

USED MAILS TO DEFRAUD

Charge Against Birmingham Motor Co.

Grand Jury at Washington Files Presentment—Postal Inspectors' Charge.

A special despatch from Washington, D.C., says, "A case of alleged stock swindling was revealed on Monday when the grand jury filed the Birmingham Motor company's presentment in court on a charge of using the mails to defraud."

"The motor company's prospectuses told of the new 'no-axle' car and from its impressive show rooms prospective buyers of stock were taken on trips in a handsome demonstration car. An expert explained that the smooth riding qualities of the machine were due to the 'no-axle' principle but postal inspectors said it had been especially and expensively built at a cost exceeding the selling price mentioned in the company's literature."

"This is the same company which attempted to sell stock in Kingston a month ago and concerning which considerable controversy arose. It was reported from Peterboro that the assets of the company were in the hands of the sheriff and a full report from a staff reporter of the Whig brought out the salient points of the varying assertions. The upshot of the matter was that the Birmingham Motor Co. officials left the city and this is the first information that has come of their activities. It was claimed that, in addition to the \$50,000 worth of stock to be sold in Kingston, much more was to be taken up in the United States where the company claimed to have a plant at Jamestown, N. Y. It is believed that as a result of statements appearing in prospectuses issued to American buyers the officials have been caught in the coils of the U. S. Post Office department."

PLACED UNDER ARREST ON A CHARGE OF THEFT

Alleged That Porter Bedour Took Part in Sensational Robbery.

On a charge of having robbed James Hollowood, a farmer living near Sharbot Lake, of about \$1,000, Porter Bedour, who lives at Sharbot Lake was taken into custody on Tuesday night at his home by Provincial Constable S. R. Marshall, assisted by High County Constable Tomlinson.

The sensational robbery which took place on August 1st, will be recalled. A man visited the home of Mr. Hollowood, and after shooting the dog, threatened members of the family. The man searched the house and got away with a sum of money that will amount to about \$1,000. The money has not yet been recovered, and a particularly sad part of the story is that the stolen money was made up of amounts received by Mrs. Hollowood on the death of her two sons in the great war.

The accused was brought before Justice of Peace Gordon, on Tuesday night and given his preliminary hearing. He pleaded "not guilty" and was remanded. The prisoner is about thirty-four years of age, and has a wife and three children. The case of Freeman Newton, charged with arson at Ardendale, is also pending. Newton was placed under arrest by Provincial Constable Marshall.

AFTERMATH OF ACCIDENT HEARD IN POLICE COURT

W. G. Corkey Charged With Infraction of the Motor Vehicle Act.

An aftermath of an accident, which occurred on Montreal street on Friday evening last, was heard in the police court on Wednesday morning, when W. G. Corkey appeared to answer to a charge of an infraction of section 18, of the Ontario Motor Vehicle Act. It was alleged that Corkey, who was driving an auto, hit a vehicle in which George Coxworthy and his son George, were driving, and that he did not give his name and address to Mr. Coxworthy, and render every possible aid when he found that Mr. Coxworthy had been injured. Both father and son were thrown out on the roadway, and received minor injuries. Corkey pleaded "not guilty" to the charge, and Ambrose Shea appeared on his behalf, while C. M. Smith, appeared for Coxworthy. Ald. R. E. Kent was on the bench, in the absence of Magistrate Farrell, who is on his vacation, and after hearing evidence, the acting magistrate reserved his decision until Thursday.

\$970,000,000 INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING

In United States as Result of the McCumber Tariff Bill.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 9.—America's cost of living bill will be increased approximately \$970,000,000 as a result of the duties levied on importations of cotton, wool and sugar in the McCumber tariff bill, Senator Gerry, Rhode Island, Democratic whip, charged in a statement today. This figure, Gerry indicated, probably would be doubled in the other duties affecting food and clothing were tabulated. The added cost to the consumer because of this \$1.84 per hundred pounds duty on Cuban sugar is \$210,000,000, the wool clothing increase is \$550,000,000 and the cotton bill is \$110,000,000, the senator asserted.

