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A GAMBLING PARTY FINED

The Game Played Was "Stud Poker"—How They Were Caught.

In the police court on Thursday morning, Magistrate Farrell found Samuel Silverman, W. Ransam, A. Stevens and Louis Wiskin guilty of "unlawfully gambling on the Lord's Day, contrary to the Lord's Day Act."

The men were summoned as a result of a raid made by G. A. Hornbeck, of the provincial police force, with Constables Nicholson, Timmerman and Vernon Campbell, of the local police force, on a house at 174 Lower Bagot street, on Sunday evening last, March 6th.

Crown Attorney J. L. Whiting conducted the prosecution and T. J. Rigney appeared for the men charged.

Silverman was the first man called, and he pleaded "guilty" to the charge. Penasam came next and he too pleaded "guilty." Stevens said "not guilty" and Wiskin said "guilty," but was corrected by his counsel, T. J. Rigney, who entered the court room just as Wiskin's name had been called.

"Guilty," said Wiskin, and there was a ripple of laughter as Mr. Rigney remarked "not guilty."

"He made a mistake," said Magistrate Farrell, with a smile.

"Just a slight error," came from Mr. Rigney.

Constable Hornbeck was the first witness called for the prosecution. He said that in company with Constables Timmerman and Campbell, on Sunday evening last, about 11.10 o'clock, he had visited 174 Lower Bagot street. Witness looked into a window and noticed the four men charged, and another man, seated around a gambling table. Witness and Constable Campbell went to the front door and knocked, and were admitted. When they got into the house they were only two men sitting at the table. These two men he identified as Silverman and Wolf, the latter of whom was not present in court. Witness secured the names of the men in the house and also secured the money on the table, amounting to \$2.50, and also the deck of cards.

"What did you see going on?" asked Mr. Rigney.

Witness told about seeing one of the men dealing the cards and the money on the table in front of each player.

"But what did you actually see?" asked Mr. Rigney.

Witness said that he noticed the man named Wolf, who was not present in the court, put money in the centre of the table.

To Mr. Whiting, witness stated that he found \$2.50 on the table when he entered the house.

Constable Timmerman referred to the game in progress as "stud poker," which he declared was being played for money. He noticed one man standing dealing the cards and on the table he also noticed a number of bills and some silver.

Witness got into the house via the back door and as he entered he noticed one man make a grab for the money.

In answer to a question put by Mr. Whiting, witness said that the four men charged were engaged in the game.

Police Constable Vernon Campbell said he looked through a window and could see men playing cards at a table. He said they were gambling.

"What did you see that you describe as gambling?" asked Mr. Rigney.

Witness said one man was dealing the cards and that there was money in the centre of the table. Witness and Constable Hornbeck went in the house via the front door and there was money on the card table when they got into the house.

This concluded the evidence for the prosecution and the defence did not call any witnesses.

Mr. Rigney claimed that the charge of gambling had not been proven. There had been evidence given of men sitting around a table playing cards with money on the table, but there had been no evidence offered showing that money had changed hands and he held that this must be shown to make out a case.

Magistrate Farrell did not view the matter in this way. He said that with the men sitting around the table playing cards with money on the table, it was fair to presume that the men were there for one purpose.

Mr. Rigney held, however, that there must be conclusive evidence. While the men might be guilty of gambling there should be proof of this in court.

Magistrate Farrell remarked that two men had already pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Rigney said that four men might be engaged in a game. Two might plead guilty but this did not say the other two were guilty.

"But I would find them guilty on this evidence no matter how they pleaded," said the magistrate.

"Under the statute," said Mr. Rigney, "I maintain that to establish gambling you have to prove more than what has been established here. You must prove that money passed

VAGUE HINTS OF STRIKE

Of German Workmen In Ruhr District Not Believed By Allies.

Duisburg, March 10.—Vague hints that work throughout the Ruhr district of Germany will cease within a few days, as the immediate result of the allied occupation of German territory, and the seizure of customs, were made by German operators, civil officials and others last night. There seemed to be little unrest among the working men last evening, after they had finished day's work however, and thousands gathered to watch curiously the French sentries and to inspect machine guns and tanks. They showed no resentment at the presence of Allied troops.

