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Weather: Mild with occasional snow or rain

U. S. ENQUIRY IN GUN-BOAT SINKING INCIDENT BEING HELD

No Arrest Yet Made In Connection With Last Night's Murder

Aaron N. Cohen, Saint John Merchant, Shot In Street Outside His Store

SLAYER STILL AT LARGE

Daughter Sees Unidentified Man Escape From Scene

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, Dec. 18—No arrest was made by police up to one o'clock this afternoon in connection with the murder of Aaron N. Cohen, who was shot dead in the street outside his store on Prince William street, last evening. The Mounted Police of the entire province is throwing a network about the province, which should prove effective.

Police investigation today disclosed the fact that two bullets had been fired by the slayer, one of which entered the body of Mr. Cohen. The other bullet was found inside the shop owned by the murdered man.

Shot in the head after apparently grappling with an intruder who fled from his dry-goods store at 203-205 Prince Edward street shortly after 11.30 o'clock last night, Mr. Cohen, a highly respected merchant of that community, died in the Saint John General Hospital about an hour later.

First-hand accounts of the shooting which city police who investigated the crime long into the night called murder, were meagre. As far as is known so one had actually seen the crime committed. It was believed, however, that Mr. Cohen had dashed through one door of the store as the intruder raced out into the street. Then after flashing, the other shot him.

A fire alarm from Box 15, turned in by Alfred Martin, an uptown barber, brought attention of the authorities to the shooting. Martin was said to have heard cries for help up Prince

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Heads Association



EDWARD H. GURTON

Manager, Land Settlement and Development, Canadian National Railways, St. Paul, Minn., who was elected president of the American Railway Development Association at the 29th annual meeting at Chicago. Mr. Gurton, who came to Canada as an immigrant in 1903 is widely known in the West and in Montreal, where he had his headquarters as eastern superintendent of colonization before going to the United States.

Xmas Home Decorations

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS the electrical displays on lawns and exterior as well as interior of homes have drawn admiration from visitors as well as from the whole of the citizens during the Christmas season. The decorations of last year eclipsed all other previous years. It was a pleasure to drive around during the evening and view the varied artistic effects produced by the beautiful decorations at several homes on every street in Fredericton.

Lighted Christmas trees in multi-colored lights, candles in assorted colors in each window of the homes in several instances gave the city an aspect of solemnity and beauty. In some instances whole scenes were represented in vestibules such as the scene at Bethlehem, thus carrying the true Christmas message. It was a common sight to see people walking around from one street to another and stopping in front of these decorated homes and admiring them. The Daily Mail considers that these exterior as well as interior decorations help much to carry the Christmas message and are an asset to the city during the Christmas season.

The varied themes carried out by the different home makers reflect individual taste and talent and show a spirit of peace on earth good will to men. The general public reaps the benefit.

Christmas trees galore, large and small, all shapes and sizes, are coming into the city every day. In fact some of these will remain as a lawn decoration for the rest of the winter. The young Canadian spruce or hemlock for the winter season is a happy substitute when the blooms of the summer gardens disappear and many citizens have taken the habit of embellishing their winter gardens with the pretty little Canadian tree, which is a good rival to the stately palms in California.

It is to be hoped that this year will be the best yet in this respect. Judging from the wide array of electrical and other decorations which Fronton merchants are carrying, this year should surpass all previous years. Let all enter into the true spirit of Christmas in one of the happiest countries of the world.

Heretofore hoping that the Capital City will keep up its envied name of being at Christmas time as well as any other season, the prettiest spot in the Dominion.

Floral decorations in homes, churches and the Christmas community trees also add to the consciousness of the better things of life.

NEW MINISTER ARRIVES



Bringing their French bulldog "Boulette" with them, the Count and Countess Robert de Dampierre are shown as they arrived in New York aboard the liner Normandie. Count de Dampierre is French Minister to Ottawa.

