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A Maniac in Control Of a Freight Ship Off Mexican Coast

The Crew of the S.S. Sata Cecilia Are in a Serious Plight—Barricaded Themselves in Cabin to Escape His Fury—SOS Call Sent Out For Naval Vessel.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 1—The picture of a mad man controlling a ship, the crew barricaded in cabins to escape his manical fury was visualized by shipping men today as hours passed with no new word from the freighter Sata Cecilia, which early yesterday issued a call for help. The drama of the sea was being enacted off Cape San Lucas, Mexico, it was believed, as the ship steamed towards Panama from Honolulu.

Efforts of radio stations to contact the ship failed. Operators sat at their keys for hours at a stretch, failing to get a response to their calls.

Sent Out SOS Call

First information of the crew's plight was contained in a radio despatch to the 11th Naval District, here:

"We need aid, are there any naval vessels near us? Maniac armed dangerously and violently insane. Impossible to subdue." No naval boats were in the vicinity of the craft, so the report was relayed to the 12th Naval District headquarters at San Francisco, where representatives of the United States Department of Health were called in.

POTATO MEN FEAR LOSS OF U. S. MARKET

Increase in Canadian Duty on Early Potatoes May be a Severe Blow to Maritime Seed Stock Growers.

St. John, May 1—The recent action of the Federal Minister of National Revenue in raising the duty value of potatoes imported into Canada from three quarters of a cent per pound to six cents, is looked upon with disfavor and alarm by potato growers and shippers in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. They fear that the United States, their largest customer for table and seed stock, will retaliate by placing a prohibitive duty on Canadian tubers.

This was the situation revealed last night to the Telegraph-Journal by A. D. McCain, of Florenceville, N. B., vice-president of the Associated Shippers of New Brunswick, and James W. Boulter, of Charlottetown, manager of the potato Growers' Association of Prince Edward Island, and Deputy Minister of Agriculture for that province. Mr. Boulter declared that buyers in Virginia had notified P. E. Island shippers that they would not accept any more shipments unless the Canadian duty be placed back on the three-quarter cent per pound basis.

Both pointed out that should the American market be closed to potato growers of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island it would mean a loss to New Brunswick Growers of hundreds of thousands of dollars and more than \$1,000,000 annually to Prince Edward Island growers. Since January \$150,000 worth of New Brunswick table and seed potatoes have been shipped to United States points, it was said. Coupled with the practical closing of the Cuban market, recently, the double blow would be disastrous.

WHAT SOME M. P.'S WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

(Montreal Star)

Last week's session in the House of Commons was enlivened by a number of questions and answers which probably give visitors the impression that the government was running a grocery shop or a departmental store. The questions and answers resembled a "what do you know?" game. Here are some of them without comment:

Who is the egg inspector at Prince Albert, Sask?

Mr. L. M. Watson.

Why is L. M. Watson the egg inspector at Prince Albert, Sask?

Hewas previously in the banking and insurance business.

What was the price of fresh eggs in Montreal on Aug. 1, 1930?

Has the Government bought any hand-blotters since Aug. 1, 1930?

Minister Concerned

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, reached by telephone at his home at Coverdale, Albert county, was very much concerned over the situation. "The United States is one of our best markets for potatoes, and anything that would surtail the sale of our produce there will be a serious thing for the potato growers of this province. The action of the Federal Government in increasing the duty on American potatoes was unexpected and I feel that in view of the adverse effect it is bound to have it should be righted at once in the interest of the industry," he said.

Asked if a protest would be lodged at Ottawa, Hon. Mr. Smith said: "The matter will certainly be brought up at the next Government meeting. My department is always anxious to assist any branch of agriculture in holding present markets and obtaining new ones. Agriculture is the basic industry in New Brunswick and must be encouraged rather than discouraged."

HAS NO PLAN TO CUT WAGES ON THE C.N.R.

Ottawa, April 30—"I have heard nothing of it," declared Hon. R. J. Manion Minister of Railways, when asked tonight in connection with reports that the Canadian National Railways projected reducing the wages of their staffs along lines similar to the cuts effected yesterday by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Railway officials here tonight expressed themselves as similarly unformed in the matter.

Women Refuse to Abandon Slender Silhouette.—Headline. They flatly refuse, you might say.

INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED PAYROLL IRREGULARITIES STARTED HERE TODAY

Government investigation into alleged irregularities in connection with the payrolls of road supervisors and bridge superintendents in Restigouche and Madawaska counties in the summer of 1930 between the dates of April 1st and October 31st, was begun this morning in the Corporations Committee room of the parliament buildings. R. P. Hartley, deputy attorney general, is conducting the probe.

J. E. Michaud, a member for Madawaska, who informed the legislature at its last session of the alleged maladministration, was present this morning with J. T. Hebert, of Campbellton who is retained by the Opposition as counsel. Mr. Hartley and A. W. Barbour, deputy minister of public works were the government representatives. Counsel for the government has not yet been named, but will be known by Wednesday, when the hearing will be resumed. In all 210 witnesses will be called outside of the supervisors and bridge superintendents, who number about twelve.

This investigation is being considered as a prolongation of the Public Accounts Committee, inquiring into alleged irregularities in certain roads and bridge expenditures and will probably take several weeks.

