

Daring Robbers Subdue Five

Loot Safe of \$5,000

Five Bandits Inyade Toronto Bread Plant, Barricade Occupants in Storeroom

MAKE ESCAPE IN CAR

Break Way in and Out of Bakery, Hold Prisoners at Point of Guns

Toronto.—Equipped with two stolen acetylene torch outfits and operating with a speed and daring apparently born of a first-hand acquaintance with the plant, five armed robbers boldly drove a big sedan automobile early Sunday morning into the Canada Bread Company's factory at No. 2 Bloor Street West, at Dundas Street. While two of them rounded up and stood guard over the five occupants of the building, three bandits carried the heavy torches and tanks up to the main offices on the first floor, cut open the built-in safe, and escaped with about \$5,000, locking their prisoners in a storeroom.

Working with a minimum of conversation and an absence of bluster or threats that amounted almost to ultra-politeness, the gang seemed to know that Saturday night and early Sunday morning is the one period when the plant is not on full operating schedule and staffed with at least 40 to 50 men. They also must have waited for the usual police patrol to pass by for the officer on the beat had tried all doors of the plant only 20 minutes before the robbers broke in without finding anything amiss.

Entering the place about 1.20 a.m., the confidently moving masked bandits did not take more than 40 or 50 minutes to hold up the four employees and a youth within the factory, cut into the safe, abstract the money within, and escape in the auto—also believed to be stolen—after locking up the men working in the plant and breaking open a rear door opening on to Vincent Street.

Money in Mahogany Box

The sum total in the dashing invasion of the bakery represented the entire receipts from sales of the plant's products on Saturday, and was in a stout mahogany box, containing bills of small or medium denominations and a quantity of silver.

Abandoned Car Found

Hamilton, Jan. 17.—An auto which might have been used in the Canada Bread robbery in Toronto Saturday night was found abandoned on the Guelph Road near the Clapson Cut at 5 o'clock this afternoon but Toronto and local authorities are of the opinion that the machine was not involved in the crime.

Burma Promised A Constitution

Premier MacDonald Gives a Pledge of Responsible Government

London.—Burma has received a pledge of responsible government by evolutionary process from Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald at the concluding session of the Burmese Round Table Conference.

Larger Wheat Exports Forecast

Signs that Native Supplies in Europe Need Supplementing

Fort William.—Likelihood of stronger foreign demand for Canadian wheat before long is intimated in the report of the statistical branch of the Board of Grain Commissioners on the movement of Western Canadian grain for December, 1931. Russia has almost disappeared as an important factor for the present. The large wheat crop of Alberta is tending to throw a great deal of the present export movement to Vancouver. The report states:

Trappers Bag Large Number of Wolves

North Bay, Ont.—Applications for bounty on 13 wolves were received recently by G. M. Parks, district superintendent of the Department of Game and Fisheries here. An average of three applications a day are made to his office, Mr. Parks stated. Ten applications were made one day in December. The open winter experienced this year, Mr. Parks believed, was responsible for the trappers' success in this respect.

There is one redeeming feature about a chronic borrower of money; he never posters a man when he is down.

Four Healthy London Babies Greet 1932



These babies held by a nurse at the City of London Maternity Hospital, will celebrate their birthday each New Year's Day. They are the first youngsters born at the hospital this year.

Gold Particles Found In Bulgarian City

Borisovgrad, Bulgaria.—Hopes have been aroused by American engineers, who with the help of 50 laborers are digging in "Gold Valley," in this little city in Southern Bulgaria, carefully washing the sand and gravel they uncover and minutely testing the bright particles they find.

For more than half a century the inhabitants of this county have believed that there is gold here. It is related that once a village woman carried a bag of sand home and dumped it in her yard for her chickens to scratch in, and that following a heavy rain the ground was covered with small shining specks. After that adventurers came from far and near to discover the source of the golden sand, but none before ever found enough wealth to make digging worth while.

A man is by nothing so much himself as by his temper, and by the character of his passions and affections. If he loses what is manly and worthy in these, he is as much lost to himself as when he loses his memory and understanding.—Earl of Shaftesbury.

Swedish Princess Remembers Small Patients



One of the small patients in Stockholm Hospital who Princess Ingrid of Sweden remembered at Xmas. She evidently views her dolly as a precious possession.

January's Charm

There's colour in the country, tho' it's January, not May. And wan mists drape the hillsides, and short's the sullen day; Tho' the streams run high, rain-swollen, and the wind walls in the eaves. There's colour in beech hedgerows—in the bright dead leaves. The gorse glows gold in patches; the holly's green and red; The yellow jasmine's flowering by the barren brown rose-bed. And hips and haws twine scarlet o'er the crinkled bracken's tan; A grey-green lichened oak trunk bears an orange fungus fan.

