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Moderate to fresh east to northeast winds overcast with occasional light rain or sleet today and on Tuesday.

PLANES SEEK AN OVERDUE RUM RUNNER

IS OWNED BY A N. Y. BOOTLEGGER

Fliers Scouting for Ship which Left the Bahamas Some Time Ago.

New York, Nov. 20.—Lost. Somewhere between the Bahama Islands and Montauk Point, one rum running schooner, carrying a cargo of liquor worth \$200,000 and a crew of thirteen men.

Aviators in the pay of the owner of the rum ship, who is a New York bootlegger, well known to the followers of professional sport, have been scouting the seas between this port and the Bahamas for two days, it was learned this morning.

The schooner, which slipped out of the Bahamas three weeks ago, ostensibly bound for Canada, is two weeks overdue. The conviction is growing that she has either been driven far off her course or lost.

In spite of his failure so far to sight the sails of the liquor argosy the owner will continue to employ airplanes until she is either found or all hope has been given up.

The vessel resembles a Gloucester fisherman. When she left the Bahamas her captain cabled the owner in New York, but since that nothing has been heard from or of her. On her previous trips to this city the ship always operated well outside the three mile limit, but she is known to the dry navy skippers, and they are keeping a weather eye cocked for her, on the chance that she is hiding in a cove or stranded on a sandbar.

Her owner has become wealthy through his rum running and bootlegging activities. He went into the business on a grand scale, not only running liquor into America via Bahama sloops and motorboats, but bootlegging it about the West Side, where he is well known as a "prince of good fellows." He has a flourishing transportation system on the West Side, and it was not until yesterday, when impatient customers began clamoring for quick service, that he admitted that his rum ship had gone astray.

The captain is a man of many years experience along the Atlantic coast. He has been a fisherman, skipper of a trading sloop, captain of a steam driven merchantman and commander of passenger steamers plying out of New England.

The ship may have foundered in one of the recent storms, but the optimistic friends of the owner incline to the belief that the skipper is waiting somewhere off Montauk for a chance to slip in safely. Some foggy morning they believe there will come a signal which will summon the busy little motorboats to the mother ship and remove anxiety as to her fate and the thirst of her well wishers.

SHOWER OF BIG CHECKS FOR BRIDE TO GO TO BLIND

New York, Nov. 20.—A shower of last-minute checks swelled the dowry of Miss Winifred Holt, worker for the blind, who became the bride of Rufus Graves Mather of Princeton, N. J.

A gift of \$1000 from Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, as an anonymous gift of \$5000, were among them. The ceremony was performed in the New York Lighthouse for the Blind by Bishop Manning. Four of her bridesmaids were blind girls, and a blind organist played selections of his own composing.

Mellon has joined with president Harding, Secretary Hughes, Gen. Pershing and Ambassador Jusserand in commending Miss Holt's purpose to devote her wedding presents to the special fund for the Paris Light-house.

N. B. Birds Doing Well

Three pens of New Brunswick birds are entered in the Dominion egg laying contest and all making a good showing. Last week a pen belonging to R. A. Snowball of Chatham produced 25 eggs which brings their total for the two weeks up to 47. A pen belonging to W. E. B. Tait of Dorchester produced 13 last week and the pen of Hayfield Bros. of Oromocto produced 15.

MAY MODIFY VOLSTEAD LAW IN THE U. S.

President's Letter on Dry Law Changes Has Backing of Members of Cabinet.

Washington, Nov. 20.—While the White House today refused to give out the text of President Harding's letter to Mrs. Douglas Robinson, sister of Theodore Roosevelt, in which he was said to have conceded that there had been a shift in public sentiment on the prohibition question, there is no doubt whatever that the President wrote such a letter.

Just how far the President went in the letter probably will never be known to any one except Mrs. Robinson and himself, but that the recent election was convincing proof of a shift in public sentiment on prohibition is not denied by any of the officials here except those directly concerned with enforcement of the prohibition law.

Three members of the President's Cabinet, Secretaries Weeks, Davis and Mellon, are no record as favoring a modification of the Volstead law and it is understood that at least two others favor a modification, but have so far refused to make their views public.

