 5.03

Sun rises this morning at 7.09 and sets this afternoon at 4.23.

Full moon Tuesday Nov. 27th at 4.41 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

MEDAL FOR HIS MAJESTY

Premier King will present a medal to his Majesty the King to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Confederation. One side of the medal has been designed by an English artist, and was struck in England. It bears an effigy of the King. The other side, to be struck in France is the work of R. D. Delamarre, the French sculptor, who is here seen with his work.

Fifteen of Crew Murdered

(Canadian Press)

SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 20—The Chinese Junk Chin Chang Tai, reported today that she had been attacked by pirates in the Estuary of the Yangtse River and fifteen members of her crew murdered. The vessel which was bound for Shanghai from Darien stated that sixty pirates overpowered the crew after they had put up desperate resistance. The bodies of the fifteen murdered were thrown overboard. The vessel was released after payment of a ransom of $1,600.

Child Took Rat Poison

(Special to The Guardian)

Earl, the little three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clark of New Annan, whose father is caretaker of Mr. John A. Lea's fox ranch there, owes his life today to the prompt action of his parents, the motor car and the efficiency of the Prince County Hospital. On Saturday last her father had procured a tube of rat paste to poison the pests about the premises and, had put it away in a drawer downstairs, supposedly out of harm's way. Somehow, however, at about five o'clock on Sunday evening, while his mother was upstairs, the little one found the tube and ate some of the contents. With very commendable presence of mind an emetic was immediately given and the child rushed by auto to the Prince County Hospital. There the stomach pump was at once applied with good effect. The little one was able to be taken home on Monday afternoon, apparently none the worse, though it was a close call.—S

Theatre Tickets Served on Train

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 20.—A further move to capture additional traffic is to be made by the Great Western Railway Company with the running of matinee excursions to London, whereby passengers will be able to start the journey with their theatre tickets as well as rail ticket.

The first of these excursions will be run this month from Birmingham, at a rail fare of $1.50 return. A theatre ticket agency in Birmingham is co-operating with the Great Western Railway and passengers will be able to select from 30 afternoon preformances taking place in London that day. A seat on the train is guaranteed to every person booking in advance, and lunch and supper will be provided en route at a charge of 60 cents and 72 cents respectively.

Passengers will arrive in London in ample time to reach the theatres and will return at 7.30 p. m.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—A delegation of British journalists visiting this country was received today by President Coolidge at the White House The visit was purely social, and after a brief conversation with the newspapermen the President posed with them for a photograph.

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASHES

(Canadian Press)

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Harold Stribling, fifth victim of a maniac hatchet man today described her assailant and attacker as a negro about twenty or twenty one years old.

LONDON, Nov. 20. — Premier Stanley Baldwin told the House of Commons today that Great Britain's armed forces number 266,000 less this year than in 1914.

TORONTO, Nov. 20—Canada's agricultural wealth is estimated at $7,820,000,000 and the amount of capital invested in agriculture, the bank industry of the dominion, is about $3,800,000,000.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 20—A despatch to the Vancouver Province from Victoria says "all regulations under the male minimum wage act have been declared illegal and there is no minimum wage for men in British Columbia."

OTTAWA, Nov. 20.—Newsprint exports during the month of October advanced nearly three million dollars over September, figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicated. The value of the exports for the month was $13,576,872. Out of a total of 214,222 tons, 176,682 tons were exported to the United States.

OTTAWA, Nov. 20.—The steady advance in the automobile industry is revealed in statistics released today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During October passenger automobiles and freight vehicles to the value of nearly $4,000,000 were exported to different parts of the world. This figure represents an increase of nearly $2,000,000 over the corresponding month of 1927 and a material advance over September.

OTTAWA, Nov. 20.—The value of building permits in Canada during October was greater than the total for that month in any year recorded at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. October's figure of $21,508,672 was an increase of $206,387 over the total of $21,302,285 for September and an increase of $2,660,653 or 14 percent over the aggregate of $18,848,019 for October 1927.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Nov. 20.—Twenty one horses are probable starters in the Manchester November handicap, the last important race of the dying flat racing season in England, which will be run here on Friday over the mile and a half course. The season officially closes on Friday with races at both Manchester and Lingfield Park

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Charges that college athletes in various sections of the country were receiving as much as $150 a month for playing baseball during vacation times were made on the floor of the 40th annual convention of the Amateur Athletic Union today by L. D. L. Benedito, of New Orleans, secretary of the southern association.

Major Stephens Accepts Post

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, Nov. 20— Major George Washington Stephens, Montreal, has definitely accepted the position of Canadian minister to Tokio. He was chairman of the Montreal harbor board and an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of that city. Major Stephens has resided in Paris during the past 14 years, is a man of wealth, a good linguist and eminently qualified for the position. For a time he was chairman of the Saar Valley commission under the Treaty of Versailles.

BYNG BANS 3rd DEGREE METHODS

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Developments are rapid at Scotland Yard under the Byng regime. The new police chief has not waited for the report of the Royal Commisson before providing safeguards against the practice of third degree methods. He is setting up what is called the Interrogation Department which will take all statements from witnesses and suspected persons. The statements will no longer be taken by the police in charge of a case. The new department will be supervised by four solicitors and every person examined will be clearly told whether they are regarded as suspects or purely as informants. Any statement they make which may be used to their own detriment will have its bearings explained to them and they may change their statements before appending their final signature. The full details of the new procedure are not yet settled but Lord Byng is working on the principle that if the public has confidence in the police they will give the fullest information and assistance.

