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Success in Criminal Cases Help in Politics in the U. S. A.

(By J. V. McAree)
We do not at the moment recall any eminent British statesman who first attracted attention as a pursuer of evil-doers. Nor, as a matter of fact, is that a well-known route to political promotion in Canada. Our prosecuting attorneys, if they do not revert to private practice, may become judges. Once every ten years or so one of them may become attorney-general. The most eminent of them all, B. B. Oaker, just continued as a lawyer, leaving other eminences to his brothers, one of whom entered the Dominion Parliament without creating any sensation at all, except in a negative sense. The heads of our police departments continue as heads until they are demoted or retired on pension, whereupon they are as likely as not to become heads of other police departments and qualify for a double pension. They are far more likely at any given moment of their career to be found under a shower of criticism than basking in public approbation. It is incredible that one of them should become the most influential civil servant in the Dominion as J. Edgar Hoover has become in the United States. Nothing but his name of ill omen stands in his way to the presidency.

Dewey and Stark
In the United States the general idea is that if a man shows himself to be a successful prosecutor of criminals he is obviously a misfit where he is and ought to become governor, senator or even president. The man most frequently named as the probable choice of the Republicans for the presidential nomination in 1940 is Thomas Dewey, district attorney of New York. Nobody knows what his views are on national problems, and the prospect that he has had any spare time to study them, let alone come to any satisfactory conclusions on them, is negligible. But he has broken up some notorious rackets and sent some influential criminals to prison. He, therefore, becomes a natural. In the past few weeks the Democrat who is being most generally considered a natural to oppose him is Governor Stark of Missouri, whose chief claim to political advancement is found in the fact that he has broken up the vice ring of Kansas City and destroyed the power of Tom Pendergast (no relation to Frank Pendergast, it is perhaps unnecessary to say). This was a notable feat, for Pendergast was perhaps the most Tammanylike of Democratic bosses outside of New York, and almost the last of the species out of penitentiary.

Reed, Whitman and Hughes
We note that it was in the same city some thirty-odd years ago that a district attorney named James Reed prosecuted 287 cases and got 285 convictions. He thus became an outstanding politician and later was elected to the United States Senate, where he proved to be one of its most influential members. Charles S. Whitman was district attorney of New York and achieved fame by his successful prosecution of Lieutenant Becker and his associates in the murder of Rosenthal. This earned him the governorship; and one term was enough to earn him a well-merited retirement to private life. It was Charles Evans Hughes' investigation of the great insurance companies, which was popularly regarded as a war upon malefactors of great wealth, which brought him into public notice and led to his election as governor of the state. This became a springboard to a seat on the United States Supreme Court, and later to the Republican presidential nomination. When defeated he skipped nimbly back to the Supreme Court as Chief Justice. Celebrity as a prosecutor did it all.

Roosevelt and Cleveland
Theodore Roosevelt was not, we think, a lawyer, but nevertheless if there had been no crime in New York City he might never have been heard of. Appointed a police commissioner, he took his job seriously and used to prowl the streets at night to see that the policemen were more or less awake and practically sober. More than once he found them flirting to white away the wee sma' hours, and when he interrupted their amours was threatened

with a night stick. It was at this time that the invaluable newspaper cartoonists first discovered him and made his thick-lensed spectacles famous. He owed much to erotic and bored policemen. Before him Governor Cleveland had been a district attorney, thus riveting public attention on him in Buffalo. The good opinion formed of him thus early was strengthened when as sheriff he strangled a murderer with his own hands, the official hangman being absent. He became governor of the state and later President of the United States. Obviously the path to glory in the United States leads from a thieves' kitchen to the gubernatorial mansion or even to the White House.

Stark Has the Pedigree
Governor Stark, however, has come this far by another route. He has the right kind of ancestry, one of his forefathers having been General John Stark, a revolutionary general. He is one of a long line of successful nurserymen, and is probably the largest commercial apple grower in the United States. He graduated from Annapolis and later served as a major in the Great War. He entered politics for the purpose, it was said, of getting rid of some of the vicious politicians in Missouri, and his first bid for office was for the governorship. He travelled about the state telling the voters how corrupt their servants were, and though Pendergast at first opposed him he was obliged later to support him. Later Stark broke with Pendergast and later still gave the information which led to his indictment by the Federal Government as an income tax dodger.

