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President and Managing Director

Development of Labour Unrest

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Douglas Fairbanks to visit West Indies

YACHT CRUISE

Rome, Jan 29th—Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Sylvia Ashley, it was learned today, planning take extended trip together to the West Indies. Following arrival today from Smoritz they asked reservations made for them liner leaving Marseille for Trinidad. From Trinidad embark West Indian Cruise aboard yacht Fairbanks chartered. Young English couple named Chisholm who came here with film actor and Lady Ashley understood planning accompany them on cruise. CP

Duke and Duchess of Kent.

Trinidad, Jan 30th—Honeymooning Kents will emerge seclusion least one afternoon of seven days stay here. Telegram to the Secretary for the Colonies states Highness graciously consented to attend a Garden Party at Government House on February seven to enable hundreds of Trinidadians to meet them. Kents however request strict informality during stay, declined invitation remain at Government House because visit strictly private.

Mail & Shipping Intelligence

SOUTHBOUND		NORTHBOUND	
	Feb		Feb
Ocean Dom Str	4	Fort St. George	3
Nerissa	6	Scanpenn	13
St. Domingue	7	Lady Hawkins	13
Baralt for St Est	8	Nerissa	19
Scanmail	14	St. Domingue	23
Lady Drake	18	Scanmail	27
Ocean Dom Str	18		Mch
Fort St. George	20	Fort St. George	2
Baralt for St Est	22	Lady Nelson	6
Scanpenn	28	Scanpenn	13
	Mar	Nerissa	19
Ocean Dom Str	4	Lady Nelson	20
Lady Hawkins	4	St. Domingue	23
Nerissa	6	Scanmail	27
Baralt for St Est	8	Fort St. George	30
St. Domingue	10		Apr
Scanmail	14	Lady Drake	10
Ocean Dom Str	18	Scanpenn	10
Lady Drake	18	Nerissa	16
Fort St. George	20	St. Domingue	23
Lady Nelson	25	Lady Nelson	24
Scanpenn	28		May
	Apr	Lady Hawkins	8
Ocean Dom Str	1	St. Domingue	23
Nerissa	3		June

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"Dedicated to the service of the people that no good cause shall lack a champion, and that wrong shall not thrive unopposed."

THE UNION MESSENGER.

Development of Labour Unrest.

YESTERDAY afternoon the bodies of John Allen, James Archibald and Joseph Samuel were interred at Springfield Cemetery. The unfortunate men met their death early Tuesday evening last at the Town Extension villages. Crowds both from Basseterre and country districts had assembled in the locality and the scene was one of emotional unrest.

IN BRIEF.

On Buckley's estate, Monday morning, 28th instant, a strike was made by the labourers for higher wages. Word was passed to the other estates the labourers on which readily joined in the refusal to start reaping the sugar cane crop at the low cutting rate of eight pence per ton. On Tuesday morning the strikers marched westward from Buckley's advising estate labourers as they went along, to suspend work until the rate of wages had been satisfactorily decided. At Sandy Point the marchers received information that labourers at Buckley's had returned to work. The crowd divided, a part returning directly to Buckley's.

THE TROUBLE CENTRE.

Having arrived at Buckley's the strikers in a very short while succeeded in gaining the assurance that the strike would not be broken. Assembled at the western portion of the estate yard, the crowd had no occasion to create undue disorder. They were ordered out of the yard by the manager, Mr. E. D. B. Dobridge, who, along with the overseer, Mr. Edmund Pood, was equipped with a shotgun. The firearm was discharged in the crowd and, as a result, four persons suffered minor wounds.

THE MOB.

The yard being cleared, the manager and overseer retreated into the dwelling house. The crowd, greatly incited by this sudden action, moved gingerly round to the eastern gate. News of the incident spread like wild fire through the villages and the capital. In a comparatively short time the gathering at Buckley's gate ran well into hundreds. Communication with the Police authorities was made and a number of armed policemen soon after arrived. The crowd, however, was resolute that it would not disperse unless and until an arrest was made of the person or persons by whom the shots had been discharged.