J. E. Michaud

This morning's session lasted about half an hour, during which time Mr. Michaud outlined the information he had at hand and the number of witnesses he would have ready to call. He filed the copy of report which had been before the Public Accounts Committee during the legislative session, and also the letter which he wrote to the Minister of Public Works, outlining the alleged irregularities.

R. P. Hartley then adjourned the commission until Wednesday at two o'clock, when the supervisors and bridge superintendents involved, about 11 in number, will be called as the first witnesses.

Mr. Michaud said that his attitude was to have the investigation as brief as possible, and not to entail any unnecessary expense. The investigation, he said, was held because of the demands of the public and press. He feels that one-half, and probably three quarters of the two hundred and more witnesses will not have to be called.

Mr. Hartley, said that he had purposely planned to call the supervisors first for the purpose of eliminating all the unnecessary witnesses, who might cause considerable more expense. By thus calling the supervisors and bridge superintendents, with the possibility of resultant resignations, many witnesses would be eliminated, and ex-

AHRINBERG HAS REACHED THORSHAVEN

Will Conduct a Search For Lost British Explorer

Oslo, Norway, May 1—Capt. Albin Ahrlinberg reached Thorshavn, his refuelling point on the way to Iceland at 10.25 a.m., after taking off by air from Bergen at 5.55 a.m. today. A message from the Icelandic patrol boat Odinn by way of Bergen said that the ship had passed the Greenland coast off Angmagsalik and expects to reach the edge of the ice today.

Angmagsalik was the base of the Watkins British Arctic air route expedition. Augustine Courtault, a member of the group, was left on the Greenland ice cap to study meteorological conditions. He was believed to have been lost and Capt. Ahrlinberg and the Odinn group sought to rescue him.

Mr. Harry Fluke of McAdam is in the city today.

May Day in Europe Brought Promise Of Disturbances

Repressive Measures Taken Against Communists

In Paris—Almost Complete Stoppage of Work

In Spain—Soap Box Oratory in Hyde Park, London.

LONDON, May 1—A European May Day celebration which ranged from soap box oratory in Hyde Park to impressive military display in Moscow, severe repressive measures against Communists in Paris, and almost complete stoppage of work in Spain, began early this morning without serious threat of disturbances.

The newly created Republic of Spain took the most enthusiastic part in the demonstrations with the possible exception of Soviet Russia, which makes the first day of May one of its outstanding holidays with a gigantic parade and many speeches before the tomb of Lenin in Red Square at Moscow.

Communists Active

BALBOA, Spain, May 1—A policeman and fifteen Communists were wounded in a May Day demonstration today. Police dispersed the gathering.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH AT OTNABOG SETT.

Gagetown, Queens Co., April 30—A two-year-old colored child was burned to death last night at Otnabog, a Negro settlement near here, when the shack in which he parents left her alone caught fire from an over-heated stove-pipe. E. B. Palmer, of Central Hampstead, coroner, decided no inquest was necessary, and the charred body was buried today.

The fire victim, Ophelia McIntyre, daughter of Ashley and Mrs. McIntyre, and two other children, Kathleen, five, and George three, were left in the house while their father went to call on a neighbor, who lived a quarter of a mile away. Their mother has been working as a domestic in Fredericton and was attending a revival meeting while fire snuffed out the life of the child. She was rushed home by automobile.

Kathleen and George were able to escape. When McIntyre returned after calling on his neighbor he found his shack wreathed in flames, the fire raging so fiercely that it was impossible for him to attempt a rescue.

Ophelia's body was found among the embers of the house this morning.

HARLEM'S BIG NEGRO DIES

New York, May 1—Harlem has lost its biggest citizen in the death of James Finch, Negro sandwich man.

He was 7 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 678 pounds. He wore size 24 shoes and a tent-like coat estimated to the hospital no ordinary stretcher would carry him. A makeshift was built of 4 inch joists and sailcloth. Eight internes shouldered it.

In the hospital he occupied two beds placed side by side and reinforced with underpinning. The mattresses were sewed together, and he was outfitted in special garments.

Maybe a ghost doesn't walk, but the family skeleton in this closet often gives a rattling good imitation.

COLLECTIONS AT THIS PORT INCREASED

National Revenue Receipts for the Month Totalled \$83,658.54, An Increase of \$2,032.54.

National Revenue receipts for the port of Fredericton for the month of April showed an increase of \$2,032 over the corresponding month of last year, according to a statement handed out today by Fred P. Colter, acting Collector.

The statement follows:
Customs Import Duty\$56,557.43
Customs Sales Tax 1,680.20
Customs Excise 141.90
Excise Tax (Domestic) 1,023.89
Excise Duty 24,254.62
Sundry Collections51

Total Revenue\$83,658.55

The total collections for the month of April, 1930, were \$81,626.01, making an increase for the present month of \$2,032.54.

GAME POACHER FINED AND JAILED

Woodstock, April 30—Amber Weeks, arrested several weeks ago on a charge of hunting out of season, was found guilty today by Magistrate Augherston in the police court here and fined \$150, with an alternative of three months in jail. G. W. Montgomery appeared for the Crown and L. E. Young for the defence.

The case arose out of the killing of a cow moose near Kilmarnock and Week's arrest resulted from investigations by game wardens and provincial police.

Berkeley, California, May 1—The University of California is to learn all about twins from 750 pairs located in the vicinity. A survey will be made of such things as the effect of heredity to raise, whether they should be dressed.