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Moderate south-west and west winds, partly cloudy and mild today and Saturday, scattered showers.

QUEEN MOTHER DIED TODAY

Her Majesty Has Had A Reoccurrence Of Yesterday's Attacks

Bulletin Issued This Afternoon Reports Her Rapidly Sinking—Doctors are Now Administering Oxygen—The King, Queen and Prince of Wales are Now at Sandringham.

A special cable to The Mail at three o'clock this afternoon conveyed the sad news of the death of Queen Alexandra, widow of King Edward VII. Her Majesty was taken seriously ill yesterday with an attack of heart trouble, and while her condition improved somewhat during the night, she suffered a repetition of the attack this afternoon with fatal results. Her death will be sincerely mourned all over the English speaking world.

Her Majesty was the eldest daughter of the late King Christian IX of Denmark and was born on December 1st, 1844. She became the wife of the then Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII) in 1863. Two sons and three daughters were born of the union.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, November 20—Queen Mother Alexandra was rapidly sinking this afternoon at her Sandringham estate, while England mourned for the beloved woman.

Doctors were administering oxygen and the Prince of Wales hastened from London by special train to her bedside. King George, Queen Mary, Queen Maude of Norway and the Princess Royal were already in Sandringham and the Duke of York had preceded Wales.

An official bulletin issued at Sandringham said that the heart attacks with which she was afflicted yesterday reoccurred this morning.

Received With Regret.

London, Nov. 18—The British capital experienced emotion and dread this afternoon at the news that the beloved Queen Mother Alexandra, whose eighty-first birthday falls on Dec. 1, has been stricken with a heart attack at her country home, Sandringham House.

The first official bulletin announced that Queen Alexandra was critically ill and this gave rise to the gravest anxiety that death might be expected soon, but tonight a telephone message from King George, who with Queen Mary is visiting Sandringham, informed the Prince of Wales, who is the Queen Mother's favorite, that her condition was somewhat reassuring.

Plans Still Stand.

Consequently the elaborate plans for the Prince's procession through London tomorrow to the Guildhall for the Lord Mayor's official welcome on his return from South Africa and South America, were not cancelled and the other members of the royal family, including the Duke and Duchess of York, are remaining in London, instead of going to the aged Queen's bedside, as would have been the case if all hope were given up.

At 10 o'clock tonight the Queen Mother's condition had not materially changed since early in the day. She was completely conscious and seemed not to be losing ground.

The King drove over from York Cottage at that time to see his mother, but was expected to return to his own residence in Sandringham tonight.

Came On Suddenly.

Queen Alexandra's illness developed suddenly. Yesterday she took her usual drive. When the heart attack came this morning, a local practitioner was hurriedly called, and Sir Thomas Horder, physician to the Prince of Wales was summoned from London. Soon after his examination it was announced that no further bulletins would be issued until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

EMBARGO ON POTATOES SOON TO BE LIFTED

Reports From the U. S. Market are More Encouraging.

374 CARS WERE IN THE YARDS

Sorting of Low Grade Stock Has Caused Some Delay.

Boston, Nov. 20—With a new low in the number of carloads of potatoes at the Boston and Maine yards established today, came the prediction that the Boston potato embargo will be lifted by the end of the week. When the count was checked this morning only 374 carloads remained of the 500 which were crowding the yards a week ago.

Through the efforts of officials in charge at the receiving end an appreciable hole has been made in the glutted condition of the market since the embargo was declared a week ago. Potatoes are now quoted per 100-pound sack at between \$3 and \$3.75, the lower price occurs because of the low grade of some of the stock received, which shows signs of frost and cold.

The grading and sorting that this poor condition of the potatoes necessitates slows up to a considerable extent the speed with which it would be normally possible to clear the market.

Although no loading is being done at the farming stations in northern New England and southern Canada, because of the embargo farmers there are holding their potatoes at between \$3.90 and \$4.10 per hundred pounds. As soon as the embargo is lifted and the stock at present on hand disposed of, buyers in Boston will find it necessary to pay these higher prices for the product, despite the fact that the potato crop this season is a plentiful one.

