

DID NOT SEE MONEY PAID

To Hon. Peter Smith by Home Bank Manager.

EVIDENCE OF CALVERT

Given Before the Public Accounts Committee of the Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, April 4.—While admitting that he knew of the payment of one per cent. extra as commission on provincial deposits in the Home Bank and that he had on one occasion handed General Manager J. C. Mason \$3,500 in an envelope for payment of commission, A. E. Calvert, former assistant general manager of the suspended institution, told the public accounts committee of the legislature to-day that he "could not swear" that the money went to the province. He understood that Hon. Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer, got interest for the province but at no time had he seen Mr. Smith receive any money. Witness stated that he had seen Mr. Smith in the Home Bank on three or four occasions. He thought those visits had something to do with the commission paid on provincial deposits. "What was your idea of the transaction?" asked Col. J. A. Currie. "Did you protest?" "I can't say that I questioned it," replied the witness. "Did you think Mr. Smith got the money?" "I never saw Mr. Smith get any money." "Do you know if Mr. Smith got any money?" "No I do not." "Can you say if Mr. Mason ever passed money to anyone?" asked Hon. Manning Doherty. "No, I can not," was the reply.

Criminal Action?

Hon. Manning Doherty told the committee that he had a motion made in the House of Commons about the Provincial Securities Company and the evidence of Mr. Hart and Mrs. Ross about their bond transactions had been given. He had thought that Mr. Smith should be given an opportunity to reply to certain implications in the stories of transactions, but the evidence since had indicated that there would be more serious charges than he had expected. The matter had progressed, according to the premier, to the point where criminal action was inevitable. He would therefore, therefore, not insist on his motion. "Do you think the time has arrived when there should be criminal action?" asked Hon. W. H. Price. "I made no such statement. I was quoting others," Mr. Doherty replied.

Walter Larehough, stepladder, fell in St. Joseph's hospital, Sudbury, with nearly every bone in his body broken as the result of a fall from the top of a ninety-foot chimney stack on the premises of the Schroeder Lumber Company Mills, at Pakeley. The scaffolding collapsed.

The steamer Arctic will sail from Quebec, probably about the first week of July next, for the Arctic with supplies for the Canadian Mounted Police Posts.

Israel Griesman, Toronto, set aside \$15 each year for fifteen years to pay for the recital of the Jewish prayer, "kaddish," on the anniversary of his death.

Albert Walden, a Toronto letter collector, for purloining mail, was sent to penitentiary for three years. Camille Julian, noted historian, has been elected a member of the French Academy.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY

On "Hand-cuffed Men."

How MEN who love CHANGE Must LONG for CONSTANCY— IN THEMSELVES, I mean. A man who is A PHILANDERER and always Has a NEW love on hand. Should ALWAYS be off with The OLD GLOVE before He's on with The NEW. In some countries A man's WIFE always Sits AT TABLE on his RIGHT HAND. (That is, when dining in public) And his LADY LOVE Sits on his LEFT— Though not GENERALLY At the same party.

HUSBAND AND WIFE WIN \$41,000 BY GAMBLING

And All in One Year—What Their Income Returns Showed.

Syracuse, N.Y., April 4.—Despite legal prohibitions and numerous drives instituted against the practice, it appears that lotteries and other forms of gambling flourish in Syracuse and other parts of the state. A. A. Kocher, director of the Syracuse state income tax bureau, announced yesterday a number of returns have been filed showing income from such winnings. One return indicated an income from a husband of \$21,000 from gambling. His wife showed \$14,000 income from the same source.

Greece to Confiscate All Royal Estates

Athens, April 4.—A representative of the king, applying to the government for permission to dispose of the royal estates, has received a refusal, as the total estate is about to be confiscated. The government has requested discontinuance of the disposal of furniture from the royal palace and also of other movable property. It is understood that the greater part of the private property of the deposed king has already been sold, while some motor cars have been shipped to Roumania.

Pays City \$30,000 a Year For Vending Privileges

New York, April 4.—Thirty thousand dollars a year for the privilege of dispensing fruit, candy, soft drinks and tobacco will be paid the city for two small stands at the Battery landing on the harbor front. Pericles Xenakis, Brooklyn, the successful bidder at the auction of the concessions took a three year lease at an annual rental of \$12,500 above the sum received by the city last year. The same stands rented in 1920 for \$100 a month.

TEN BELGIANS ARE CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Band of Criminals Who Operated in Flanders Following the Armistice.

Ghent, Belgium, April 4.—A trial which surpassed all records in the history of Belgian justice has just been concluded in the Eastern Flanders assizes with a verdict condemning ten men to death, seven to life imprisonment, five to twenty years, four to fifteen years and one to twelve years. They were members of a band of criminals who operated throughout Belgian Flanders in the period immediately following the armistice. The trial lasted a month.