His Worship Mr. E. P. Bell, Magistrate, District "C," Major O. St. A. Duke, Rev. Mansfield Williams, and other influential persons made a very earnest appeal to the crowd to refrain from what might be an unpleasant development of the situation, but the crowd was adamant.

WORKERS LEAGUE ACTIVE.

Mr. Thomas Manchester, President of the St. Kitts Workers League, Mr. W. A. H. Seaton, Secretary, and other officers of that organization were implored to render their assistance in the effort to dispell the mob. These gentlemen at first found themselves hard up against an almost impossible task, but in the end were successful in dividing the crowd and drawing the greater part toward Basseterre.

ADDITIONAL FORCES.

In a thin cloud of dust the Defence Force arrived on the troubled spot. Flying cars brought the Defence Reserve. The situation was then fast approaching bursting point. Without a second's delay the forces took full command of the affair. Some of the onlookers sensed impending danger and fled. The armed men soon pressed the entire gathering eastward, and by firing volleys in the air had the crowd driven a clear distance of nearly one hundred yards from Buckley's gate. Within the border of the village, the commotion assumed a more serious aspect. Showers of stones were hurled principally from the shelter of fences of private yards. Passing motorists suffered bruises and other mishaps as a result of the indiscriminate pelting. Motor cars also were made objects of attack and were actually damaged in the melee.

FIRE OPENED.

Night was approaching. Drivers of vehicles found the road at that point impassable. The Riot Act Proclamation was read.

Riot Act Proclamation.

The following is the text of the Proclamation made under the Riot Act (Cap. 47) of the Leeward Islands:—

Our Sovereign Lord the King charges and commands all persons having assembled immediately to disperse themselves and peaceably to depart to their own habitations or to their lawful business upon pains contained in the Riot Act.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Immediately after the reading of the Riot Act, fire was opened. The deadly pellets sang and whistled their fatal notes far and wide through the villages of Haynes Smith and St. John's. The bullets tore their way through fences, the sides of houses and other buildings, through electric lighting metal posts, through household furniture, through concrete structures and last, but by no means least, through the live human flesh of both the guilty and the innocent alike. Blood spilled in the air and ran profusely on the ground. The case is reported of a very small boy who, terrified by the sudden onslaught,

was hustling homeward when a bullet shaved him by the breadth of a hair. Persons in their homes over several dozens yards away were seriously injured. The dew that night fell silently on a pile of cold human brains, scattered at a corner of one of the village streets.

BAY FRONT ASSEMBLY.

The division of the crowd previously taken away by Officers of the St. Kitts Workers League, were led to the Bay Front where by these men they were seriously advised to refrain from any action which might create public disorder. This opportunity was also taken by the Workers League to distribute a printed message to the People, the text of which was printed in our issue of yesterday's date. After that time both the Capital and Extension Villages were relatively quiet.

RE-INFORCEMENT.

By the S/s. "Lady Nelson" which arrived here at 2 a.m. yesterday, Colonel Edward Bell, O.B.E., Chief Inspector of the Leeward Islands Police Force in answer to an emergency call landed here with a company of seven members of the Force. H. M. S. Leander also here by special request this morning.

INSPECTOR DUKE AND MAGISTRATE BELL.

Major O. St. A. Duke Inspector of Police for the St. Kitts-Nevis Division and His Worship Mr. E. P. Bell, Magistrate District "C" have proved themselves the most resourceful combination of patience and restraint we have seen. There is little doubt that they have both, in a wonderful way, contributed towards the gradual recovery to normalcy and the restoration of law and order, and the community is indeed grateful for the manner in which they were able to control a very delicate situation.

The names of those killed on Tuesday evening 29th instant as a result of the Labour Unrest, are:

JOSEPH SAMUEL,
JOHN ALLEN,
JAMES ARCHIBALD.

A Coroner's Inquiry commenced on 30th instant and was adjourned to Wednesday 6th proximo. In addition to the men killed the following persons whose names and addresses are given below were injured by bullet wounds and are now patients at the Cunningham Hospital.