Fourteen Revolutionists Are Sentenced to Death

Moscow, Aug. 9.—Fourteen of thirty-four social revolutionists, accused of high treason against the Soviet government have been sentenced to death by a revolutionary tribunal. Among those condemned are several who turned informers. The remainder were given prison terms of from two to ten years.

GO TO MONTREAL TO BE REPAIRED

Fifty Crippled United States Locomotives Pass Through St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Aug. 9.—A train of fifty crippled locomotives, collected from all parts of the Wabash railway system in the United States, passed through today enroute to Montreal shops for repairs. It is the first shipment of the kind since the United States shippers' strike began. Canadian unions may object to doing the work. The train crews, however, did not object to handling the train.

Aid For American Miners.

Frankfort on Main, Aug. 9.—Ten thousand pounds sterling to aid American miners in the coal strike to be subscribed by various national miners' unions, was recommended by the congress of the International Miners' Organizations meeting here. A resolution expressed sympathy with the aims of the American strikers. The congress decided against restriction of coal shipments to America.

Death From a Feud.

New York, Aug. 9.—Death, today, claimed Jacob Goldstein, one of eight men shot down yesterday in an East side street, when they tried to halt four gunmen fleeing in an automobile, after an attempt to kill Joseph Nassarieu, an outgrowth of what the police believe was a bootleggers' feud.

Refuse Reprieve to Assassins.

London, Aug. 9.—A reprieve was refused by Home Secretary Short today to Joseph O'Sullivan and Reginald Dunn, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow for the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson.

Attack Buffalo Car.

Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 9.—In the first daylight rioting for two weeks, a conductor was knocked senseless, a motor man cut with glass and twenty-two windows of an International Railways car were broken late yesterday at East Ferry and Purdy streets.

STOP TROUBLING ABOUT OUR POOR QUALITIES

And Find the Best Ones Is the Advice of Lord Shaw.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 9.—Four men prominent in world politics, addressing the California branch of the English union, in session here yesterday, commended the aim of the union in seeking to bring the English-speaking nations into closer harmony with view to fostering an international spirit of goodwill. The four were William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States, Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, George Wickersham, formerly attorney general of United States, and John E. W. Davis, former ambassador of United States to Britain meeting of American bar association. Lord Shaw expressed the desire to see a better understanding among English-speaking peoples. "When we stop troubling about our poorer qualities and find the best ones, we will all understand," he said. "That is what England has tried to do and it is succeeding so well that today I believe that Ireland is on the crest of a wave that will send it on to splendid achievements."

SEEKS HELP OF CONGRESS

In Emergency Caused By the Strikes.

Shop Crafts Workers Won't Submit Seniority Question to Labor Board.

Washington, D.C., Aug. 9.—Balked at every turn in his efforts to compose the threatening industrial situation due to the coal and railroad strikes, President Harding is turning to congress to help him in the crisis. The president today let it be known that he desires the house to remain in regular session when it returns from recess next Tuesday instead of carrying out its plan of further recess to await senate action on the tariff bill. Notice to that effect already has gone from the White House to Republican Leader Mondell with the added suggestion that the president desires a full attendance. The president desires the help of congress in the coal and railroad strike problems now that all his efforts at mediation have failed or are about to fail, while the chiefs of all the railroad workers' organizations are speeding to Washington to discuss means of making the rail strike more effective than ever.

Refuse Harding's Offer.

New York, Aug. 9.—Twenty-five thousand rail shop crafts workers, through David Williams, secretary of the eastern strike committee, today sent a telegram to B. M. Jewell, at Chicago, putting themselves on record as refusing to accept President Harding's proposal for submitting the seniority question to the railroad labor board.