The President himself has always been a prohibitionist in practice but has never been radical on the subject. He believes in the enforcement of the law, but there is no question that if he became convinced that a majority of the people opposed prohibition he would change his stand accordingly.

MRS. J.F. M'GUIRE LOST HER LIFE IN ACCIDENT

Car Skidded at Burden Sunday Afternoon and Went Over Bridge—Others Escaped Injury.

A motoring accident attended by a fatality which caused sorrow to a wide circle of friends and relatives occurred at about three o'clock Sunday afternoon at Burden when the car of James F. McGuire of this city skidded on a small bridge and after turning completely around, crashed through the railing of the bridge and into the gully below. Mrs. McGuire, wife of the owner fell from the car and was killed. Miss Theresa McGuire a cousin of Mr. McGuire was cut about the face and head. His adopted son Francis and himself escaped injury beyond a shaking up.

Dr. D. W. Ross, coroner, was summoned from this city and went to the scene where he performed official duties. Later the body of Mrs. McGuire and the other members of the party were brought to Fredericton.

This morning Mr. McGuire stated that he could say nothing concerning the cause of the accident except that the car skidded, probably because of the snow and slush on the road.

The party had motored to Southampton where Mr. and Mrs. McGuire formerly resided, and was on the return to Fredericton when the accident occurred.

Surviving Relatives

The deceased Mrs. Mary Caroline McGuire was formerly Miss Prosser of Millville. She was aged fifty-one years. Surviving her are her husband James F. McGuire of this city and an adopted son Francis. Other relatives are four sisters and two brothers. They are Mrs. William Petrie of Princeton, Me., Mrs. William McCarroll of Newburg, Mrs. Lee Grant of Cloverdale, Carleton County, Mrs. George Fletcher of Mars Hill, Me., Fredericton Prosser of Millville and William Prosser of New Hampshire.

The funeral will take place Tuesday leaving the home 524 King street at 8.45. High Mass will be celebrated at St. Dunstan's Church at nine o'clock by Very Rev. Dean Carney. Interment will be made at The Hermitage.

Smilax.

Chrysanthemums, crimson pink red, white carnations, nice plants celery, lettuce parsley all at reasonable prices at Ebbington's Gardens.

Italy Insists Upon Complete Equality With G.B. and France

MUSSOLINI CONFERS WITH CURZON AND POINCARÉ AT TERRITET—OBJECT OF CONFERENCE WAS TO SECURE A UNITY OF FRUIT FOR THE LAUSANNE CONFERENCE WHICH OPENED TODAY—INTERVIEW WAS SATISFACTORY.

Territet, Switzerland, Nov. 19.—Mussolini, Italy's Fascist premier, this afternoon flatly refused the request of Premier Poincaré and Lord Curzon, which reached him here by telephone, to proceed to Lausanne and confer with the French and British statesmen and perforce M. Poincaré and Lord Curzon, who had alighted from their special train at Lausanne, got aboard again and came to Territet.

They dined with Mussolini at the Grand Hotel des Alpes, and later, over their coffee, discussed the Entente's programme for the Near East conference.

WOULD NOT ATTEND

Arrangements had been made to serve this Entente dinner in Lord Curzon's apartments at the Hotel Beau Rivage at Ouchy, on the lakeside near Lausanne. When the special train bearing M. Poincaré and Lord Curzon from Paris arrived at the Lausanne depot, the ministers started for their quarters, while their secretaries busily telephoned to Territet urging the Italian premier to come to Ouchy by automobile, but Mussolini declined, replying that that was impossible. It was Mussolini's first demonstration of Italian independence and the French and British leaders bowed to it. The story also went around that Mussolini disliked to travel in Switzerland since the day he was expelled from that country.

The ban of expulsion was officially lifted only the week before the Fascist leader became premier.

Tonight's meeting was aimed at securing unity of front, and it indicated that Italy insists upon complete equality with France and Great Britain. The big three dinner was so informal that somebody labelled it "black shirt diplomacy."