Cobalt Gives Daylight Saving Cool Reception

Cobalt, May 4—(Special to The Advance)—Civic rulers here gave Daylight Saving a cool reception when the subject was broached at the May meeting of the town council on Monday evening, although there were hints the matter might be reconsidered in another light if the neighbouring towns were inclined to favour the idea. No action was taken on the question on Monday, a letter from the Kiwanis Club in which members of that organization had put themselves on record as approving the scheme, being filed.

"Just forget it," observed Councillor A. P. Landry, after the letter had been read by town clerk Harrington. Councillor Alf Williams definitely was against the idea, he said, with Councillors Sophia and M. Donald apparently leaning that way also, while Mayor Rowdon enquired what New Liskeard and Halleybury were doing and was told service clubs in those towns were advancing the idea there. Alonzo Fortin, president of the baseball club, put in a word in favour of fast time, which he said was "most desirable."

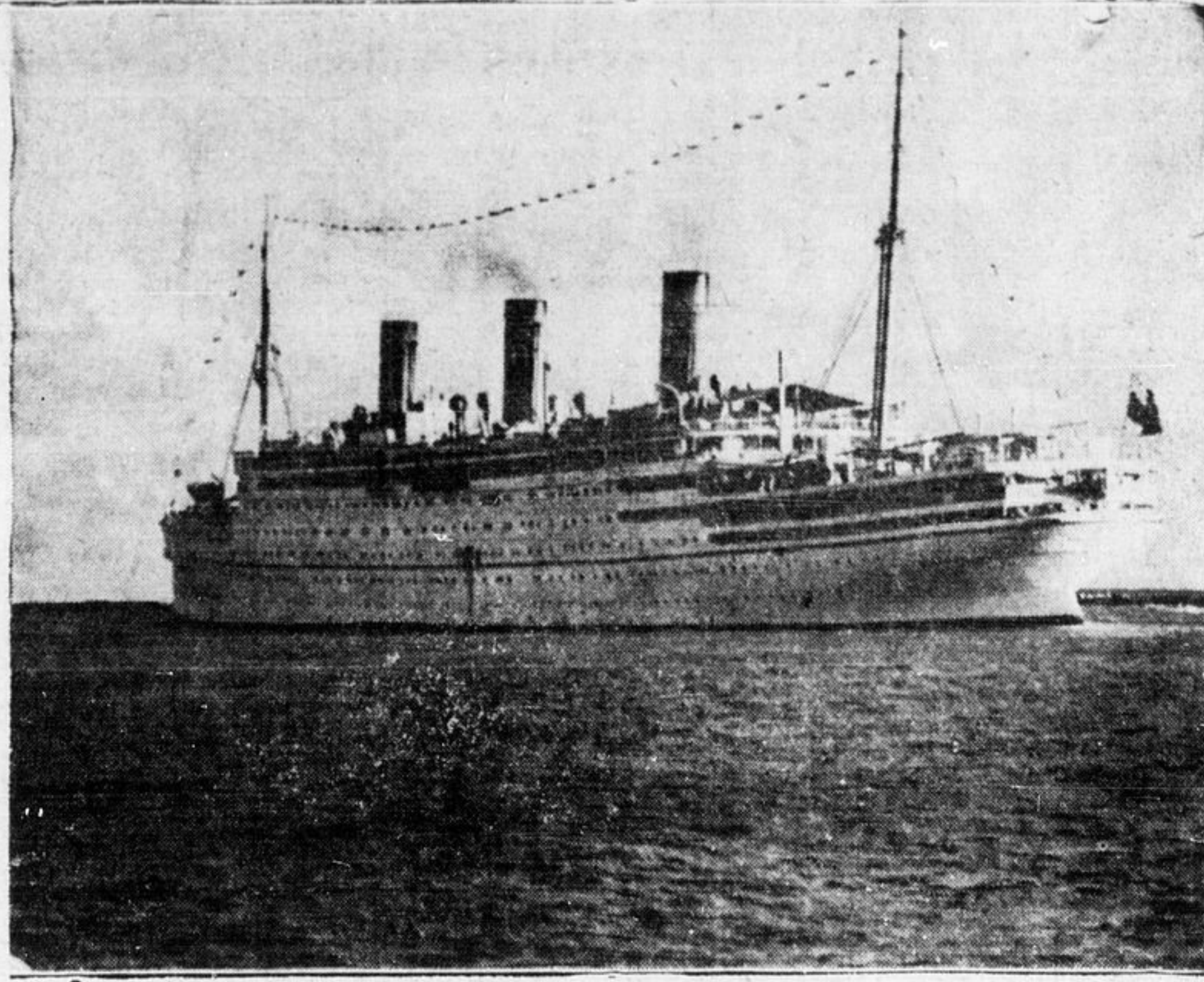
Coleman township is desirous of revising the proportion of maintaining the union public school section here, but council held that it was too late to discuss that question for this year, as tax rates for the town already had been struck and on the basis of the present agreement of two to one, with Cobalt paying the larger share. The township's letter intimated the council there wanted a change made to two and a half to one. It is probable there will be a discussion on equalization of school rates later on, and no particular opinion was expressed one way or another on the subject on Monday.

