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POLICEMAN OPENS FIRE AT TWO FLEEING BANDITS

Burglars Discovered in Yard Back of Colborne Street—A Little Dog Barked And Awakened Inmates of Mrs. Jacobs' House.

The masked bandits, who have been attempting to terrorize the city for the past week, continued their efforts early Wednesday morning, when they were discovered at 2.35 a.m. prowling in a yard behind the home of Mrs. Nellie Jacobs, 32 Colborne street. Mrs. Jacobs' son, Minto, who sleeps in the back of the house, was awakened by his little dog barking and scratching at the screen door on the back of the house. He looked out of the window and thought he saw the forms of two men putting on their masks.

Constable Opens Fire. Constable Fitzgerald pulled out his revolver and fired at the last of the marauders as he was climbing over the fence. The shot missed the thief, but it awakened the neighborhood for blocks around.

MUST STOP FOOLING THE PEOPLE

The report of the meeting of the Army and Navy Association, Kingston unit, contributed to last night's Standard, over the signature of the general secretary, contains the following paragraphs:

HUSBAND AND WIFE



My wife leaves circular corn plaster on the dresser, and I put one in my mouth the other day thinking it was a life-saver!—A.H.D.

DIVORCEES USE CARE IN SELECTING MATES

Single Men, However, Show Greater Faith in Divorced Women.

Sacramento, Calif., July 6.—Dis-trust with which a divorced man looks upon a divorced woman, or vice versa, when seeking a new mate, is testified to by a report made public recently by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics.

According to the state report only 1,915 marriages were performed in California during 1920 in which both contracting parties had been divorced from their first mate.

Greeks Bombard Town In the Neutral Zone

Paris, July 6.—The town of Karmur-sal, on the south shore of the Gulf of Ismid, about fifty-five miles in a direct line southeast of Constantinople, has been bombarded by a Greek warship, it was announced in advices from Constantinople.

This bombardment and the burning of several villages in the region have caused considerable anxiety in French official circles. The probability is indicated that the French government will make representations at Athens to the effect that military operations around the neutral zone, particularly in the Sea of Marmora, of which the Gulf of Ismid is an arm, are looked upon with great disfavor in Paris.

French-Canadians Form 88 Per Cent. of Quebec

Quebec, July 6.—The Quebec city directory gives the population of Quebec as one hundred and sixteen thousand one hundred and twenty, divided as follows: French-Canadians, one hundred and two thousand seven hundred and fifty; Irish, five thousand three hundred; English, five thousand two hundred and twenty-five; other nationalities, two thousand six hundred and seventy-five.

Queer Cause of Drowning

London, Ont., July 6.—A large lump of clay falling from the embankment struck Stanley G. Gordon, the five-year-old son of John Gordon, of Southwood, when walking near Lake Erie, and, carrying the lad into the water, he was drowned before his brother and father, who were swimming nearby, could reach him.

No War-like Intentions

Smyrna, July 6.—Greece has no war-like intentions toward Soviet Russia, despite statements to the contrary, which have appeared in the European press, according to George Chitchein, Bolshevik.

MUST BE RE-ADJUSTMENT OR RAILWAY SCRAPPING

Operation Costs Eating up the Systems Under the Present Conditions.

Montreal, July 6.—All the railways on this continent will have to be scrapped unless there is a re-adjustment of operating costs to meet present conditions, F. H. Phippen, K.C., contended in his address before the Grand Trunk arbitration board yesterday.

In the course of his argument he branched out to deal with the probability that in the future these roads would make much better returns than during the past few years. This brought him to a discussion of the relations between labor and the railways, and the bearing of rates as related to these, first in the United States and then in-variably in Canada.

IRISH PEACE IS NEARER

Outrages May Cease Pending Outcome of Craig-de Valera Conference.

London, July 6.—Conferences between the prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, Earl Midleton, one of the Southern Unionists who conferred in Dublin with Eamonn de Valera, the Irish Republican leader, on Monday, and Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, and the arrival of General J. C. Smuts, the South African premier, in Dublin were the developments yesterday in the Irish political situation, following Monday's conference in Dublin.

Well-informed circles in London are hopeful that the conference between de Valera and the Southern Unionists may presage a tacit cessation of outrages and reprisals pending the outcome of Mr. Lloyd George's efforts to bring Mr. De Valera and Sir James Craig together in a conference here.

