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RUMOR OF KARLUK CREW INTERESTS OTTAWA

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—Government officials expressed deep interest today in the account, telegraphed from San Francisco, of Captain T. C. Pedersen's views concerning Explorer Stefansson's loss of his ship Karluk, and especially in the suspicion he was quoted as expressing that discontent on the part of the members of the Karluk's crew might have had more to do with Stefansson's separation from the rest of the expedition than a mere desire to go ashore to hunt. Inasmuch as it was Pedersen who took the Karluk from San Francisco to British Columbian waters, where he conferred at length with Stefansson before turning the vessel's command over to Captain Robert Bartlett, Peary's old sailing master, he was recognized here as speaking with considerable authority. Considering the nature of the party on board the Karluk when, according to Stefansson's account, it was blown to sea while he and his lieutenants were ashore looking for game, Pedersen refused to believe that the trouble between the expedition's head and his followers led the former to believe he would be safer on land or that those on the ship left him for any reason except the one Stefansson himself gave—that they could not help themselves.

Though anxious to accept Pedersen's view that the Karluk will turn up safely next summer when the Arctic ice breaks, there was also a disposition here to fear he was over hopeful, and in support of this judgment his own story of the loss of his ship, the gasoline schooner Elvia, was cited.

In view of his statement that the season was the worst in the memory of the oldest Arctic navigators, officials who were identified with the origin of the Stefansson expedition did not understand the grounds for Pedersen's views.

GRAND OPERA SINGER THROUGH WITH HUBBY

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—That the production of mesothorium, the substitute for radium, will be progressing on a commercial scale by next year was announced today by Dr. Harlan Minor, a chemist for a drug manufacturing concern here. The substitute, medical authorities have said, has the same curative qualities in cancer cases as radium itself. It was discovered by Mme. Currie, but has not been extensively produced heretofore.

Derived from thorium, and found mainly in the Carolinas, chemists pronounce it much more quickly and easily manufactured than radium.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Suit for divorce from her husband, William Rapp, Jr., on the ground of desertion, was filed today in the superior court by Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heinke, the famous singer. Rapp lives in New York and the diva makes her home here.

Temperamental differences, close friends of the couple said, made domestic happiness impossible. It was also asserted that they disagreed over large sums of money which Madame Schumann-Heinke spent in training her children. It was said Rapp objected to these expenditures.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 22.—A marriage of business convenience. That is the explanation given today by some of Madame Schumann-Heinke's many friends here for her contemplated step for filing suit for divorce from her husband in Chicago. Rapp became the singer's husband in 1905. For some time he had been her manager and practically private secretary and, it is said, was so familiar with all her business affairs that she trusted to him in almost all matters connected with her tours and engagements. Their marriage was proposed, it is said, by friends of the two as a good way to continue these relations without embarrassment, and these friends are said to have expressed the confidence that, if love was lacking, it would soon grow between the couple. For two or three years, however, the diva and Rapp have not been living together, and much of the time when not on tour Schumann-Heinke has spent at her mountain home near this city. The diva is 52 years old. She married Mr. Heinke in 1882. Her second husband was Paul Schumann, a noted German actor, who died about ten years ago. Her devotion to her children and to a grandchild, recently born, has marked her life here.

CONGRESSMAN PEPPER DEAD

Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Congressman Pepper of Iowa died here today of typhoid fever.

IS BRITAIN TO BUY OFF PRESIDENT HUERTA?

(By a United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—That British interests have hatched a scheme to buy General Huerta out and seat a Mexican provisional president of their own choice was widely rumored here today.

As the initial step—so the story ran—Lord Cowdray, head of the British Pearson syndicate, will surrender to the Mexican government January 1 his fifty-year right to one-third of the Tehuantepec railroad's earnings, receiving in return for it 12,000,000 pesos in Mexican bonds.

Of these bonds, it was said, 3,000,000 pesos would be converted into cash immediately and returned to the Mexican government.

Huerta, it was assumed, would pocket the money promptly and resign. In his place there would be substituted, the reports had it, whatever provisional president the Britons nominated and the British government would ask other nations to recognize him until a regular election could be held.

President Wilson was understood to be aware of this plan, though what he thought of it no one professed to know.

The Bank of London and Mexico, the Banco Nacional and the Banco Central, which closed their doors yesterday as a result of prolonged runs on them, re-opened today, declining to take advantage of President Huerta's proclamation, intended to give them time to recuperate, of a holiday from December 22 to January 1.

