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## GUN-FIRING BANDIT CAUGHT AFTER CHASE

### WANTS POLICY FOLLOWED OUT BY ROOSEVELT

War Debts One of Main Features Dealt With in Document Dispatched.

### PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH ADVISERS AT LENGTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Cooperation with President-elect F. D. Roosevelt to insure continuity of American foreign policy, particularly as to war debts, the world economic conference, and disarmament was proposed today by President Hoover in a message to congress.

Lacking congressional approval for revival on the war debt commission, the president declared it necessary for him to proceed independently of congress to set up machinery for further debt discussions with those nations who have not defaulted.

He suggested an interlocking of the debt, economic and disarmament questions and indicated that a commission on debts would be appointed soon by him, some of the members of which would be delegates to the world economic conference set for next year, while others would have a liaison with the present disarmament negotiations. It is the assumption here that Mr. Hoover already has made some overtures to Mr. Roosevelt and that the personnel of the group which is to handle the debt discussions will be submitted to the president-elect for his approval before appointment.

### CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE THURSDAY

City schools will close for the Christmas vacation at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 23, the regular statutory date, it is announced today by W. W. Southon, secretary-treasurer of the board of education. Kindergarten classes will hold their annual Christmas programs on Thursday afternoon and pupils and teachers are busy preparing Christmas trees and other decorations for the occasion.

### Rumor Denied By Railway Minister

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—"The question of abolishing the department of railways and canals has never been considered by the government in any manner, shape or form." This was the emphatic statement of Hon. R. J. Manion, minister of railways and canals, when approached today in connection with a report published in a Toronto newspaper today that the department would disappear.

### JUDGE WILL HEAD NEW TARIFF BOARD

CALGARY, Dec. 19.—Hon. H. H. Stevens in an address here stated in regard to the tariff board: "The personnel of the board will be announced soon under the chairmanship of one of the most eminent judges in Canada." Duties of the relief board would be heavy, he said, and the Dominion government was seeking the most competent men. The name of Mr. Justice Sedgewick has been mentioned for the post.

### WEST TALKING OF GOVERNMENT UNION

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—The west was talking again today of a single government for the prairies. Revival of the plan to unite Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta under one parliament came with a statement from Premier John Bracken of Manitoba at the close of the three-day prairie premiers' parley.

### CHARGED WITH MURDER



Melville Wilkie, 23 of Owen Sound has been charged with the murder of his wife and child. The child, Norma, was found suffocated during a fire in the bedroom of their home at Owen Sound. Mrs. Wilkie died of burns the same day. After a police investigation Wilkie was arrested and charged with murder. Picture shows the couple at the time of their wedding, November, 1931.

### Christmas Cheer Fund Passes \$2,000 Mark

Many Individuals and Organizations Send Contributions Today—Much Yet to be Raised

- Previously acknowledged \$1750.49
- Ft. Wm. Garrison Ath. club, boxing show, Dec. 9. . . . . 25.83
  - M. R. . . . . 2.00
  - Don Murie . . . . . 2.00
  - Alfred Ridge . . . . . 1.00
  - First church United L.A. . . . . 5.00
  - Dowler & Dowler . . . . . 10.00
  - Bruce & Jackie Buckley . . . . . .50
  - A Friend "W.G.D." . . . . . 2.00
  - T. J. Carrier boys . . . . . 3.00
  - Roy Hunter . . . . . 1.00
  - Beverley Ruth . . . . . 1.00
  - Eleanor, Jack & Richard Nugent . . . . . 5.00
  - Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nugent . . . . . 5.00
  - Globe Fuel & Supply Co. . . . . 1.00
  - John . . . . . 1.00
  - Mrs. B. . . . . 1.00
  - Marine Grocery . . . . . 5.00
  - Graham . . . . . 1.00
  - Isabelle Silk, Alex. Devinsky, Doreen Coombes and Colin Woodbeck . . . . . 5.00
  - Proceeds hockey game Dec. 9. . . . . 128.35
  - Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stanley, Hydro . . . . . 2.00
  - MacDonalds Consolidated . . . . . 10.00
  - Gough Bakery . . . . . 1.00
  - Ladies' Aux. Can. Ass'n. of Running Trades . . . . . 5.00
  - Glen Firth . . . . . 1.00
  - Dr. J. W. Cook . . . . . 5.00
  - Loon Lake camp friend . . . . . 1.00
  - Mrs. L. Fregeau . . . . . 3.00
  - The Clarke family . . . . . 5.00
  - Norman & Sid . . . . . 2.00
  - A Friend . . . . . 2.00
  - Baby Beyer . . . . . 1.00
  - Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. employees . . . . . 17.50
  - Betty and Donald Symes . . . . . 3.00
  - N. S. Grant . . . . . 2.50
  - William A. Rae . . . . . 5.00
  - Italian society . . . . . 5.00
  - F. W. Fraser . . . . . 5.00
  - Safeway Stores . . . . . 10.00
  - Giftwares . . . . . 2.00
  - E.P.R. Signs . . . . . 5.00
  - Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Endsersby . . . . . 10.00
  - Lake Cities lodge 696, Bnal Brith . . . . . 5.00