There's a wealth of colour-magic by the quiet winter way. In bird breasts, iridescent, old red barns and close-stacked hay. The deep soft snow spreads' silver 'neath a curlew yellow moon. And the rare blue sky seems bluer when it's January, not June! —I.D., in "Answers" (London).

Rio Has 285 Miles of Car Lines

Rio de Janeiro.—Rio de Janeiro has 285 miles of street-car lines over which are operated 1,152 passenger cars.

1,000 Years to Make Soil

Massachusetts State College geologists have figures that it takes 1,000 years of weathering to make one inch of soil.—The Pathfinder.

Electric Light Speeds Growth

Wheat Cresses Produced Two Years Quicker by Australian Plan

Melbourne, Vic.—Successful experiments in the use of electric light in speeding up the growth of wheat plants are being continued at the Victorian state research farm at Werribee, near Melbourne. The results are proving of practical value in wheat raising and in the introduction of varieties from other countries, according to a news item in the Christian Science Monitor.

Ordinarily 10 years are required to produce new cross-bred wheats, from the time of cross fertilization until distribution to the farmer. By inclosing the plants in a cage suitably illuminated with electric light it is possible to grow the first three generations of plants in one year, and thus reduce the total time by two years.

Sometimes late varieties possess qualities, such as size of head or grain, which it is desirable to introduce into early varieties. As these two types will not flower at the same time, it is often impossible, without artificial aid, to cross them. The use of electric light at a suitable time makes it possible to hasten the development of the late types sufficiently to allow the cross to be made.

The Australian experiments were begun by Professor Wadham in 1929 as a result of observations on the growth of Australian varieties of wheat in England, and of English varieties introduced to Australia. The Australian varieties in England, Professor Wadham noticed, produced very short, pale shoots, with early heads. On the other hand, English varieties in Australia remained immature and green until late in the season and were thus adversely affected by the hot winds in November and December.

Co-operation is Urged Between Doctors-Dentists

Toronto.—Dr. Boyd S. Gardner, head of the dental department at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, New York, stressed the point that the origin of many diseases could be traced to faulty teeth in a recent address at the meeting of the Academy of Dentistry here, and therefore dentists should have some general knowledge of medical practice. He also stated that doctors should sometimes call dentists into consultation in making a diagnosis.

The use of X-ray as a routine procedure, both in diagnosing and extracting, was strongly upheld by the speaker. There were approximately 70,000 dentists in the United States, only half of whom are good diagnosticians, because only about 35,000 of them have access to X-ray machines or care to use them.

Economic Court Proposed To Settle World Disputes

Geneva.—A sort of Hague court for the settlement of economic disputes between nations is soon to be established by the League of Nations.

Record Wheat Crop Seen in South Africa

Cape Town, S. Afr.—Conditions all point to a bumper wheat crop this year for the South African farming community.

Royal Chef Serves Bread Line

Madrid.—A year ago chef Francisco Arroyo was preparing dainties for kings and queens, princes and princesses. Today he labors over Spanish stew for the city bread line. He replies to questioners with graceful Spanish casualness, as he manipulates pots and pans in the free kitchen maintained by the city.

Beams Spot Plane At 16,000-ft. Height

Patterns Altered in Latest Huge British Search-light

London.—A searchlight of challenging power has been invented by Major John Savage, whose name is well known in Britain as the leading exponent of "sky writing." In the beam of this light an airplane has been spotted and its height and course accurately plotted at a height of 16,900 feet.

The intensity of this great light is estimated at 3,000,000,000 candlepower. The difference between this and an ordinary searchlight is that it consists of 300 parallel beams, each of which is deflected by a mirror along the path it is to take in the whole beam. The pattern thrown on the sky can be varied at will so as to take the appearance of a grid, circle, oval or other pattern as desired.

In the first public demonstration the pattern was in the shape of a square grid divided into nine smaller squares, but Major Savage told an interviewer that a 16-square grid would generally be more useful.

A sound locator gives the direction of an approaching airplane which can then be picked up quickly by the light. The pilot might think that he had evaded the light as he entered the darkness of one of the grid dividing lines, only to find himself in the brilliant glare of the next square. When used as an airdrome ground light it gives the most brilliant illumination, and as the depth of the beam is comparatively shallow it does not dazzle a landing pilot.

Fair Weather Ahead

The New Outlook (Toronto)—Canada has been fortunate in maintaining her production and general business activities at present levels when other countries are faced with conditions of the greatest difficulty.

Unemployment and its accompanying hardships have been felt less in Canada than in most countries. Promising features in the present economic outlook include the healthy condition of savings deposits, the strong technical position of Canadian manufacturers and a prosperous gold mining industry. The most difficult situation in Canada is that of agriculture. A revival of world trade and a return of profits to agriculture must precede any general return to prosperity to this country, but Canada is weathering this period of difficulty in a favorable manner and will be in an admirable position to participate in the first material advance.