Well-informed Allied officials declared they did not believe there would be a strike, one asserting: "The people do not intend to strike. Communists are pointing towards Russia as Germany's salvation, but the workmen already have repudiated that idea and will repudiate it again. Business is not at a standstill here, and I think it never will."

AN ALLEGED BANDIT SERVED TIME IN "PEN"

Stated That Norman Hotrum Has a Very Bad Record.

Norman Hotrum, one of the alleged bandits, now being held at Toronto, in connection with the murder of L. Cecil Sabine, druggist, served a term in the Portsmouth penitentiary, according to information which has just been given out. He is well-known to the police in several cities, and is regarded as a dangerous character. For a time he lived in Hamilton, and the report from that city is that Hotrum was convicted on charges of housebreaking.

It is alleged that the accused started his bad work when a lad at school, and carried on until now he is charged with murder. It is alleged that Hotrum on one occasion made an attempt to burglarize the bank at Dundas, Ont. He is single, and twenty-one years of age.

DRAYTON HAS HEAVY TASK

Of Framing Budget to Pay Canada's Way As It Goes.

Ottawa, March 10.—Apart from the rather disturbing but fully anticipated showing of the National Railways in the estimates brought down in the house Tuesday the total expenditures that are contemplated—\$82 millions—with the supplementary estimates yet to come, cause the greatest speculation as to the form of this year's budget and the procedure by which the necessary money will be raised.

In the first two months of the present calendar year the customs revenue has registered a rather ominous decline, not only in the amount collected, but also in the ratio of duty to dutiable imports. For example, in January of last year, dutiable goods valued at 68 millions produced a customs revenue of eighteen millions, while in January of this year imports totalling 51 millions produced a revenue of but ten millions. On this basis it is figured as a possibility that the decline in customs revenue in the year may well be forty millions. This fact, taken in conjunction with the probability that the excess profits tax may be dropped because there is little excess, and the further fact that income revenues are likely to be diminished, suggest a marked shortage between revenue and expenditure—from one hundred to two hundred million—as to call either for borrowing or new methods of taxation.

The present minister of finance is on record as opposed to borrowing and favorable to the sounder economy of pay as you go. In view of the prospective situation, it is believed that the new budget may maintain most or all of the old taxes and embrace also a turnover tax on every commercial transaction.

The budget probably will not be delivered before the middle of April, and in the meantime the Government has a delicate situation to deal with.

HE WOULD KILL THE BILL NOW

Hon. Thomas Crawford's View of Proportional Representation.

Toronto, March 10.—The legislative council yesterday afternoon discussed the bill introduced by Tom Magladery, Timiskaming, to enable municipalities to adopt proportional representation for municipal elections. It provides that if a petition is signed by at least five per cent. of the electors a plebiscite may be taken as to the advisability of bringing the act into force in the municipality. If the majority voting favor the act, then the act shall come into force in that municipality forthwith.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson said he was not quite ready to give wholehearted support to the measure. "It would take a great deal to make him change his mind in regard to the existing electoral system. He would like to hear what the prime minister thought of it."

Premier Approves.

The premier said that quite properly party politics were kept out of municipal elections so that the effect of the present bill could not be very far-reaching. So far as federal and provincial elections were concerned, "proportional representation would prevent the manipulation of electoral divisions to the advantage of any particular party." It would also ensure that "minorities would be represented much more nearly in proportion to their number than they are at present." On general principles the premier said he approved of proportional representation.

Hon. Thomas Crawford opposed the bill. There was no public demand for it. He condemned members for bringing up measures for which there was not any demand. "It is time for us to deal with this matter for this session and kill the bill right now," said the member for Northwest Toronto.

WANTS HIMSELF TO APPEAR AS MOSES

The Will of Rev. J. J. S. Mountain, Cornwall, is Under Litigation.

Toronto, March 10.—The will of the late Rev. Jacob Jehoshaphat Salter Mountain, Cornwall, is again to be the subject of litigation. It has been through the courts once for the purpose of having the courts construe it. Now its validity is attacked. Mary Beatrice Lloyd, of Goderich, has entered action against the executors and against the synod of the Ottawa diocese, to set aside the will dated June 25th, 1902, and codicils added in April, 1903, August, 1905, and May, 1909, on the ground that the testator was at the time of testamentary incapacity. It is also alleged that some of the bequests were induced by undue influence.