FRANCE PLANS A HEAVY TAX ON ANTIQUES

Paris, Nov. 19—A slight amendment made today in its proposed finance legislation puts the French government in the position of having to settle the old question, "When is an antique?" Under the new tax plan antiques, whether paintings, books, furniture or object of art, bear a heavy impost but modern items are tax free.

It is possible that in the future foreign collectors may become easy victims of bootleggers of antiques, but if the prospective buyer wishes to make certain about the age of the articles he desires to purchase he has only to demand the government tax receipt as a stamp of its authenticity.

By today's amendment books are exempted from tax if they are used by novelists, hommes des lettres, scientists and others as books of reference in their professional work, but here again the Treasury will be obliged to assume the burden of proving whether the books are useful or ornamental.

The third feature of the finance bill offers no problem to the tax gatherer. Paintings, tapestries and sculptures are tax free if the artist is alive. If the artist is dead, whether for a year or 1,000 years, such works of art are taxable.

Operations Were Resumed.

The operations on the new building in King street being erected by Pugh Bros., for use in their business in the Dairy Depot, which were interrupted for a short time Thursday when a carrying timber sagged under too great a weight of concrete blocks used in the upper walls, were resumed. Henry W. Boyd is erecting the building. Fred McLean was slightly injured about the head when the accident occurred.

THE CHINESE HAVE CLAIMS AGAINST U. S.

Want to be Indemnified For Sinking of Junks.

LOSS OF LIFE WAS CAUSED

Sinking of Junks Not an Uncommon Occurrence.

By RANDALL GOULD.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) Peking, Nov. 20—Following a claim against the American Steamer Meiren alleging that she sank Chinese junks and drowned some Chinese, the Foreign Office today presented another claim against the United States, declaring that a United States navy guard killed two Chinese and wounded nine others.

The sinking of junks is not entirely an uncommon occurrence in Chinese waters. Mariners proceed on the theory that the junks must get out of their way or else take the consequences for they know of the Chinese superstition that "it is good luck" for a big steamer to cut across the stern of a junk and miss it.

The Chinese believe that the cutting across process drives away the "devils" with which Chinese life is supposed to be beset.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN SESSION

Hon. Lewis Smith Absent in Toronto—Unfinished Business is Being Considered—Began Last Night.

The members of the Provincial Government with the exception of Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, who is at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto are in session considering business which was not touched at the last sitting. The government sat late this morning and a close of the session it was stated that routine business was under consideration.

THE SESSION LIKELY TO BE STRENUOUS ONE

Ottawa, Nov. 19—Strenuous days will follow the opening of Parliament. There is talk of morning, afternoon and evening sittings of the House of Commons if debates on the address should show signs of dragging on for any length of time. Generally the motion for morning sittings does not come until the end of a session. It is pointed out however that no committees will be meeting until the debate on the address is concluded. Therefore, it is suggested in order to reach a vote on the address before the Christmas adjournment morning sittings might be held.

At Royal Winter Fair.

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, Harvey Mitchell his deputy and James Bremner of the Livestock Division have been attending the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto. They are expected to return Saturday.

Hon. E. A. Reilly of Moncton is at the Queen.

BADOLIO GIVES DENIAL TO A REPORT

Says He Has Not Been Named Successor to Mussolini.

LAUGHED AT THE STORY

Italian Premier Has Not Taken Time by the Forelock.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Rome, Nov. 20—Reports that General Badoglio had been designated by Premier Mussolini as his successor in event of assassination were denied today by the General himself.

Receiving the United Press correspondent Badoglio laughed at the story and commented, "You will naturally deny it in the most absolute manner".

London reports this week claimed that Mussolini foreseeing the possibility that an assassination plot might succeed one day had taken the precaution to perpetuate his regime by appointing the General to assume his post.

MOVIE THEATRE IN DUBLIN WAS WRECKED BY MINE

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press) Dublin, Nov. 20 Armed men today wrecked the masterpiece movie theatre with a land-mine and shot two constables in a running fight as they escaped in an automobile in a fog.