Also—Ogilvie Flour Mills, flour and minute oats; Ideal drug, candy. \$2069.17

- ### COMING FUND EVENTS
- Skating, N. Franklin rink, Dec. 20.
  - Times-Journal Christmas Cheer shower, city hall basement, Dec. 20.
  - Badminton club tournament, Dec. 14-23.
  - Connaught chapter, Eastern Star, shower, I.O.O.F. hall, Dec. 21.

From far and near, from citizens in many walks of life, contributions continue pouring in to the Times-Journal Christmas cheer fund. Each added contribution brings the total nearer the amount required to give every needy home in the city a hamper of joy and gladness on the "gladdest day of the whole year."

### DRUG STORE IN HILL CITY IS ROBBERS' PREY

Drugs, Tobacco, Candy, Soaps, Groceries Taken Early This Morning

### LOOT ALL RECOVERED BY CLEVER POLICE WORK

Forcing their entry into the Lakeview drug store, 194 Cumberland street north, Port Arthur, early this morning, thieves obtained a considerable quantity of goods. The loot all was recovered this morning through clever work of members of the Port Arthur police department, but no arrests have been made yet.

Suspicion of police first were aroused when officers in the department cruiser noticed two men, who were walking on a street in the northern part of the city, suddenly disappearing down a lane. A search failed to locate them. Shortly afterwards a constable on his beat found that the drug store had been forced, the thieves breaking a pane of glass and putting a hand in through the opening to unlatch the lock. It was discovered that a quantity of goods was taken.

The constables in the cruiser car then were notified, and after searching in the vicinity where the two men were seen, found the stolen goods hidden in a warehouse at Van Horne and Court streets, which is used at present by E. A. Muir, 59 Algoma street south, for storing machinery. The loot consisted of tobacco, drugs, soaps, candy, face powders, and a quantity of groceries which the proprietor, Stephen Ladyan, kept in stock.

Police officials said today that while they believed they had some idea of the identity of the two men seen to act suspiciously, no arrests have been made.

### OTTAWA STUDIES WHEAT MARKETING

CALGARY, Dec. 19.—In a speech here Hon. H. H. Stevens said the federal government was looking for a solution to the wheat marketing. Speaking to a gathering of the Calgary Conservative association, Mr. Stevens cited the heavy wheat production from Canada, the United

### FIRE RAVAGES THREE STORES, MENACES BLOCK

Fruit Store, Barber Shop, Cafe on Cumberland St., Port Arthur, Gutted

### ALL FIREMEN CALLED OUT; CHIEF LAUDS THEIR WORK

Damage that may reach \$7,000 or \$8,000 was done, and an entire city block was threatened by fire which gutted three stores and damaged three others in Port Arthur about 3.30 o'clock yesterday morning. The entire fire force of the city was called out to fight the blaze.

The fire started at or near the rear of a hallway between 77 1/2 and 79 Cumberland street south. When firemen were notified, the blaze was visible clearly for several blocks, and it appeared that the whole block between Ambrose and Wilson streets, composed principally of frame buildings, was menaced. All members of both shifts of the fire department were given an urgent call and four lines of hose were laid on the blaze, which was confined to the buildings in which it was burning when the first fire trucks arrived. Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

The White Eagle restaurant, 79 Cumberland street; Antonio Garasalo's barber shop, at 77 1/2; and John Sisco's fruit store at 77; all were gutted by the flames, which also destroyed a number of frame sheds at the rear of these buildings. All of these stores are of frame construction, one story high. Considerable smoke damage was done also to the Popular cafe at No. 73; the Port Arthur bowling alley at 75; a communist hall at 81, and August Sisco's fruit and confectionery stores at 83.