An order is asked setting aside the probate of the will, and calling on the executors for an accounting. An injunction restraining the executors from selling any part of the estate, is also asked.

One of the peculiar bequests was for a colored memorial window to be placed at Cornwall, in which the testator was to appear as Moses.

THE EMBARGO GOOD THING

Member of Commons Does Not Want Britain to Remove It.

Ottawa, March 10.—During the house of commons sitting yesterday afternoon William Smith proposed his resolution that "in the opinion of this house it would not be in the interest of Canada should the British government remove the cattle embargo had been imposed it was felt that a stigma had been placed on Canadian cattle. It transpired that the embargo was applicable not only to Canada, but all other countries. He considered that one big reason for the embargo was the protection of the Irish cattle industry. Ireland last year had exported 24,000 head to England.

After explaining that Canadian cattle can now be sent over providing they are slaughtered within ten days, he continued:

"We should feed and kill our own cattle at home. The killing should be done at Halifax. The government ought to build there a big abattoir where the slaughtering could be done, the meat afterwards being exported chilled, but not frozen. In this embargo question a lot of selfishness is mixed with sentiment."

"We should raise and feed and kill our own cattle at home, keeping the labor in this country and also the by-products. I may not have the sympathy of the house or even of the country in taking it, I stand but I am convinced, in the light of a long life on the farm and in cattle-raising, that my resolution is in the right direction."

W. H. White, Alberta, stated that unless there was a wider market for cattle, many now in the business would go out of it. He favored a system of abattoirs and c.c. storage.

A DOZEN FARM FIRES AROUND LIVERPOOL

Inflammable Spirits Were Found and Five Men Arrested.

Liverpool, Eng., March 10.—About a dozen farm fires last evening in a wide circle around Liverpool on both sides of the Mersey are ascribed to incendiaries. The farms set on fire were situated in Walton, Hooton, Childwall, Wavertree, Gateacre and Crosby. There was an outbreak at Bootle.

Five men were arrested at Crosby, where a large quantity of inflammable spirits was found. In the other cases the fuses are believed to have been inserted in hayricks.

THE OCCUPATION NOT PERMANENT

French Premier Gives Assurance Regarding Occupation of Rhineland.

London, March, 10.—The penalties imposed upon Germany will cease only when a satisfactory solution of the questions of reparations, disarmament and war criminals has been accepted by the allies.

This is the decision of the supreme council taken at its meeting last night, at which time also M. Briand declared that the French government had no intention of permanent occupation of territory on the left bank of the Rhine. He said that the only object was to secure execution of the treaty.

The council agreed to instruct the allied high commission of the Rhineland to invite the attendance of Italian representatives when economic questions resulting from the applications of the penalties were under consideration.

M. Briand had a word of appreciation of Lloyd George's conduct of the conference and his lucid speech.

Besides dealing with sanctions the council decided to draft a bill for a 50 per cent. toll on the sales of German goods.

BROCKVILLE IS ROCKED BY AN EXPLOSION

Brockville, March 10.—The explosion yesterday of two cases of dynamite aggregating 1,150 pounds, on the provincial highway about seven and a half miles west of Brockville, rocked this town and broke nearly every window in the Sherwood Springs school house. The blast was set off to remove what is known as the rock hill near Sherwood Springs. Windows in Brockville were cracked by the explosion.

CHARGED WITH MARRYING THREE

Watertown, N.Y., March 10.—Thos. R. Enderbee, aged twenty-nine, of Canton, was held for the grand jury on a charge of bigamy. It is alleged that he has been three times married. Mrs. Rose Jesmora Enderbee making the complaint. She claims that April 3rd, 1912, he married Pearl Simmons, Dekalb Junction, and later married Eva Tanner in Canada.

IS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Denton Garfield, Woodstock, Confessed to Killing—Brother Now on Trial.