CATHOLIC WORKMEN MEET IN MONTREAL

Compulsory Arbitration For Municipal Disputes Will Be Urged.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—Nearly 200 delegates representing 45,000 Catholic workmen of the province with representatives also from Ottawa and Hawkesbury, Ont. will attend the first congress of the Catholic Workers' Federation of Canada, which opens here Saturday. The federation was inaugurated last September and aims at the establishment of trade federation within the dominion with complete autonomy of trades unionism in Canada. Compulsory arbitration for disputes in connection with public utilities especially for municipal employees will be urged at the convention, one of the foremost resolutions to be submitted asking for an amendment in the existing provincial law providing for compulsory arbitration with compulsory acceptance by both parties of the finding of the board. This step it will be urged is necessary for public welfare.

Says He Killed Farmer While He Was Doped

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Declaring that he had taken deliberate aim while under the influence of "moonshine," Ernest E. McTavish, aged nineteen, in a statement read at his preliminary trial yesterday, confessed to killing Ernest Brallard, farmer, who was found dead on his farm near Ashern on July 15th. McTavish said he believed he was doped and gave no reason for his act.

British Warship Ashore Off Labrador Coast

St. John's, Nfld. Aug. 9.—The British warship Raleigh, which has been cruising off the Labrador coast with Admiral Sir William Pakenham on board, is aground at Point Amour in the straits of Bell Isle. She struck last night and will probably be a total wreck. All on board reached shore safely.



H. W. WOOD. Mentioned as possible head of the Canadian wheat board.

WOMEN WARNED TO KEEP THEIR TOES

Limp Sure to Result If Smallest Member Is Amputated.

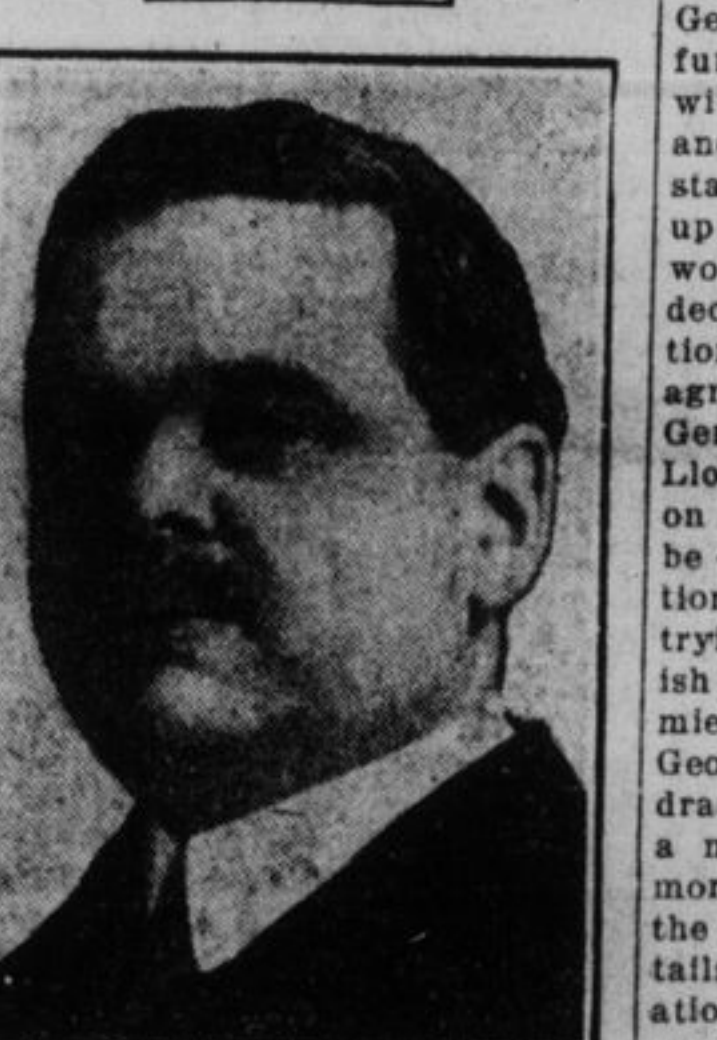
Chicago, Aug. 9.—Announcement had been made that at a special clinic of the National Association of Chiropractors yesterday, a number of women would submit to the amputation of their fifth, or little, toes. Ostensibly, the idea was to do away with annoying corns, but the real reason was to enable them to crowd their feet into smaller shoes.