The three stores that were damaged most seriously are owned by John Sisco, and loss to these buildings was estimated today at about \$3,500, covered by insurance. Loss to the contents has not been determined definitely, but may reach \$3,000, only partly covered by insurance. Loss to the Port Arthur bowling alley building, owned by J. A. Nicol, 338 Arthur street, Port Arthur, and to the contents may reach \$300 or \$400, while there may be considerable damage by smoke to the stock of August Sisco's store.

"I am proud of the work done by the men of the department. I feared at one time that many more buildings would be affected," said Alex. Hope, acting chief of the fire department, today.

### HOUSE DESTROYED, FAMILY NOT HOME

Starting apparently from an overheated stove or stove pipes, fire badly damaged a house at 537 Central avenue, Port Arthur, owned and occupied by Vito DeFilippo, about one o'clock Sunday morning. All of the members of the family were visiting in Port William at the time.

The firemen had a run of three miles to the scene of the fire, and found the house a mass of flames when they arrived. The building was one story high, of frame construction and will be almost a total loss. Insurance of \$2,000 was carried on the house and \$500 on the contents. This will cover the loss amply, adjusters stated.

### PLANT RE-OPENS

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 19.—After being shut down for several months, the National Sewer Pipe company here re-opened its plant today, with nearly 100 employees recalled. The men are placed on a part-time basis, but every one will "draw a pay" for Christmas.

### ESCAPES BULLET



C. H. MOORS.

President and general manager of Mount McKay Flour and Feed Co., who was held up this morning on the company's premises and who was fired at by the bandit. The desperado sent a bullet after Mr. Moors when the latter made a bolt for a door but missed.

### 100 MEN FROM LAKEHEAD WILL BUILD FIELDS

Contingent To Leave This Week For Projected Landing Station at Nakina

### DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL NOW IN CITY

As part of the national scheme of building trans-Canada landing fields, 100 men will be sent from the head of the lakes this week to winter camps at Nakina on the main line of the C. N. E. where one of the landing fields is to be located.

In the city today in connection with the mobilization of work gangs is Major P. Hennessy, Toronto, military district No. 2, department of national defence, which is supervising the clearing of landing fields. The workers are being engaged through the Port William and Port Arthur bureaux of the employment service of Canada. The men who will be sent north to Nakina will be single, unattached and unemployed young men. They will be fed, sheltered, warmly clad and paid 20 cents a day throughout the winter as a measure of relief.

Major Hennessy stated that other landing fields will be built and it is possible that more men will be engaged in the lakehead cities for construction camps later this winter.

### Day's Queries By Telephone And Replies

- What does "MS" mean?  
Answer: MS is an abbreviation for manuscript. Manuscripts is written MSS.
- What is "tare"?  
Answer: Tare used in business means the weight of the container of a goods package. Deducting tare from gross weight gives net weight.
- When was the first imperial conference held?  
Answer: The first imperial conference was held in London, Eng., in May-June, 1911.
- What is the seating capacity of the Prince of Wales rink; also the Port Arthur arena?  
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### Ronald Watson, of Montreal, in Toils

C. H. Moors, President of Mount McKay Company, and Two Employees Forced To Floor at Point of Wicked Gun—Moors Makes Break and Secures Axe—Thug Makes Dash For Getaway and Is Pursued—Shoots Five Times at Pursuers But Bullets Go Wide—Commandeers Truck and Speeds Down Town—Police Make Arrest in Room of Adanac Hotel—Prisoner Charged With Crime and Remanded.

Ronald Watson, alleged to have attempted to hold up employees of the Mount McKay Flour and Feed company plant, west Gore street, this morning, suspected in connection with other local armed hold-ups, and who was captured after a chase, appeared before Magistrate Palling later today charged with assault with attempt to rob. He was remanded for eight days at the request of Chief C. E. Watkins.

Less than an hour after he had held up the employees of the Mount McKay Flour and Feed company plant, west Gore street, this morning at the point of a gun, Ronald Watson, 23, believed to be Fort William's notorious lone desperado, successful in previous local stick-ups, was lodged in a cell in the local police station, awaiting trial.