On the government side word has gone forth that raids are to be confined to those on premises where there is good reason to believe munitions are stored, the orders directing that in case of doubt decision as to whether a raid is to be made shall be left to "higher authority." In other words, to the Dublin Castle authorities. There is no reciprocal act from the Sinn Fein chiefs so far as the government has been advised, but the impression prevails that both sides are disposed not to embarrass the possibilities of peace by any aggressive acts.

THE MELANCHOLY STORY OF WIVES' WEAKNESS

Most Causes For Divorce in England Date From Husband's Enlistment.

London, June 28.—(Correspondence)—Since Easter the divorce courts have been working at high pressure to clear off an unprecedented accumulation of arrears, which, added to a steady stream of new cases, threatened at one time to overwhelm the physical capacity of the bench.

It needed the assistance of a number of retired judges to make headway against the avalanche of suits, with the result that they have been disposed of at the average rate of two score or more per day.

The lord chancellor, Lord Birkenhead, himself lent assistance by acting as an ordinary judge in the courts. Reviewing the position, he said: "The war has left a degree of unrest which has spread into almost every sphere of modern life, and the influence of which is likely to be felt for an indefinite period in domestic relationships."

"Nineteen out of twenty of the cases in arrears," Lord Birkenhead added, "had their causes in the war or consequences of the war. The date when he joined the army was the early chronological landmark of petitioner after petitioner, from which dated the familiar and melancholy story of weakness on the part of the wife."

8,000 DELEGATES PRESENT

At the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in New York.

New York, July 6.—Ideals of Christian citizenship drew to New York today 8,000 delegates from nearly all parts of the civilized world to attend the sixth world's Christian Endeavor convention which opens tonight and continues through July 11th. The last international convention was held in Chicago in 1915.

The delegates, embracing the religious faith of more than 100 denominations, represent 80,000 societies with a membership of 4,000,000. Every state in the United States and every province in Canada was represented.

France is Selling Boots by the Pound

Paris, July 6.—Selling boots by the pound may seem strange, but it is what the French government is up against in the liquidation of the two largest French army camps. More than \$2,000,000 worth of the stoutest footwear is going begging because some one put over a lot of freak sizes which couldn't be worn.

NEED FASTER HEARSES FOR THE FUNERALS

As the Heavy Motors Cannot Keep Up to the Mourners.

Watertown, N.Y., July 6.—Local undertakers pioneers in the use of motor hearses among the funeral directors of the north country, are preparing to replace their heavy machines for lighter equipment with speedier motors. One undertaker admitted that he is unable to keep up with the bearers, and in some cases with the mourners, in a modern funeral procession.

The time-worn joke of being run over by a hearse is ceasing to apply for with the speed of modern funerals it is quite possible unless one moves lively, and undertakers who at first found difficulty in educating the public to the motor funeral are finding the same public now favoring speed in the procession too great for the capacity of the machines which the morticians procure.

When the first motor hearses were procured here, undertakers found their patrons loath to use the machines. Horse-drawn rigs were usually requested, but the gradual replacement of the horse by the motor taxi, eliminating liveries and public hacks, finally forced the public to accept the motor funeral as a necessity. Undertakers were admonished, however, to proceed slowly. Now it is not unusual to see funeral processions skidding along at 30 miles an hour after passing the city line.

Bath Tub and Range To Be Taxed in France

Paris, July 6.—The French taxpayer's cup of sorrow is not yet full—not only must he pay for the doubtful advantage of employing servants or having carpeted stairs, but the Paris finance experts are now studying a plan for taxing bath tubs, gas ranges and electric door bells, these being about the only household appliances not yet contributing to the municipal budget.

MISTOOK HIM FOR BEAR

Manitoba Boy Shot His Chum in Stomach

Winnipeg, July 6.—Mistaking his boy chum for a bear, Leonard Pretti, of Whittemouth, Manitoba, shot Richard Jorgenson in the stomach, and the latter now lies in a serious condition in the Kenora hospital, according to a provincial police report.

Sir Sam Hughes' Condition

Lindsay, July 6.—General Sir Sam Hughes' condition is reported to be about the same, with slight improvements. He has had another transfusion. The transfusion was made from a Mr. Walker, a young Scotsman in the employ of Ogilvie, Montreal.

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PORT HOPE WIFE LOSES

Sued Husband For Alimony—She Liked Gaiety And Hobby Didn't.

Toronto, July 6.—Jay B. Gould, storekeeper of Port Hope, was defendant in an action brought against him by his wife, Vernon H. Gould, for \$50 a week alimony. The action is dismissed in a judgment given by Justice Orde at Osgoode Hall. The parties to the action were married in 1908 and have three children, a boy of twelve years, and two girls of nine and six years.