However, there was no general amputation. Dr. John Keniston, of Chicago, a chiropractor for thirty years, arose at the opening session and sounded a solemn warning against sacrificing the little toe. "Cutting off your little toes will leave the fourth toe unprotected," he said. "Nature has provided the little toe with an especially tough skin to protect it, but when it is cut away it leaves the tender meat next to it unprotected and you are certain to have much trouble."

Furthermore, with the loss of the little toe you will lose your balance and will limp the rest of your life and undermine your health."

THE CONVICTION OF LLOYD GEORGE

Paris, Aug. 9.—Prime Minister Lloyd George, last night, expressed the opinion that a rupture in the entente was probable, if not inevitable, according to some of the French newspaper correspondents attending the Allied conference in London. The British premier said that this was regrettable, both from English and French viewpoints but that Premier Poincare's attitude left no option.



SIR LOMER GOUIN. Minister of Justice, is mentioned as a possible successor to Sir Auckland Geddes as British ambassador to Washington.

Kitchener Film Will Be Shown in America

Washington, Aug. 9.—Customs authorities have decided to admit into the country for exhibition purposes the moving picture film "How Kitchener was Betrayed," which was protested by the British embassy, it was said yesterday at the treasury.

A showing of the film in New York, officials declared, revealed nothing improper in the picture and it was decided that it could be exhibited in this country with the insertion of a caption, stating that it was not based on historical fact so far as it portrays high British officials.

THE TRIP OF MATHILDE HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Young Heiress to the McCormack-Rockefeller Millions III in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 9.—Mathilde McCormick's trip to Switzerland to join Max Oser, her fiance, has been indefinitely postponed, it was learned on good authority today. Whether or not this means that the heiress of the McCormacks and Rockefellers, two of America's richest families, will never marry the middle-aged captain with whom she fell in love when he ran a livery stable in Zurich, could not be learned. Mathilde, just seventeen, was reported confined to her hotel apartment because of illness, which, friends said, was particularly brought about by her incessant pleading for the consent of her father, Harold F. McCormick, to the marriage. In the girl's room were thirty pictures of her fiance. Between bites of chocolate and sniffs at roses, Mathilde gazes at them wistfully, according to hotel attaches.

McCormick refused to comment on his daughter's affairs with Oser. "Old man, in fairness to others, I cannot tell you anything," is the stock phrase he repeats to correspondents outside the hotel just before he rolls away in a closed motor car.

COL. ERIC BALL. Of London, England, one of the leaders of the movement, now successful for Sunday games in that city.

MAY RESULT IN RUPTURE

Between France and the Other Allies.

If the French Drastic Proposals Regarding Germany Are Rejected.

London, Aug. 9.—England, Italy and Belgium, hopelessly at odds with Premier Poincare's programme of drastic action toward Germany, hoped today to break the deadlock of the London allied conference by a compromise granting the former enemy nation a short moratorium. It was understood that a majority of the allied finance ministers and experts, who have been conferring for two days on France's plan for dealing with Germany, have agreed with Lloyd George that the plan would be productive of the desired revenue, but would kill Germany economically. The finance ministers met again today and drew up a report which is expected to be presented soon to the premier.

Rejection of the French proposals, which include setting up of a customs barrier on the eastern border of the occupied area, control of forests and mines, and control of German industries, may lead to a rupture between France and the other allies, it was freely predicted. It was understood when Poincare went into the conference that the only conditions under which he would accept a short moratorium was that his plan be accepted.

Further Apart Than Ever.