Woodstock, March 10.—At twenty minutes to two o'clock this morning, when the jury in the Denton Garfield murder case returned to the court room the place was crowded, with a patient audience, many of whom were women. Young Garfield plainly showed the intense strain under which he was laboring. However, when John P. McDonald, foreman of the jury, announced "guilty on the charge of manslaughter," Garfield's face brightened up. The verdict was no great surprise, in view of the fact that Denton had made a confession. This morning the court room is already filled, and the same great interest is manifested in the trial of Norman Garfield, who will go on trial on a charge of murder. Denton confessed that his brother did the killing.

Trial of Norman Garfield.

Woodstock, March 10.—A dramatic scene was enacted this morning in the court here when Denton Garfield turned king's evidence against his brother, Norman, whose trial on the charge of murdering Ben. Johnston, Woodstock, confectioner, on January 20th, was commenced before Justice Kelly. Shortly before eleven Norman Garfield was placed in the dock and pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of murder. Denton Garfield was the first witness, and after receiving a slight smile from his brother in the dock, he proceeded, without any apparent emotion, to tell how he and his brother had stolen a car in London, went to their room in the same city, secured guns and then motored to Woodstock. Denton then recited the story of the tragedy, substantially the same as yesterday in his confession. The mother and wife of Norman Garfield are again in court today.

THE M'ADOO AWARD IS A HINDRANCE

Hon. J. D. Reid Says Increased Operation Cost Prevents Development.

Ottawa, March 10.—Wide interest has been aroused by the statement made in the House of Commons by Dr. Reid, minister of railways and canals, on the effect of the high cost of railway operations on development in Canada. Officially, Hansard reports Dr. Reid as having declared that the cost of railway operations is "hindering or preventing the future development of our country," that the development of Canada and the U.S. has been hindered by the McAdoo award and that "some action must be taken."

The official text of Dr. Reid's remarks follows:

"The cost of operation of railways, not only in Canada, but in the U.S. has increased tremendously in the last two or three years that in my judgment it is hindering or preventing the future development of our country, and unless some means are taken to decrease the cost of operation of our railways, the development of our country will be hindered. The development of this country and the United States has been hindered by what is called the McAdoo award in fixing the wages of railway employes. Some action must be taken, and I think the railway employes themselves should look into this matter and endeavor to adjust matters in such a way that the future of this country will not be hindered on account of the enormous cost of operation of railways as is the case at the present time."

Wheat held on farms in the United States March 1st was 207,591,000 bushels, compared with 164,624,000 bushels a year ago.

A New York sheriff has classified spooning in the park, as a legitimate outdoor sport.

GERMANS HELPED IRISH REBELLION

New York Sinn Fein Admits Deal With Enemy for Arms.

Boston, March 10.—Germany's participation in the Irish revolution which started in Dublin on Easter Sunday, 1916, was admitted by John Devoy, a New York Sinn Fein, in an address delivered here last night. He said that this was brought about by Sinn Fein sympathizers in the U.S., who made a deal with the Germans for a shipment of arms to be delivered in Limerick.

Devoy said the "Irish Republican Brotherhood" sent word to sympathizers in the U.S. of the plans for the Easter Sunday attack upon the British forces in the previous January and requested that the Clan-na-Gael in the U.S. furnish a shipment of arms to be delivered in Limerick as soon as possible.

"It was not possible to get any such quantity of arms in to the U.S. without the knowledge of the U.S. government," Devoy said. "Therefore," he added, "the aid of Germany in securing these arms was enlisted." He declared no other help had been received by the revolutionaries from German sources.

Claiming the crowing of roosters annoyed him at night, a Springfield, Mo., man sued Swift & Co. and was awarded \$3,500.

BOLSHEVIKI JOIN THE REVOLUTIONISTS

The Fate of Petrograd Reported Still in the Balance.

Riga, March 10.—Three brigades of Bolshevik soldiers in Moscow have joined the revolutionary soldiers, it is said in advices reaching here. Their action was prompted by a very acute food situation at the Soviet capital. Reports regarding the revolution against the Soviet regime are conflicting. It is now reported that the fate of Petrograd is still in the balance, and denied that revolutionary troops occupy three-quarters of the city.

ADMIT BONAFIDE WORKERS ONLY

Some Changes Likely to be Made in Regard to Immigrants.