Mining Engineer Held on Charge of High-Grading

Rouyn, May 3.—Arrested at noon on Saturday, by Special Constable Marc Lantier, and Game Warden Duley Gervais, a mining engineer working as a miner at the Stadacona Rouyn Mines was charged with being in illegal possession of high grade gold. The accused, William White, who is a graduate of a Nova Scotian mining school, claimed that he was not aware that he was breaking the law. The charge was laid by J. E. Hedge, special mines investigator, and he personally conducted the prosecution at the preliminary hearing which was held on Monday morning. The case was remanded until May 8.

The gold of which White was allegedly in possession is similar to that of a spectacular find made at the Stadacona about eight months ago. The amount is several ounces.

THEIR MAJESTIES TO USE EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA



Prime Minister Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons that the King and Queen will travel to Canada aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia instead of H.M.S. Repulse. A regular naval escort will accompany the liner which is scheduled to leave Portsmouth May 6. The Empress of Australia, 21,833 tons, formerly was named in honor of the German naval leader in the great war. It passed into British hands as part of the war reparations. From official sources it was learned the King and Queen will proceed with their plans to make the trip unless the general European situation takes an alarming turn.

Truck Ploughs Into a House at Cobalt

Driver Says He Turned to Avoid Child.

Cobalt, May 4—(Special to The Advance)—When the driver lost control temporarily of his slowly-moving vehicle through failure of the brakes to hold because of a sudden mechanical defect, a heavy truck, laden with rock, ploughed into the front of a small frame house at 32 Miller avenue here about 3:45 Monday afternoon, primary cause of the mishap being, according to Chief of Police Waldo L. Pidgeon, a swerve the driver made to avoid striking a child who ran out in front of the machine.

The truck, owned by the Lake Shore Transportation Company, of Halleybury, and in charge of V. J. Smith, 115 Lang street, Cobalt, struck the building right at the front window, doing considerable damage to the wall and pushing the radio and some other furniture in the living room ahead of it for a short distance before it pulled up. People in the house at the time—it is occupied by R. Clarke and family—chanced to be in the rear of the building and beyond a sudden scare were not affected.

Damage to the house will be about \$40, the chief estimated, and the truck was not seriously damaged. In the confusion, the small boy said to have been the cause of the crash disappeared, and his identity was not established, but the chief of police, discussing the matter later in the day, told The Advance he had issued warnings to some residents of that end of the town regarding children playing on the street. Miller avenue is part of the main north road, and scene of the accident is within a few feet of a sharp turn to enter the town, a corner which council is considering widening.