The British war film "Ypres" had been displayed in the theatre and was recently stolen after it had aroused ill political hatreds.

The mine exploded with such force that it also wrecked adjoining buildings.

SIR JOHN DID NOT KNOW GUN WAS LOADED

In the election of 1921 Mr. Meighan was defeated in his own riding but was continued to lead his party, and one of his followers vacated a seat for him and a by-election admitted him to the House. At that time Mr. Meighan had barely half as many Conservative members in the House as Mr. King has Liberal members now.

In 1878 Sir John A. Macdonald was defeated by Alexander Gunn in Kingston but later in the year a seat was found for him in Victoria, B. C., Sir John explained his defeat by Mr. Gunn by saying he did not know his opponent was loaded.

In 1918 Mr. Asquith was defeated in Fife by re-elected Parliament by means of a by-election in Paisley.

There is therefore ever kind of precedent or Mr. King's course in retaining his position and securing another seat.

Happy Occasion.

There was a merry gathering at the rooms of the Salvage Corps and Fire Police Thursday night when a large number of friends of C. Archie Williams gathered and made the presentation of a handsome eight-day clock and an electric iron. Mr. Williams replied suitably. The presentation marked his recent enlistment in the ranks of the benefactors.

MEMBERS OF A JURY DRANK UP THE EVIDENCE

Three Good Men and True Quenched Their Thirst

DISCHARGED IN CONTEMPT

Fines of From \$5 to \$20 Imposed by the Court.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press) Freehold, N. J., Nov. 20—Three members of a jury which recently returned a verdict of not guilty in a trial involving illegal possession of liquor, were discharged yesterday from further jury service and held in contempt of court by Judge Rulif V. Lawrence.

It is alleged that they drank some of the evidence and that each carried some one of five bottles of whiskey offered in evidence, leaving only two for the court.

The men were Thomas Fox, foreman of the jury, Patrick Kelly, Fred Conover, all farmers. They were fined \$20, \$10, and \$5 respectively.

BOOZE DROUGHT IN DOMINION FAR REMOVED

A Big Increase in the Production of Spirits Under Prohibition.

Ottawa, Nov. 19—A liquor drought in Canada or in the United States is far removed from possibility, according to statistics of distilled liquor production in the Dominion for the years 1923 and 1924. Total spirits production in 1923 was 3,659,779 proof gallons, while in 1924 it had jumped to 7,123,359 proof gallons, or an increase of nearly 95 per cent.

Potable spirits increased from 2,208,825 proof gallons in 1923 to 4,630,512 proof gallons in 1924, or an advance of nearly 130 per cent. The production of industrial and commercial alcohols increased from 1,630,954 gallons in 1923 to 2,492,847 gallons in 1924, or over 52 per cent. Ontario produced 74.47 per cent. of the total output in 1923 and 75.52 per cent. in 1924. The total value of distilled liquors produced in Canada amounted to \$4,226,465 in 1923 and to \$10,711,801 in 1924.

Exports Increase.

Compared with this production of distilled liquors in Canada in the two years the grand total of exports of these products in 1923 was 1,130,679 gallons valued at \$8,391,434 and in 1924 was 1,210,458 gallons valued at \$10,064,486. The largest quantity exported to any country was 233,821 gallons in 1923 valued at \$1,236,146, the destination being "other British West Indies," but in 1924 this dropped to 126,390 gallons valued at \$582,050. Last year, 1924, the United States was the biggest importer of Canada's liquor, the quantity being 325,910 gallons valued at \$5,289,080, as compared with 206,928 gallons valued at \$3,150,944 in 1923. Last year Cuba got \$1,247,357 worth of liquor from Canada, while St. Pierre Miquelon, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, long regarded as a sort of clearing house for certain countries, last year got \$749,161 worth and in 1923 it got \$1,257,191 worth.

There were 13 distilleries in Canada in 1924, an increase of four over the previous year. Ontario had four in 1924 and three in 1923. Quebec, six and four, British Columbia, two and two, and Manitoba one last year as compared with none in 1923.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley is registered at the Barker House.