Alfred Rogers, Botanic Gardens,
Cyril Tyson, McKnight, William
Fowler St. Johnston Village, Samuel
Woodley, Watley Gate, Ellsworth
Selkridge, Trafalgar Range, Charles
Moving, Market Street, Olive Allen,
St. Johnston Village, Virginia Greaux,
Poor House, Joseph Williams,
Russell Village.

Arrival Of Warship.

H. M. S. Leander arrived here during last night, and this morning a batch of men were landed, some of whom we understand were dispatched to the country districts. Last night members of the Defence Force were on patrol duty in the town. So far as we have heard the island is quiet and in some parts, the labourers have turned in to work.

Cane Fires

A number of cane fields on Shadwell as well as on College and Douglas Estate took fire early yesterday afternoon. We understand that labourers have turned in to cut the burnt canes upon the promise of an increase of wages.

PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM.

Port-of-Spain, Jan. 29th—Phillips Oppenheim making "Rest Cure" Cruise in West Indies arrived yesterday accompanied by wife to spend week. Oppenheim spent "Rest Cure" voyage writing another novel which he names "Mayor on Horse Back."

24 U. S. NAVY PLANES.

Trinidad, Jan. 30th—Arriving hourly intervals formation 24 U. S. Navy Sea Planes roared Port-of-Spain harbour yesterday afternoon completing flight to Curacao day behind. Schedule Caribbean tour. Planes alighted behind tender wright arrived earlier. One plane developed engine trouble flight necessitating journey. Planes will depart on Thursday.

NEW INSTITUTION FOR TRINIDAD.

Trinidad, Jan. 30th—Movement erect tuberculosis Sanatorium Public subscription commemoration of King's Jubilee begun here.

TRINIDAD WOMAN BARRISTER.

Trinidad, Jan. 30th—Gladys Ramsaran sole Trinidad woman barrister congratulated able pleadings end prolonged murder trial Sanfernado Ramsaran defended one of the four men accused for bearing to death a fellow Indian on lonely road. Jury returned a verdict of manslaughter in each case prisoners sentenced eight years.

DIVORCE WON

Trinidad, Jan. 30th—Kathleen Robinson married to Geo Bg 1929 won divorce husband Walter Robinson retired Banker of Supreme Court yesterday grounds misconduct unnamed correspondent.

BRITAIN'S BEEF IMPORTS

London, Jan. 28th—Walter Elliott, Minister of Agriculture, replying to questions in House of Commons said, Britain's total imports of beef in 1934 amounted to 13,500,000 hundredweights compared with 13,599,000 cwt. in 1933

Sensation Attack on Prime Minister MacDonald

London, January 29th—Sorrowful but unrepentant George Buchanan Independent Labourite Glasgow Riding of Gorbals declined in House of Commons today withdraw sensational attack he made on Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald during debate last night on Unemployed assistance Board set up administer British unemployment relief system Buchanan termed MacDonald "a swine a low dirty cur who ought to be horsewhipped out of politics."

NOTICE

MERCHANTS, shopkeepers and others are hereby warned not to give credit to my wife NORA JOHNSON, in my name, as I will not hold myself responsible for any debt or debts contracted by her, she having left my care and keeping on the 22nd January, 1935.

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As the accommodation of the eyes is constantly becoming weaker a change in the glasses should be made at least every two years, and in some cases oftener—and many, often unconsciously, weaken their eyes and reduce their vision by continuing the use of glasses that should be changed for those more suitable. To obtain most suitable glasses a thorough examination by a qualified Oculist is necessary. The majority of those who are using glasses have not the kind their eyes require, because of imperfect examinations and unsuitable glasses prescribed, and the neglect to make a change in the glasses when necessary.

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Hauptmann's Murder Trial

Flemington, January 29th—Indication that State has important rebuttal witness to say Hauptmann was mysterious and and evasive about money in home came out at trial today as Hauptmann underwent second day gruelling cross examination. Hauptmann forced to answer numerous prying questions about home and habits especially phonograph in which Attorney General David T. Wilentz hinted money kept.

Flemington, Jan. 29th—Hauptmann's prosecutor hung him today own language on witness stand to emphasize similarities 14 ransom notes. On stand Hauptmann said "oh that is planned for over a year already" ransom note said "this kidnapping was planned for a year already" phrase used by Hauptmann answer to question about contemplated trip to Germany.