London, Aug. 9.—Premier Poincare of France and Premier Lloyd George of Britain are apparently further apart on what is to be done with Germany than before they met, and the conference of the allied statesmen is in danger of breaking up with Franco-British relations worse than they were and with no decision of moment on the reparations question. They may, however, agree to a short moratorium for Germany. Poincare has indicated to Lloyd George that things cannot go on as they are and that France may be compelled to take independent action. Premier Thounys, Belgium, is trying to bring the French and British policies together. The three premiers breakfasted together in Lloyd George's residence this morning. The drafting committee of experts, after a meeting at the treasury lasting more than an hour, adjourned until the afternoon to consider certain details. It was admitted that the situation was very difficult, but all concerned, it was declared, were doing their best to prevent anything like a breakdown at the conference.

Girl and Her Aunt Shot, Sultor Ends Own Life

Hoboken, N.J., Aug. 9.—Dominick D'Ercole called on his sweetheart, Emma Preni, yesterday and pleaded with her to return to the house where they had both lived since she came from Italy two months ago. She refused and D'Ercole, drawing a pistol, fired five shots. One pierced his sweetheart's hand. Three others wounded her aunt, Alvina Montagna, who may die. The last went into his own brain, killing him instantly.

Professor Suddenly Loses Sight.

Quebec, Aug. 9.—"L'Action Catholique," professor of McGill University, Montreal, was suddenly stricken with total blindness at Kamouraska, where he and his sister are spending the summer. It appears that Dr. Prendergast retired one night feeling as well as usual, but on awakening the following morning, about seven o'clock, he was surprised to find everything in darkness although he could hear his sister walking about the house.

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OLD-TIME DANCING COMING INTO VOGUE

Pavillon at St. Catharines Puts on an Exhibition Performance.

St. Catharines, Aug. 9.—There is a very noticeable difference in the style of dancing here this summer over previous years, and the difference is on the right side. The indecent posture is being frowned down in all the outdoor pavilions and the dancers are being compelled to live up to the rules.

At Lakeside park pavilion early in the season the dance manager stopped the music several times to point out that some of the dancers were clinging too closely, and that their steps were not in keeping with the rules of the place. The dancers very quickly saw the point and now there is nothing objectionable in the dances.

At Lakeside park Saturday night the management put on some exhibition dances to show how dancing should be done. The old-fashioned waltz is back again and now there are nearly as many waltzes as trots. People here who are interested in the welfare of the dance believe that the day of the indecent dance is over in St. Catharines and district.

TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR GIVING OF HEADSTONES

The Government Co-operates in the Burial of Ex-Servicemen.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—Co-operation and assistance by the Dominion Government in the burial of ex-service men, who die from wounds or sickness contracted in the war, has now been authorized by order-in-council. The Imperial Graves Commission has fixed August 31, 1921, as the termination of the war as regards its operations, and that, therefore, deaths occurring after that date are not covered by the authority of that commission or its Canadian agency. Special action has consequently been made necessary by the Canadian authorities as regards war veterans who may die after that date from wounds or illness contracted on service.

It is pointed out that the Canadian Government is already co-operating in the matter of personal inscriptions to the extent of bearing the most of such inscriptions rather than have it borne by the relatives of the deceased soldier or sailor. The action now authorized by order-in-council is that the Government of Canada pay the cost of the erection of a headstone for the grave in Canada for each member of His Majesty's naval and military forces whose death has occurred or shall occur during the period between September 1, 1921, and August 31, 1921, under such circumstances and from such cause as would have brought the death within the scope of the operations of Imperial War Graves Commission up to August 31, 1921. The order-in-council further provides that the cost of the headstone is not to exceed \$50.

Nine-Year-Old Boy Drowned From Dock in St. Lawrence

Brockville, Ont., Aug. 9.—Falling from a dock at Assiniboine Lodge, the summer home of Sir Clifford Sifton, Toronto, west of here, on St. Lawrence, Roy Fennell, aged nine, met death by drowning. The child was missed by his mother, who is employed at the Sifton residence, and his body was discovered by her in the water.