Boys and Girls Compete at Toronto Fair

(Special to The Guardian)

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 20.—Nearly 5,000 farm boys and girls throughout Canada, members of swine clubs and calf clubs, are eagerly awaiting this week the decision to be made at the Toronto Royal Winter fair on Wednesday in the Canada championship contest in the work of these clubs inaugurated by the agricultural department of the Canadian National Railways.

This morning there arrived in Toronto from both east and west eleven teams of boys and girls representing the clubs in Canada. They are the winners of their various provincial contests and will contend for the dominion championship tomorrow. The contest for swine club members which is now in its fifth year is for possession of the W. D. Robb challenge trophy presented by Vice-President W. D. Robb of the railway company. In this contest there will be two teams from the Maritime Provinces and one team each from the four western provinces, comprising altogether ten boys and two girls. The girls team representing Saskatchewan.

The calf club contest is a new one inaugurated this year and will be for the W. J. Black trophy presented by Dr. W. J. Black, director of colonization and agriculture for the C. N. R. In this contest there will be teams from each of the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario. This is the first time that all nine provinces have been represented in the Canadian championship contests conducted by the railway company and the first time also that British Columbia has been represented. they having this year sent a team for the swine club contest. During their visit to the Royal Fair the boys and girls are guests of the Canadian National Railways and will be entertained together with officials of the railway and prominent agriculturists at a dinner to be given at the King Edward Hotel Thursday evening by W. D. Robb, Vice-President of the Railway, in charge of colonization and agriculture. The young people will be entertained at the fair and will also be given a special trip to Niagara Falls.

Many of the boys and girls who reached Toronto today have interesting histories behind them in farm work. One of the Maritimers, Raymond Loughey of Middleton, N. S., 20 years old is one of a family of 16, of whom 10 have graduated from college. Raymond practically manages the farm for the family. The one girl from the Maritimes, Margaret Rodd, of Charlottetown, has a herd of purebred guernseys which won over old competitors recently at the Charlottetown exhibition. Although but 18 years old she manages the farm off which the family lives. The two girls from the west, Alice Fear and Katherine Coyer, come from Prince Albert and have been outstandingly successful in swine club work.

N. B. POTATOES FEATURED BY GOVERNMENT

Provincial Department Takes Effective Action to Assist Growers to Boost Product at Toronto Fair.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 20.—New Brunswick potatoes are to be featured at a New Brunswick booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair opening Wednesday at Toronto, the opportunity to thus increase the market for this important product of this province having been taken advantage of by the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

In harge of the booth is Provincial Horticulturist A. G. Turney, who has arranged many attractive displays of New Brunswick fruit and vegetables at various shows, and for distribution 10,000 pamphlets have been prepared and printed by the Provincial Department of Agriculture entitled, "The New Brunswick potato—the sunlight vegetable. "On the front cover of the pamphlet is the slogan, "Eat a Brunswick baked potato daily for health," recipes showing attractive ways in which New Brunswick potatoes may be cooked and served are included in the pamphlet and some interesting facts regarding New Brunswick's potato growing industry and the excellence of the potatoes produced in this province are given.

Special Display

In addition to the special display of potatoes at the New Bunswick booth in connection with which some attractive enlarged pictures of New Brunswick potato fields are being shown, there is also a large entry of New Brunswick potatoes in the open competition classes, the Provincial Department of Agriculture having assembled these potatoes at Fredericton and forwarded them to Toronto under direction of the department with all transportation and other expenses paid by the department for the growers making the entries.

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Montreal 1, Rangers 0.
Canadiens 1, Boston, 0.
Pittsburgh, 2, Chicago 0.

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**Reserve Friday, Nov. 23 for the Chicken Supper at Long River Hall. Supper served from 5.30 to 10. If not fine, following night. 9180-11-20-2t

**Reserve Tuesday, Dec. 11th, for play "June Days" to be presented by "Trinity Stars Young People's Society" in Heartz Memorial Hall. 9176-11-20-3t

**Bean Social and Dance in Vernon Hall, Friday, Nov. 23rd. Lottery quilt will be drawn. 9181-11-20-2t

**Come to bazaar and chicken supper at Florida House, Pownal, Wednesday, Nov. 21. If not fine Thursday. 9191-11-20-2

**Club lambs will be taken at Souris Monday, Nov. 26th. Hogs and veal calves Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Book and come early. 9210-11-21-2t

**Remember St. Paul's tea and fancy sale in the Parish Hall next Thursday, November 22. 9204-11-21-2t

**Only 50c admittance to tea and fancy sale Thursday next St. Paul's Parish Hall. 9204-11-21-1t

**Hunter River club loading hogs Thursday 29th till noon. List at once. Adam Brown, secretary. 9207-11-21-2t

**The bridge and dance to be held under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star scheduled for Nov. 30th has been postponed until Wednesday Dec. 5 so as not to conflict with the Rebeccas bridge and St. Andrews dinner. 9230-11-21-3