Ottawa, March 10.—Some striking changes in regulations governing the admission of immigrants to Canada are reported to be under consideration by the cabinet. It is expected these will be passed within a few days and will, it is stated, maintain or increase the money regulations at present in force and will admit only bona-fide farm workers and domestic help. Immigration from Britain, France, and United States will, it is reported, not be hindered by the new regulation, but bars will be kept up against central European immigrants. It is not expected that the regulations, although fairly stringent, will effect persons coming to engage in farm work.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

Frank Spiers, of Haliburton, was instantly killed when teaming logs on an ice road.

Paris presbytery favors a seven-year pastoral term, but Barrie declares for four years.

The body found in Tay canal at Perth was identified as that of Desmond Albery, aged nineteen.

Three horses were drowned crossing the Ottawa river between Gatineau Point and Rockcliffe.

Frank Caldwell, Mapleton, was buried under fifty tons of rock and earth at the Wentworth asylum quarries near Windsor, N.S.

A public funeral was given in Dublin Wednesday to Brigadier-General Cumming, who was killed by Sinn Fein.

LABOR FAVORS PROPOSAL

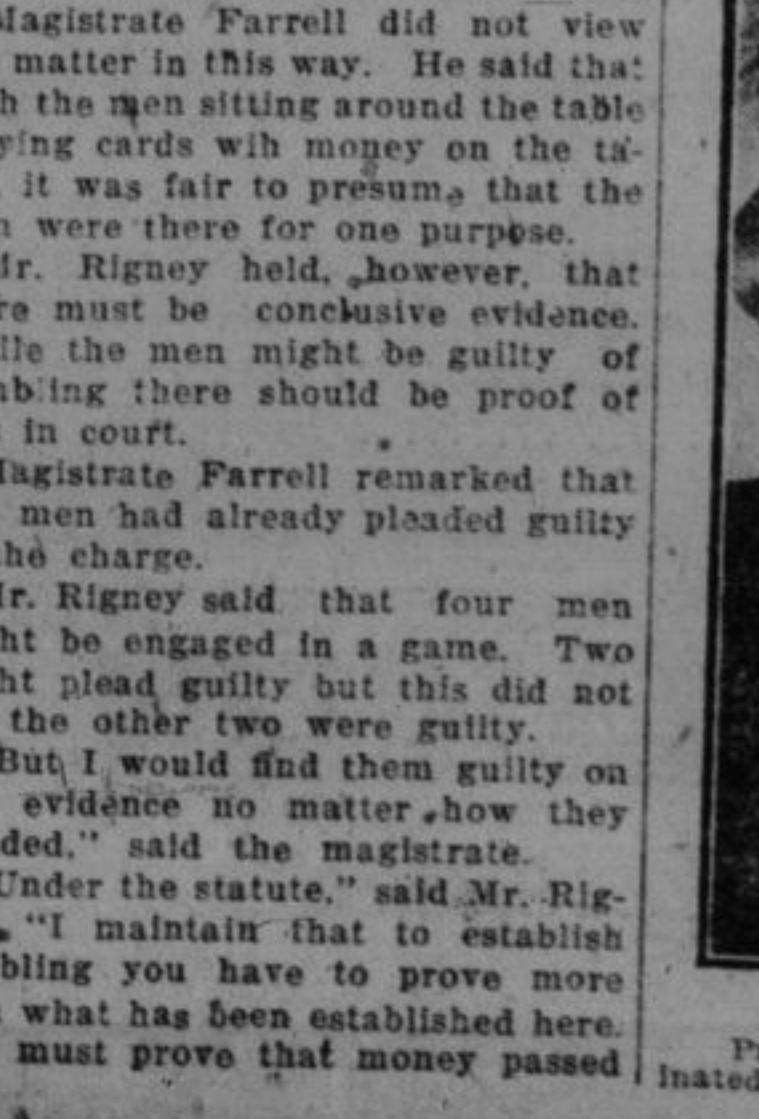
Karl Homuth, labor, South Waterloo, said that labor organizations throughout Ontario were calling for the adoption of proportional representation. He did not think it necessarily meant group government, and even if it did, he was not quite sure but that such a state of affairs would be better than the old two-party system.