Wounded Fired Upon by Japanese Report Survivors

United States Naval Board Starts Investigation On Board Sister Ship On Whangpoo River

NO DOUBT JAPANESE KNEW Motor Boats, Machine Gunned Boats Laden With Wounded

DEATH OF MOTHER OF CAN. GOV.-GEN.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

PEBBLES, Scotland, Dec. 18—The death of Mrs. Buchan, mother of Lord Tweedsmuir, took place here today. Mrs. Buchan had been living with her daughter, Anna Buchan, who writes under the name of "O'Douglas." Mrs. Buchan visited her son last year in Canada and a strange coincidence is that Lord Tweedsmuir was the appointed Chancellor of Edinburgh University.

DAUGHTER OF MUS-SOLINI GIVES BIRTH TO 3RD SON TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ROME, Dec. 18—Countess Ida Mussolini Clano, daughter of Mussolini, gave birth to her third son today. The Countess is very high spirited and is said to be Il Duce's favorite. Count Clano is delighted with the blessed event. Ida is said to be Mussolini's chief councillor.

Chinese Battery Sinks Japanese Ships

(Special to The Daily Mail)

HONG KONG, Dec. 18—A Chinese coastal battery has sunk a Japanese warship it was reported today.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17—Survivors of the Japanese attack on the United States gunboat Panay and three other United States vessels asserted today with graphic detail that open boatloads of wounded were machine-gunned after Japanese warplanes deliberately bombed and sank the Yangtze River gunboat.

Lieut. J. W. Geist, engineer officer said a Japanese motorboat machine-gunned the sinking Panay although an American flag was painted on the side of the ship from which the attack came.

Capt. John Mender, of the Standard Oil boat Melping, said Japanese with fixed bayonets prevented his men from fleeing the craft while Japanese planes bombed the Melping again and again.

The serious view the United States government took of belated reports of the deliberate machine gunning of the Panay's survivors was indicated by the dispatch with which a naval board of inquiry started its investigation.

The naval board went down the Whangpoo and boarded the Panay's sister-ship Oahu before it reached Shanghai with its load of dead and wounded. The Oahu's flags fluttered at half-mast.

Aboard were the bodies of Store-keeper Charles L. Ensminger of the Panay, Captain C. H. Carlsson of the Standard Oil ship Melan, Sandro Sandri, Italian newspaperman, and the Chinese quartermaster of one of the Standard Oil ships. Captain Mender said 19 Chinese employees of the Standard Oil Company were killed and others were missing.

Fifteen of the more than 75 survivors aboard the Oahu suffered from wounds. Ensminger received his fatal wound, according to the report of Colin McDonald, correspondent of the

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IN THE NEWS

London Defender



Major-General Sir Frederick A. Pile, above, who has been appointed to the command of the 1st anti-Aircraft Division of the Territorial Army, in succession to the late Major-General R. H. D. Thompson. The division embraces the London and Home Counties brigades.

WATERS OF TIBER RIVER SUBSIDE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ROME, Dec. 18—The sun shone on the River Tiber today making many hearts lighter. Thousands of Italians were forced to vacate their homes when the river overflowed its banks with the estimated damage between three and four thousand dollars.

Snow Plows Find Storm Light In This Area

Two snowplows were sent out this morning from the Government Garage to clear the roads of the present snowfall where it was considered most necessary. One plow went up the Woodstock highway and out to Harvey, while the other was sent to Burt's Corner.

It was stated from the garage that the snow "does not amount to anything" and there is no need of sending out more plows at present. Others will be sent out, however, if necessary.

The snowfall has not interfered to any great extent with traffic on the highways, and the roads are being navigated by motor cars with little difficulty. Buses travelling between this city and Grand Falls found the roads in such good condition that they were only 10 minutes behind schedule on the trip this morning.

The Saint John bus arrived in the city nearly on schedule, no snow being found until it had reached Geary. Below there the storm petered out into rain. The storm was a little heavier farther up the river and although the snow stopped in this area shortly after noon, it was still storming in the more northern areas at press-time.

The weather report for today and tomorrow indicates more snow in the northern sections of the province and rain and sleet in the southern portion.

MADRID, Dec. 18—One hundred and thirty-five miles away from Madrid at Parul a government surprise attack was inflicted on the insurgent troops. This was a serious blow to General Franco who is said to be planning an offensive himself.

EVERY TWO MINUTES OF DAY POLICE RADIO CARS USED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

New Co-operation Between Township And Toronto Officers Grows Out Of Modern System

TORONTO, Dec. 18—Every two minutes a radio equipped car in Toronto is responsible for an arrest, investigates a complaint or reports on infraction of the law.