TELEGRAMS—Canadian Press.
(St. Kitts Branch)

London, Jan. 28th—Reuters. Govt. decided to recommend petition of State of Western Australia for secession from Commonwealth of Australia be considered joint to select Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

London, Jan. 29th—British Press looked forward today, to this week's visit to London by French Premier Pierre Etienne Flandin and Foreign Minister Pierre Laval for re-affirmation of Franco-British friendship. Conservative "Daily Telegraph." It is realised that another and more determined attempt is about to be made to improve the foundations of European security. The visit by the French statesmen may be regarded, therefore, as a necessary preliminary toward putting Germany's pacific declarations to the test of deeds. "Morning Post," Conservative, editorially said, Time is ill chosen for disarming, pointing out mean nothing to give League of Nations right to apply sanctions without adherence of British Navy and French Army.

Washington, Jan. 29th—Messages of felicitation began to pour in today as Roosevelt reached eve of birthday, despite fact only 21 candles on White House cake. Roosevelt's cant count beyond 21 when it comes to birthdays. Roosevelt will be 53 tomorrow.

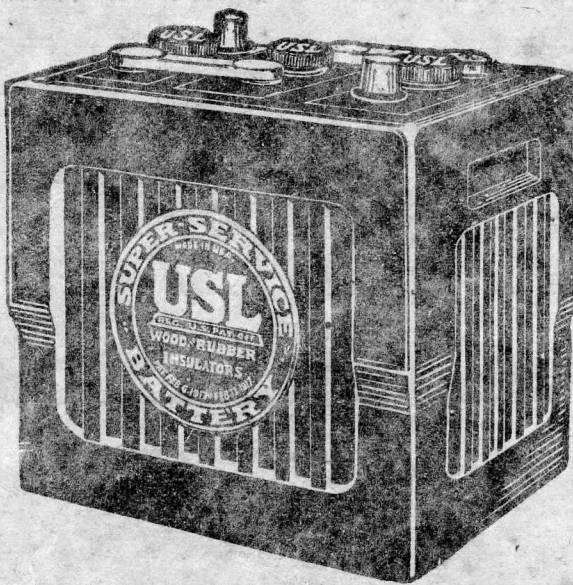
Gloversville, N. Y. Jan. 29th—Toll of poison liquor deaths this Fulton County Glove making city increased 11 deaths today with deaths of three more men. Three others critically ill.

London, Jan. 29th—Reuters. Prince of Wales leaving Britain early next week for three weeks holiday in Austrian Tyrol.

Gloversville, New York, Jan. 29th—Fourteenth death here today raised total number of alcohol poison victims in Mahawk valley cities within past five days to 31. Sixteen died at Utica, one at home.

Seattle, Jan. 29th—Coastguard radio reported today distress signals from coastal ship Sachila Maru off coast Japan near Nagasaki been picked up by cutters in Alaska last message saying Sachila Maru sinking.

Geneva, Jan. 29th—United States and Soviet Russia will replace Belgium and Canada immediately governing body International Labour Office



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Representative groups that Body decided today motion of President Italian Representative G. D. B. Michells

Gloversville, Jan. 29th—Poison alcohol raised total "creeping death" victims three Mohawk Valley Cities to 30 with deaths two noon today Henrietta Frye found in bed, William Henry died in hospital. Thirteen died here, 16 at Utica one in Rome

Ahmedabad, India, Jan. 30th—Havas. Mahatma Gandhi, Indian Nationalist Leader, yesterday described as "Capitalist Henchman" by Communists following approval by Gandhi of agreement between Labour Union and

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London, Jan. 29th—Havas. King today approved appointment of Herbert Adolphus Grant Watson, Envoy Extraordinary Minister Plenipotentiary Finland succeeding Rowland Sperling. Watson formerly British Minister to Cuba.

New York, 29th—Menace likely to interfere with plans. Commercial flying North Atlantic charted before institute of aeronautical sciences of annual meeting today. Charts showed almost continuous storm area coming up from south between Azores and Bermuda.