FURNACE MAN FOUND DEAD IN BROCKVILLE HOTEL CELLAR

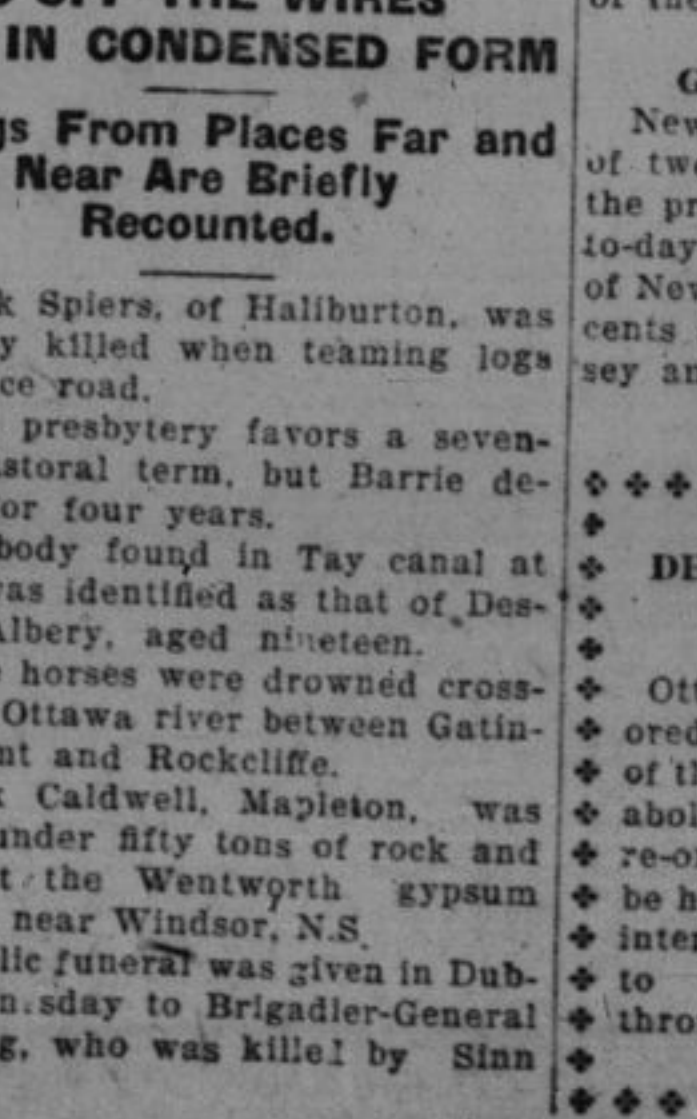
Brockville, March 10.—William Humphrey, employed as a laborer at the Revere hotel, was found dead this morning in the cellar, where he had evidently been stricken with apoplexy while tending the furnace. Constable Harding investigated but found that an inquest was unnecessary. Humphrey came from Oak Leaf, Leeds county.