Officials of all three banks said they would have plenty of money if given time to make collections. Indeed, it was generally known that their assets were ample and that it was only of actual cash they were short.

Huerta gave a reception to the diplomatic corps in honor of his saint's day, from which, however, American Charge d'Affairs O'Shaughnessy was absent.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 23.—The United States battleships Kansas and Connecticut arrived off Vera Cruz today and dropped anchor just outside the harbor. The ships passed Tampico on their voyage southward and reported all quiet there. The local branch of the Bank of London and Mexico remained closed today.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.

PARISIANS OBJECT TO TOO MUCH LIGHT

Paris, Dec. 22.—Illuminated advertising doesn't make a hit with the French and the art has just received a severe blow here. A judgment has just been rendered forcing a landlord to pay damages and to order electric signs removed from his premises, the case being brought by his own tenants. The ground floor tenant operated a movie show, the owner of the building authorizing him to advertise a la Broadway. Upper floor tenants thereupon took action. The Paris newspapers are complaining because the "Boulevards are getting to be as hideous as the electric sign-lined streets of American cities."

HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGES LIBERATED IN COUNTY

Eighteen pairs of Hungarian partridges have arrived in the city from the state game farm at Corvallis and have been liberated under the direction of Game Warden Merrill. Six pairs were sent to each of the Meritt, the Murphy and the Slate creek preserves.

The birds are handsome ones, and it is believed that they will find this locality suitable for their propagation. They are not large, the ones received, which were young birds, being about the size of mountain quail.

FILL COMMISSION VACANCIES AFTER HOLIDAY VACATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—It was announced at the White House today that the president will not fill the vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission until he returns from his vacation.

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ARREST SUSPECT OF S. P. TRAIN ROBBERY

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Identified by two of his alleged victims as the bandit who robbed the Southern Pacific train at El Monte, near Los Angeles, December 1, when Traveling Passenger Agent Horace E. Montague was shot and killed, a man giving the name of John T. Bostick was arrested on the street here today.

Bostick was identified by Arthur Colen and Mrs. Colen, who were passengers on the train. They were walking among the shoppers on Market street when Mrs. Colen saw Bostick.

"There goes the man who held up the train at El Monte," she said to her husband. The couple trailed the man for 30 minutes before they encountered a policeman.

Scores of pawn tickets were found in Bostick's pockets. Both Mr. and Mrs. Colen were positive in their identification of Bostick as the bandit.

Colen identified a watch found in Bostick's pocket as the property of Engineer Robbins. Colen is also an engineer.

Bostick said he was 27 years old and had lived in San Francisco five years. He said he had worked for the last three months at the Southern Pacific roundhouse. On the date of the hold-up, he claimed, he was at work at his lathe at the round house.

Bostick also declared that he lived in a cottage on California street, but he was unable to give the police the number of his house.

FORMER STATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER BUSH IS DEAD

Salem, Dec. 23.—Asahel Bush, for years democratic leader of the state of Oregon, warm friend of the late President Cleveland and controller

of federal patronage in Oregon during Cleveland's last term of office, millionaire banker and pioneer of Salem, died early today at his home here.

Bush was 89 years old. He had been ill sixteen days. He is survived by A. N. Bush, Sally Bush, Miss Eugenia Bush of Salem, Mrs. Thayer of Berkeley, Cal., children, and Asahel Bush, an only grandson.

In the early days Mr. Bush was a printer. Early in the fifties he bought the site now occupied by the Ladd and Bush bank and in 1856 opened up a banking business, with which he has been identified until but recently.

WOMAN FROZEN IN ICE OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Standing statue-like in the ice of the Mississippi river and but half a block from a big municipal Christmas tree, the body of a well-dressed woman, about 35 years old, was found frozen here today.

The woman evidently had jumped from the bridge which spans the river at a point near where the body was found. She broke through the ice as far as the waist and died from exposure. One arm was broken. The other was extended above the head, as if she had been gesticulating and calling for help when overcome. Firemen were compelled to chop the body from the ice. The woman wore a large cameo pin and expensive furs and silks.

HALF SATURDAY HOLIDAY WOMEN WORKERS IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 22.—"Female labor ought to cease at mid-day on Saturday." This doctrine today was contained in a bill introduced in the chamber of deputies by Deputy Briat, member of the supreme council of labor in France.

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