MET AT THE STATION

Mussolini met Poincaré and Curzon at the station and welcomed them cordially. He explained that he preferred not to go to Lausanne, and he was convinced that the first meeting should be held at a place not influenced by the conference atmosphere. He agreed, however, to proceed to Lausanne on the ministerial special, leaving at 10.45, and spend the night in conversation.

The interview between Premiers Poincaré and Mussolini and Lord Curzon was entirely satisfactory in all that concerned the Entente attitude at the Near East conference, opening tomorrow. The three ministers are understood to have adopted a common resolution to treat all questions to be submitted in the conference on a basis of most cordial friendship and perfect allied equality.

An accord between France, Great Britain and Italy was reported in principle, but details have yet to be worked out and to that end another meeting of the three statesmen is to be held at Ouchy tomorrow morning.

A Serious Blaze in the New Parliament Building

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—For a short time on Saturday afternoon the new Parliament buildings were threatened with destruction by fire which started in a similar place to that which destroyed the buildings in 1916. Workmen employed in the Commons reading room were using gasoline on the rubber floor of the room. A match lying on the floor was scraped into flame by a workman's boot, and in an instant the whole air was a mass of flames. The papers on the racks caught and before the fire was extinguished a good many of them were destroyed. The damage otherwise was slight.

MRS. PHILLIPS IS CONVICTED OF MURDER

Los Angeles, Nov. 20.—A jury today found Mrs. Clara Phillips guilty of murder in the second degree in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Alberta Meadows. Mrs. Phillips beat Mrs. Meadows to death with a hammer because of jealousy of her husband's attention to the woman.

The jury by its verdict found that Mrs. Phillips in beating Mrs. Meadows to death acted under extreme provocation.

Nine men and three women rendered the verdict which was returned at 10.30 A. M. today after approximately 28 1/2 hours of deliberation. The penalty is imprisonment for from ten years to life.

Adjourned Until 29th

A local case in which the selling of beer without a license is charged, was adjourned in the police court this morning, until the 29th.

WAS OFFERED A LARGE SUM TO GO SLOW

Ottawa, Ont. Nov. 20.—Although the Hon. R. W. Craig, Attorney-General of Manitoba, was not anxious to discuss the matter he confirmed today the charge made at the Presbyterian Synod of Winnipeg by Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) who stated that the Attorney-General had been approached with an offer of \$50,000 to refrain from rigidly enforcing the local temperance legislation.

Mr. Craig seemed surprised that Dr. Gordon had made such a statement in public.

"I was approached," said Mr. Craig "by a man whom I respect but what he said to me was said in confidence and will be treated as such."

Mr. Craig admitted that the suggestion accompanying the offer was to "go slow" in the enforcement of the Manitoba temperance act.

The offer was rejected, very emphatically.

SIR HENRY TO ARRIVE IN CANADA SOON

New Head of the C. N. R. Will Sail for Canada on Wednesday.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Sir Henry Thornton president of the United Canadian National Railways board will sail on Wednesday next on his return to Canada to assume his new duties. It is expected that he will reach the capital about November 30 ready for action. Almost immediately after his arrival it is probable that there will be a meeting of the board the first under his presidency when certain pressing matters will be dealt with, notably the ordering of new equipment for the Grand Trunk and the Canadian National lines. A large number of freight cars are urgently needed due to the heavy leakage across the border in the last three months. Many more locomotives must be built and this time there will be a uniform type for all the National lines. Then more rails are needed chiefly for replacement purposes as it is understood that there will be but a slight addition this coming year to the system's mileage only the very urgent branch lines in Western Canada being favorably considered.

Operating Centres.

Another question to be settled at the earliest possible date is the distribution of operating centres. Many representations from the various parts of the country affected by this policy have been made to the board and to the Department of Railways and Canals since the new board was appointed in October. What is the final decision of the board will not of course be known until Sir Henry Thornton has had an opportunity of the fullest discussion of the question with his colleagues. Then it is expected he will make a personal inspection of the system.

Financial Condition.

Encouraging reports are reaching this city as to the financial condition of the National system and it was said today by one closely associated with its activities that both the Grand Trunk and the Canadian National would almost break even this year in operation that is the operating expenditure. This has nothing to do of course with capital account. Considerable money on this account will have to be raised but the government is delighted to learn that from an operating standpoint the roads are able to care for themselves.