Chief Pidgeon said Smith told him that, in making the turn on to Miller

avenue coming from the south, he had slowed down to permit two women to cross the road ahead of him. He was picking up speed again, but still travelling slowly, when a child ran out from the sidewalk in front of the truck. Smith said he swerved sharply toward the curb and could have pulled up on the side of the street, but a rod pin broke and his brakes failed. The truck jumped the sidewalk and into the front of the house. He had no time to apply the emergency brake, he told the chief.

Three Heist Young Men Sent to Jail for Assault

Cochrane, May 3—Severe penalties were handed out in Heist police court to three young hoodlums charged with highway robbery and assault.

Charged with robbing Antoine St. Pierre, Roland Gervais, Godfrey Champagne and Jean Paul Chartrand were convicted after evidence adduced by Assistant Crown Attorney J. A. A. Duranseau showed that the three accused had met St. Pierre and his brother in a restaurant in Heist, and later suggested that they accompany them to their home to the Township of Kendall.

On reaching the outskirts of Heist, however, the three men pounced on St. Pierre and robbed Antoine of \$15. Finding the accused guilty, the cad sent Gervais, who had two previous convictions, to jail for one year, while Champagne and Chartrand received sentences of six months.

On a further charge of robbing Roland St. Pierre, the three accused pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the same jail sentences to run concurrently.

EXPERIENCED
Mehltable—"Maria carries her age well, doesn't she?"
Pamela—"She ought to. She has had long years of experience."

Constables Catch Alleged Thief as He Leaves Building

Police Constable Gives Chase Arrests George Labelle Who Faces Breaking and Entering Charge.

George Labelle is in jail today awaiting trial on a charge of breaking and entering of the office of J. E. Lacourciere and Company, at 14 Third avenue, on Tuesday night at 11:15 o'clock. He is alleged to have stolen a radio and a man's shaving set.

Police Constables Joseph Gariepy and Jack Barlow were patrolling Third avenue on Tuesday night when they saw a man come out of Lacourciere's law office. When they went up to him to ask him what he was doing there, he dropped the radio he was carrying and ran.

Constable Gariepy gave chase on foot and managed to catch the man, who gave his name as Labelle. He was brought to the police station and there a charge was laid.

Labelle is alleged to have made his entry to the office by forcing the door.

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South African Veterans of North to Meet June 3

Annual Re-Union of S. A. Veterans at Kirkland Lake

There will be general interest in the announcement that the annual re-union of South African Veterans in the North will be held at Kirkland Lake on Saturday, June 3rd. For a number of years this annual re-union has been a special feature attracting much general attention. The event last year at Englehart was generally considered as a very notable occasion with Veterans in attendance from all over the country, the South African Veterans' Association of the North, embracing the whole country from North Bay to the North Pole.

Of course, the announcement is of very special interest to South African Veterans in the North and for their benefit is given herewith in full:—
Annual Re-Union of the South African Veterans of the North

The annual Re-Union of the South African Veterans of the North is always considered one of the best Re-Unions of Veterans in the North and the memorable Re-Union at Englehart last summer is expected to be surpassed at Kirkland Lake on the first Saturday in June. The parade will fall in after the arrival of train No. 46 from the North and we will march to the cenotaph, returning to the Wright House for the banquet, and after the banquet we will go to the Federal Building where an entertainment will be held.

We are inviting the Honourable Mr. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Militia and Defence to attend as the principal speaker.

I have only twenty tickets, so kindly let me know at once who wishes to go from Timmins. The date for the Re-

Union is the first Saturday in June. Archie C. Brown, President South African Veterans' Association of the North.

OTTAWA INTERESTS MAY BUILD HOTEL AT KIRKLAND

Northern News:—Indications that a large hotel will be built here in the near future was given at Council meeting Tuesday when application was made to change the sewer line on two lots on Government Road West. The hotel, promoted, it is believed, by Ottawa interests, is rumored to be planned for six storeys.

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