His arrest followed a chase that started on foot and ended with automobiles speeding along the highways between Fort William and west Fort William at 60 miles an hour. The alleged desperado, following a chase on foot during which he let three shots go at his pursuers, commandeered a truck by forcing the truck driver, to obey his commands at the point of the revolver, and eluded his pursuers. A "hunch" on the part of local police officials led to the man's arrest in a room in the Adanac hotel.

Plucky work on the part of C. H. Moors, president of the Mount McKay Flour and Feed company, Alex. Sinclair and Arnold Techner, employed at the plant, accounted for the man's quick arrest. Both Sinclair and Techner gave chase following the man's break from the office and despite the fact that he let fire at them on three different occasions, they did not give up the mad chase.

Shoots at C. H. Moors "Sandy" Moors, mayoralty candidate, twice was shot at by the desperado during his break for liberty. Mr. Moors, in the face of a threatening gun, made a break for the warehouse door, with a bullet flying at his head.

Armed only with an axe, which he secured in the warehouse, Mr. Moors gave chase, the bandit hastily making his way out the front door and down Gore street. Outside the thug took another shot at Mr. Moors, narrowly missing his mark.

Arrested Man From Montreal Watson, a man about 6 feet tall, slightly built, is said to hail from Montreal. He came here about four months ago. Very little is known of him other than the fact that he secured the hotel room about ten days ago and his actions during that time were of a shady nature. He did not mix with other occupants of the hotel.

It is stated that he resided also in a shack on Victor street, west of the city. How long he had been making a resort at that place is unknown as yet. He had not been working for months, it is stated.

With the arrest of Watson, police are optimistic that they will clear up the several "jobs" that have been pulled off within the last few weeks in the city. They are reticent, however, about divulging anything as yet.

"Stick 'Em Up" is Order "Stick 'em up and make it snappy", were the curt, gruff commands that were hurled at the three men employees of the Mount McKay Flour and Feed plant this morning by a stranger, who entered the office at about 8.30 o'clock, shortly after the place opened for business. The stranger, unmasked, entered quietly, apparently afraid of disturbing other employees at the rear. He confronted Mr. Moors, who was standing at the counter writing. David Gerrand and J. B. Hardy, also of the office staff, were standing at their desks a short distance away. At first they thought it was some one playing a joke but when the stranger pulled out a long black barreled revolver and shoved it into Mr. Moors' face all three responded quickly to the gruff commands.

All three were ordered to lie face down on their stomachs. The man keeping his victims covered, walked around the counter and made for the cash drawer.

There was only a bit of change in the drawer, however, which the bandit did not touch. He apparently was out for a big haul. Finding no bills in the drawers he hastily made his way to the vault standing in the

### BALDWIN SAYS STATES AGREE TO STUDY DEBT

Tells House of Commons Joint Examination of Whole Question To Be Made

### HOPES FOR EARLY START OF DISCUSSION ON TOPIC

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the council, told parliament today that the United States government had agreed to undertake with Great Britain a joint examination of the whole question of war debt payments.

As spokesman for the government he declined to accept a suggestion by a member of the house of commons that a five-power European conference be called to discuss the possibility of "common action" towards securing a more favorable trade balance with the United States to facilitate the debt payments.

"The United States government," he said, "has agreed to enter into joint examination with us on the whole question and his majesty's government hopes the discussion may be initiated at an early date. In these circumstances I do not think the course suggested would be appropriate at the present time."

The member who made the suggestion proposed that Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and Germany participate in the conference.

### VEREGIN WILL BE SENT INTO EXILE

SASKATOON, Dec. 19.—His appeal against deportation turned down, and likewise a request that he be permitted to make a farewell tour of Donkubor settlements and pay a final visit to his aged and widowed mother Peter F. Veregin, chief of the Donkubor hoboers in Canada, will be exiled at the conclusion of his present jail term. Veregin is serving a term in Prince Albert provincial jail for perjury.

Word of the decision of the department of immigration reached Saskatoon Saturday in a letter from the Hon. W. A. Gordon, minister, to Peter G. Nakaroff, Saskatoon counsel for the imprisoned leader.

### SCHOOL DONATES GIFTS TO FUND