FAREWELL SERMON BY CURATE

Rev. R.H.H. Bulteel and Wife Will Leave Wednesday for Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The farewell sermon of Rev. Mr. Bulteel was preached by him at Christchurch Cathedral Sunday night to a large congregation. The retiring curate spoke in feeling manner of the kindness which had been extended to him during the three years and more in which he has been connected with the Cathedral. He made particular reference to Mrs. Bulteel and himself. Referring to his connection with the young peoples' organizations he mentioned the changes which even a few years had wrought and the development which had taken place in individuals and organizations. To the younger members of the congregation he gave good advice in the matter of respect and obedience to parents. Feeling reference also was made to his own boyhood days in England.

Rev. Mr. Bulteel and his wife will leave Wednesday night for Dorchester, Mass., where he will take a charge at All Saints Church.

Farewell Supper.

The Tuxis Boys of Christ Church Cathedral gave a farewell supper Saturday evening at their Club Rooms on Church Street in honor of their leader Rev. R.H.H. Bulteel during the evening Albert Hanson on behalf of the Tuxis Boys presented Rev. Mr. Bulteel with a ten dollar gold piece. There also was a presentation to him at Minto.

LABOR MAY BE THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

NEW PARLIAMENT MEETING TODAY

The Formal Opening by the King Will Take Place on Thursday.

London, Nov. 20.—The new parliament which assembled today possesses one novelty. It is the first British parliament in which the Labor party has attained dimensions entitling it to be recognized as the official opposition with the certain prescriptive privileges in the amenities of the house attached to that position.

There are three possible claimants to the position of leader of the opposition namely Herbert H. Asquith David Lloyd George and John R. Clynes supposing that the latter as is expected is re-elected chairman of the Labor party. It is anticipated that the speaker of the house will decide that Labor shall be the official opposition as the Labor party far outweighs in strength either the Asquith or Lloyd George parties.

Today, Tuesday and Wednesday will be occupied in the formalities of electing a new speaker and swearing in of the new members. The latter is a tedious task and will occupy two days.

The doors of the commons were opened early this morning and there was the customary rush of members to secure the rights to certain advantageous seats.

T. P. O'Connor as 'father of the house' proposed the re-election of the present speaker Rt. Hon. John Henry Whitley and his motion carried unanimously. The leaders of the different parties having congratulated the new speaker the house proceeded to swearing in the members and the other necessary formalities.

The formal opening of parliament by King George with state ceremonial will take place Thursday when the King will deliver a brief royal speech in which he will announce the assembly of the new parliament and intimate that its principal business will be the ratifying of the Irish constitution which must be accomplished by Dec. 6 or otherwise the Anglo-Irish treaty will lapse. For this reason much less time than usual will be occupied in debate on the address in reply to the King's speech.

Parliament will adjourn early in December to reassemble in February when the real business of legislation will begin.

CAPT. CROSSLEY PASSED AWAY AT ST. JOHN

A telegram to Capt. J. A. Read of this city on Saturday announced the death at St. John West of his brother-in-law, Capt. James H. Crossley. The deceased was one of the best known shipmasters sailing out of St. John and had visited all parts of the world. He spent many years on sailing vessels and afterward was in command of steamers of the Battle Line plying between St. John and European ports. At the time of the Campbellton fire Capt. Crossley was in command of a passenger boat on the Bay Chaleur. His ship was in Campbellton when the fire broke out and the services he rendered in connection with that great conflagration won for him much well deserved praise. During his long career at sea Capt. Crossley never lost a vessel. On one occasion he rescued the crew of a French ship and received a decoration from the French Government.

The deceased was a native of Hants County, N. S., and is survived by a widow, two daughters and one son. He also leaves one sister and one brother. The funeral took place at West St. John this afternoon.

Robichaud Elected.

Today was nomination day for the vacant seat in the county of Gloucester caused by the elevation of Hon. O. Turgeon to the senate. A report from Bathurst states that Mr. John G. Robichaud was the only candidate placed in nomination and that he was elected by acclamation.