HON. J. W. TWEEDALE HURT

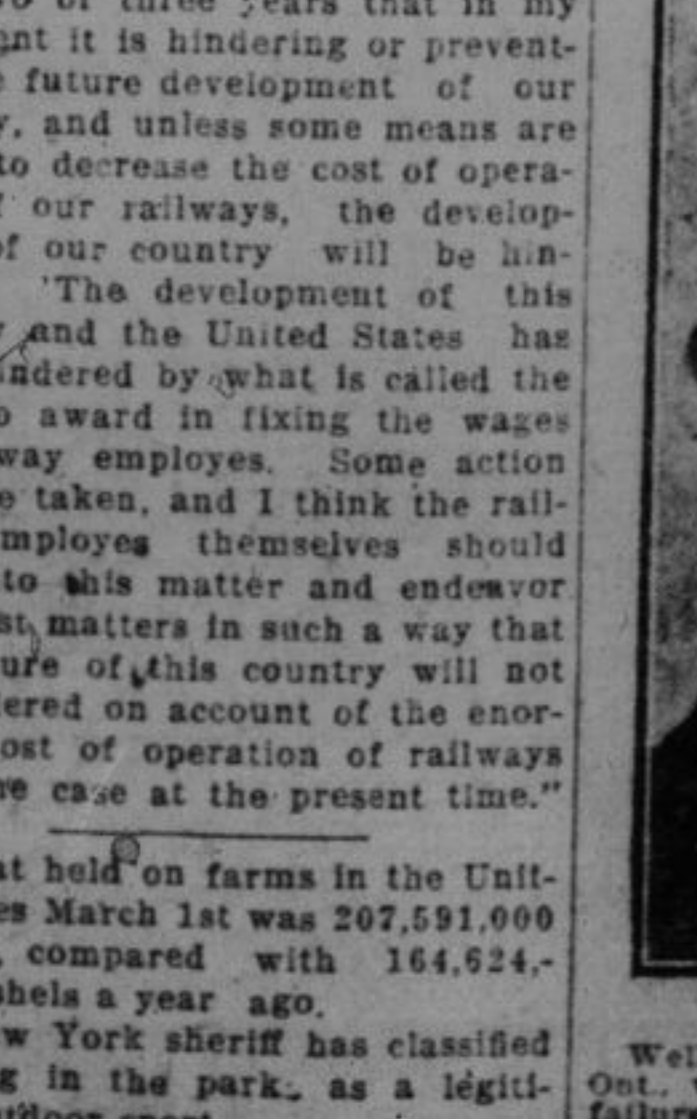
St. John, N.B., March 10.—Hon. J. W. Tweedale, chairman of the New Brunswick liquor commission, is suffering from a fractured skull as a result of a fall while playing with his grandson in the yard of his home at Arthurville. Mr. Tweedale's condition is reported to be critical.



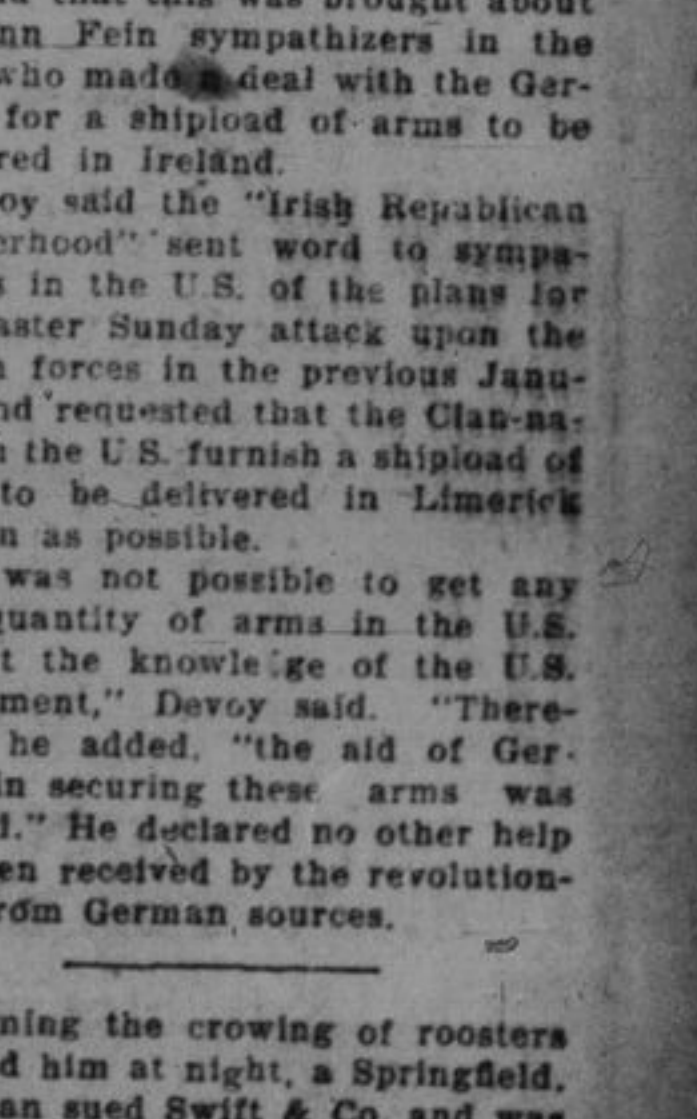
EDMUNDO DATO
Premier of Spain, who was assassinated in Madrid on Tuesday.



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