Although he had been missing barely fifteen minutes, efforts on the part of Sir Clifford and his son, as well as by physicians, proved ineffectual in restoring life. The child was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fennell, Brockville.

NO CREDENCE IS PLACED IN THE GOVIN REPORT

Sir Lomer Not Likely to Become Ambassador at Washington.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—The report first published in Le Droit of Ottawa and subsequently broadcasted throughout Canada that Sir Lomer Gouin was likely to resign from the cabinet and go as British-Canadian ambassador to Washington, is not received with the slightest degree of credence in the capital. It is an aftermath of the prime minister's trip to Washington, during which it is suspected that he discussed the question of a Canadian diplomatic representative at the American capital. But the objections are numerous. In the first place Sir Auckland Geddes is still the occupant of the British embassy. He has spent the last few weeks in Britain, but is now on the high seas to resume his duties.

Succeeds Sir W. Thwaites.

London, Aug. 9.—Major-General J. T. Burnett-Stuart, commanding the military district of Madras, has been appointed director of military operations at the war office, succeeding General Sir William Thwaites.

Stating that wheat cutting has already started and that it will be general in a week in many localities, another favorable crop report for the week ending Tuesday is issued by the Agricultural Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnipeg.

QUAKE ROCKS HOUSES IN EDMUNSTON, N.B.

Edmundston, N.B., Aug. 9.—A violent earthquake shock was felt here at two o'clock yesterday morning. Houses were rocked and a pile of lumber was overturned in the centre of the town. A house in St. Basile shifted from its foundations. St. Jacques, Green River and other neighboring towns also report alarm of their citizens at the tremor.

COAL WORK TO PROCEED

This is Probable in the Illinois Coal Fields.

Operators Are Gathering in Chicago to Plan For Resuming Work.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—A separate peace in the Illinois coal fields was foreshadowed today by a gathering of fifty operators of mines within the state who were expected to draft a plan for resumption of work. The predictions that the operators were close to a settlement were given added weight, by reports from the coal districts, that preparations are being made to start work at the mines.

A despatch from Marion, centre of the southern coal fields, declared that several hundred men had been called to prepare five Williamson county mines for reopening. It was reported that mules had been returned to the stables at other mines.

To Conclude Settlement. Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 9.—Virtually decision was reached today by 12,000 leaders to include a settlement of the soft coal strike with the operators who have gathered here for the joint peace conference.

Granted Leave of Absence.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—Hon. Walter C. Nichol, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, has been granted leave of absence for four months from Aug. 29th, an order-in-council to that effect having been passed. Hon. James A. Macdonald, chief justice of appeal for the province of British Columbia, has been appointed administrator during the lieutenant-governor's absence.

LLOYD GEORGE AGREES TO SOME PROPOSALS

London, Aug. 9.—Lloyd George has agreed to the French suggestion regarding six per cent. of German reparations to be paid into the reparations funds. He also agreed to the suggestion for taking over forests and mines in German occupied territory.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Recounted.

T. A. Talbot, member for La Verandrye, is to be speaker of the Manitoba legislature. A tariff rate of 2.3 cents a pound on sugar was approved today by the U. S. senate by a vote of 37 to 35.

Governor Miller feels that he will be "obliged" to call a special session of the New York State legislature to deal with the coal strike emergency.

The Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' association will not attend the Cleveland conference called by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

As the result of a three hour conversation between Premier Poincare and Premier Lloyd George in London, it was decided to refer back to the committee of experts Mr. Poincare's plan for control of German finances.

Fifteen hundred farmers of the county of Yamaska assembled Wednesday at St. Francois Du Lac, Que., for the purpose of organizing an anti-parishes in the county for the United Farmers' association of Quebec.

The first large cargo—10,000 tons—of foreign mined coal to reach New York as the result of importers' efforts to stave off a fuel famine among public utilities corporations, was brought to New York Tuesday by the Italian steamer Cherca, from Barry Wales.

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