British Workers Aid Unemployed

Birmingham, Eng.—One hundred unemployed allotment holders of the Staffordshire town of Walsall, as an expression of their gratitude for government and private help given them during the last season, have decided to subscribe a penny a week each from now to next spring so that 100 other unemployed Walsall men may be able to have allotments.

Motors in Use Could Carry Total Population of Nation

New York.—Every man, woman and child in the United States could be placed in the automobiles now in operation and transported simultaneously, according to A. W. Childs, chief of the automobile division, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Today one automobile is registered for each 4.6 persons in this country, Mr. Childs sets forth. Although many motor cars are designed to carry only two passengers, he says, the number which will seat more than five offsets the limitations of the smaller vehicles.

National Library of Wales Plan Further Improvements

Aberystwith, Wales.—The National Library for Wales is being extended and improved. The report for the year 1930-31 describes the progress of the work of providing book-cases and cabinets in the print room. Further accommodation is to be provided for manuscripts. More than \$100,000 has been subscribed to the building fund, and the debit balance has been reduced from \$70,000 to \$125.

Books Issued During the Year

Books issued during the year numbered 35,315 and manuscripts 2,432. More than 10,000 readers visited the library. In addition 7,828 books were lent to adult classes in Wales.

The Silver Lining

A. S. Boyle Company propose to erect a plant in Windsor early this year.

Calgary, Alta.—Model Oil Co. have bought and will resume active operations on the old Anconada well. Other wells which are expected to be opened up again are Alberta Superior, Rand, Mid-Royal, Livingstone and Turner Basin.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics report that in spite of the many difficulties resulting from economic conditions surplus stock of wheat are moving into consumption at a rapid rate—Philippine Islands.—A radio report is to the effect that the largest gold discovery was made just recently, on one of the islands.

Stratford C.N.R. men are to start on 40-hour week plan dating from January 4th, instead of 36-hour week. Brantford.—Chicago firm to take over by January 15th the old plant of the Brantford Specialty and start operating again.

Windsor.—Mr. Justus Miller, Secretary-Manager of the Border Chamber of Commerce, is authority for the news that 33 branches of American firms have been secured by the border cities during last year. Two to build new premises—Nineteen were secured in Windsor, six in Walkerville, three to Sandwich, two to Anderton Township, one to Tecumseh, one to East Windsor and one to Riverside. It is estimated that the above new industries will employ 2,900 in normal times.

Hamilton.—Mr. F. P. Healey, Managing-Secretary of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, intimates that through the acquisition of the Beech Nut Company by Life Savers Incorporated of Canada should result in increased business. A program of expansion is under way and when completed it is expected that many new hands will be employed.

St. John, N.B.—Mr. F. MacLure Scelars, Commissioner of the Saint John Board of Trade, writes: "It may interest to mention that our (St. John) merchants report this year's Christmas business to be fully up to, and in many cases considerably ahead of last year's—and our retailers are feeling quite happy."

There is a persistent rumor in banking circles that more than one U. S. Senator is agitating to "standardize" the Canadian dollar on a parity basis to the American dollar.

Simral Refining Corporation expect to erect an oil refinery in Anderton, Ont, this year.

Owing to the loss through exchange on the Canadian dollar, gas companies will lose this year a cool half million dollars, if not more, for gas producing coal from the States. Mr. S. Frank Wilson, large Canadian publisher, is of the opinion that it would be better to pay for long Canadian freight haulage and leave the half million dollars to Canadian railways rather than to pay it to American coal barons.

Hamilton Firestone Tire Company will have full staff working for the remainder of the winter; hours to be increased from six to eight per day.

Tilsonburg.—A tobacco redrying plant large enough to handle 6,000,000 lbs. of tobacco per year is under project. The town council and the Board of Trade has heartily endorsed the project.

Bell Telephone Co. are considering sweeping changes in their system involving additional of over-\$15,000,000 in Ontario and Quebec.

Alvinston, Ont.—Local investing public bought their one 15-year 5 per cent. serial debentures dated December 21, 1931.

Ottawa.—523,000 radio licenses were issued for the first eight months of the fiscal year, an increase over the same period last year; automotive plants of the Border Cities are hiring several thousand to work immediately; silk, woolen and hosiery mills are increasing business; gold mining is active.

Prairie Provinces' reports of the Christmas business was that its volume was equal to that of last year. Canadian Industries Limited declared a bonus dividend of a dollar per share on their stocks.

John Northway and Son Limited, of Toronto, recorded the biggest Christmas business in the store's history.

Woodbridge local ratepayers subscribed to their own town debenture amounting to \$14,276, and did it all less than ten hours.

If two people can live on less than one it's because they have to.