"The husband and wife were entirely unsuited to each other," remarks Justice Orde, "and neither seems capable of making any allowance for the desires and tastes of the other. The husband apparently plays no games, dislikes dancing, and will not go out in the evening, but prefers to stay at home. The wife, on the other hand, seems indifferently fond of dancing, cards and gaiety in general, and likes to remain out till the early hours of the morning. She sees nothing out of the ordinary in dancing at a public hall or playing cards until 2.30 a.m., and then going to a friend's house for supper afterwards, and considers it a hardship that her husband declines to accompany her, and this not as an occasional form of recreation, but as a more or less constant and regular habit. As a result of this and the defendant's drinking habits there were frequent disagreements, and on several occasions the defendant struck his wife, once chasing her from the house in winter when she was in her nightgown and bare feet. This treatment of her on several of these occasions was probably sufficient to have justified her in leaving him and claiming alimony."

Justice Orde declared that there were other acts which would have justified her in leaving him, and in fact she did leave him for eleven months in 1918 and went to live in Detroit, but her return to live with him conditioned those offences.

Found Door Barred

On the evening of February 10th last, Mrs. Gould was going to a card party, and her husband warned her that if she was not back at midnight he would lock her out. She found it impossible to return by that hour, and spent the night at a neighbor's. Her husband says he did not lock the door as he had threatened at midnight, but finding that she had not returned by the morning, he closed up the house and barred the doors with the idea that she would come to see him at the store and that they could thresh the matter out and come to some agreement.

When the wife returned in the morning and found her entrance to her home barred, she did not go to her husband, but to a solicitor. The solicitor wrote the husband demanding alimony, and the husband responded with an invitation to his wife to return to him. Instead Mrs. Gould entered action. Before she left Port Hope she borrowed a key from a former occupant of the house and went to get some of her clothes. Her entry on this occasion, says the judge, weakens her claim that she was excluded from the home. He says that she was well able to take care of herself—she weighs 198 lbs., while her husband weighs only 124—and the house belonged to her.

Big Bush Fire Raging In the Gatineau Valley

Ottawa, July 6.—One of the largest bush fires that the Gatineau valley has seen for some years started some thirty miles north of Maniwaki, is still raging uncontrolled. The smoke from this fire this morning drifted down the entire Gatineau Valley and hung like a haze over Ottawa and Hull. At Chelsea and other points the smoke was reported as being very dense.

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LORD LEE'S BID TO U.S.

Wants Uncle Sam And John Bull to Talk Things Over.

London, July 6.—Lord Lee, first lord of the admiralty, speaking at the American Independence Day dinner, said that the prime need of Britain and America is to sit down together and have a plain talk about fundamental things, which, if mishandled, might endanger peace. He said a clear business deal was necessary and most urgent in the direction of the limitation of naval armaments. Affected powers having primary interests in the Pacific brooked no delay.

Lord Lee declared that British statesmen, parliament and press were all favorable to such a conference. The British government has expressed its willingness, but has left the matter in the embarrassing position of being all dressed up and no where to go. With such a volume of goodwill the only thing now needed is an invitation suggesting the time and place of meeting. He hoped the American ambassador would not regard the hint as being too broad.

Better Understanding

Col. George Harvey, the American ambassador, after devoting considerable time to showing that America had made great sacrifices, but had obtained no profit out of the war, said that the recent better understanding between the two Anglo-Saxon countries had already proved of inestimable benefit. The Atlantic ocean virtually eliminated the prospect of naval warfare. There was good ground for hope that the apprehensions of perilous possibilities in the Pacific would be dispelled sooner than was commonly anticipated. When this consummation was attained disarmament would follow naturally and inevitably. There were grave obstacles, but approached in the proper spirit they could be overcome.

Replying specifically to Lord Lee's remarks Mr. Harvey gave it as his opinion that disarmament could not mean more than the limitation of armaments. Each country must retain its defensive police force.

Bid for Conference

Lord Lee's speech is regarded as a direct bid for a Pacific conference. The British government, which wants the invitation to come from America, feels that the issue of an invitation by itself might be construed as a sign of weakness. It now seems probable that an inter-country of views between the two countries regarding such a conference is likely proceeding. If Canadian papers would cease their attacks upon the United States, the chance for a conference, which would likely save Canadian taxpayers millions of dollars per annum would be improved. The press here with limited exceptions is doing everything possible to encourage such a conference.

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