At the end of this month the familiar call, "CYQ" the Toronto city police, will have been on the air two years.

Statistics compiled by Inspector Richard Pountney, head of the communications division, show 520 persons were arrested last month by policemen in radio equipped cars.

Complaints investigated totalled 14,857. Infractions of the law observed and reported number 3,397, making a total for the month of 19,774 occurrences.

After two years of operation even the most bitter opponents of radio are willing to admit the system is indispensable. Modern criminals must be met with modern police and equipment, is the belief of Toronto officials.

Installation of the transmitter, officials agree, has been responsible for cutting down the cost of law enforcement and the administration of justice. This they can prove by facts and figures. But the real value of radio equipped cars cannot be shown or tabulated in statistical form.

Perform Many Duties

No one is able to calculate the value

of police service in aiding families to locate missing relatives notifying motorists from distant points of sickness at home, assisting hospitals in securing blood donors for transfusions.

No one has attempted to place an estimate on the value of the co-operation now existing between the City of Toronto police and the police of surrounding municipalities. Prior to the inception of radio a distinct atmosphere of hostility and rivalry was evident among the various departments.

Today that has completely disappeared. It has been replaced by what Inspector Richard Pountney terms "priceless co-operation"—the kind that prompts East York police into responding to a call on Danforth Avenue—six blocks beyond the township limits.

Two young constables were battling with two alleged shopbreakers on Danforth last Saturday. The radio dispatcher sent a cruiser to the scene. Receivers in an East York car, tuned to the CYQ frequency, picked up the call. Immediately the officers went to the scene of the fight although it was located outside township limits.

Talks Another Language

"Radio equipped cars give a minimum of efficiency and protection with

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Our New Brunswick Coal Industry Should be Subsidized

Such Is The Opinion Expressed By Avon Coal Executive, In Reply to Morrison

P. Streater of Saint John president of the Avon Coal Company has issued the following statement regarding the Minto strike situation and in reply to the statements of D. W. Morrison, president of the Mine Workers Union.

The president of the coal company also discusses discrimination in subsidizing the Nova Scotia coal industry.

Saint John, N. B., Dec. 17, 1937. Mr. Morrison of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, in this morning's Telegraph-Journal states: "One of the objectionable matters is... underselling the operators of Nova Scotia." Whose interests has he at heart, the miners of Minto or the coal operators of Nova Scotia?

The competitive situation as between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick coal has been clearly pointed out by the Fair Wage Board when they call attention to the freight rates discriminatory to New Brunswick in effect from Nova Scotia points. In every case the per ton mile figures on Nova Scotia rates are

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COLLEGE OF ARMS SNUBS THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

Ancient Tradition Upset When Duke's Wife Refused Position Beside Him in Precedence List

LONDON, Dec. 18—The Heraldic College of Arms was disclosed today to have refused to record any precedence for the Duchess of Windsor. By declining to grant her the same precedence as her husband, the college broke one of the oldest customs in the history of nobility.

Authorities on heraldry said a wife took the same rank as her husband, when his was higher than hers, in all previous cases, but for minor exceptions.

The fourteen members of the college, arbiter of British titles since its founding by Edward IV in 1464, ruled that the Duke of Windsor took precedence as the third Royal Duke. This meant that, at ceremonial functions where order or position are observed, he would follow after his brothers, the Dukes of Gloucester and of Kent.

After his abdication, the Duke was created "His Royal Highness" by his brother, King George VI, and the Col-

lege of Arms confirmed him in his precedence by issuing letters patent.

The former Wallis Warfield became the Duchess of Windsor on her marriage to the Duke, but was given no further title. She is referred to only as "Her Grace" or "Your Grace." Some sources indicated the college refused to record any precedence for her because it was split on the question and did not intend to make a final decision until possibly compelled by circumstances, such as her attendance at a formal Royal function.

It was said that "on the advice of the King" the college would not have to rule on her position unless she should come to England to take her place at a function such as a Royal funeral, Coronation, Royal wedding, Royal christening or an opening of Parliament. A controversy over the question of her precedence followed different stands taken by two authoritative handbooks on British nobility.