BILL WAS STRUCK OFF

Premier Ferguson Made Request in Medical Case.

Toronto, April 4.—The premier in the legislature yesterday afternoon moved that a bill, passed this morning by the private bills committee, to allow J. P. Savage, Oskville, to practise medicine in the Province of Ontario, be struck off the report. The motion carried. The premier said the Government policy on the matter would be declared later. Mr. Savage took a medical course at the University of Toronto, but never having secured his matriculation, he could not qualify for medical council examinations.

Flight Postponed a Day

Seattle, Wash., April 4.—The departure of four United States army airplanes for Prince Rupert, B.C., on their flight around the world was postponed until to-morrow on account of adverse weather reports received from along the route.

TORONTO RAID WAS PLANNED

By the Montreal Bank Bandit Gang Under Arrest.

THE PROPOSED HOLD-UP

Police Have Reliable Information—Montreal Suspects in Toronto on February 1st.

Toronto, April 4.—There was going to be another big bank-messenger hold up in Toronto this month which the Montreal bandit gang had planned, it became known to the police circles here to-day. It is stated that the Toronto police have come into possession of reliable information about the proposed hold up.

Detective Walter McConnell, who arrived home to-day from Montreal where he went Wednesday in connection with the suspects held by the authorities, stated that he identified two of the men and a woman under arrest as Ciro Nierni and Giuseppe "Joe" Serafine, and his wife Mary Serafine as members of the armed gang arrested in a rooming house on Shuter street Toronto, on February 1st. They were given a jail term for illegal possession of arms, but the sentence was afterwards suspended on condition that they keep away from the city.

ALBERTA LIQUOR BILL

Beer Sold Till 9 p.m. Saturday—10 Other Nights.

Edmonton, Alta., April 4.—Licensed premises for the sale of beer under the Liquor Control Bill will be permitted to remain open on Saturday nights until nine o'clock, according to an amendment approved by the committee of the whole in the legislature. From Monday until Friday the licensed premises can remain open until ten o'clock. Attorney-General J. E. Brownlee stated that, according to present arrangements, the breweries would be permitted to deliver all city orders for beer.

The licenses for hotels, according to the bill range from \$200 to \$400, according to the population. In cities with a population of more than fifteen thousand, the license would be \$400. Persons living in an hotel can have beer sent to their rooms from the breweries, but will not be permitted to go down to the licensed premises in the same hotel and carry up a bottle to their room. Another provision in the bill makes it illegal to take liquor from one room in the hotel to another. The provision states that the liquor shall be consumed in the room. A person living in a room could give a friend a drink. The druggists will be permitted to carry a stock of forty ounces of liquor only.

A SUICIDE PACT

Husband is Dead and Wife is Dangerously Wounded.

Richmond, Va., April 4.—Holmes Cummins, prominent Richmond business man and clubman, was found shot to death and his wife, Tula Cummins, nationally known as a writer, dangerously wounded when police broke into their apartment here yesterday. The husband and wife shot themselves as a result of a mutual agreement, Coroner Whitfield declared the wounded woman told him Cummins had been in ill health for several months. When police forced their way into the apartment they found Cummins dead with a bullet in the head. His wife was believed to be in a dying condition with a bullet wound above the heart. A revolver was hanging from the man's right hand.

BETTER CHANCES FOR THE YOUTHS IN CANADA

London, April 4.—A. J. Thomas, son of Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has returned to London after a visit to Montreal. He told an interviewer that "I have never been more happy than while in Canada. In Canada the young man gets his chance earlier than in the old country. British youths have an excellent chance of making good either on the farm or in commerce in Canada, provided that they go out there willing to work in the full meaning of that word."

REPORT ON R. M. C.

Will Be in Hands of Hon. E. M. MacDonald Shortly. Ottawa, April 4.—The report of the sub-committee of the advisory board to the militia council on matters pertaining to the Royal Military College, Kingston, will be in the hands of Hon. E. M. MacDonald, minister of national defence, within the next few days. The sub-committee, which met in Kingston on Tuesday of this week, will make certain recommendations regarding the administration of the Royal Military College, it was stated here to-day.

Sculling Cup Challenge

Philadelphia, Pa., April 4.—Walter M. Hoover, former holder of the Philadelphia Gold Challenge Sculling Cup, will challenge W. E. Garrett Gilmore, of this city, holder of the trophy, this year. Harry Penburke, member of the cup committee, announced to-day. Paul Costello, of this city, already has challenged Gilmore.

\$5,000 for Alienation

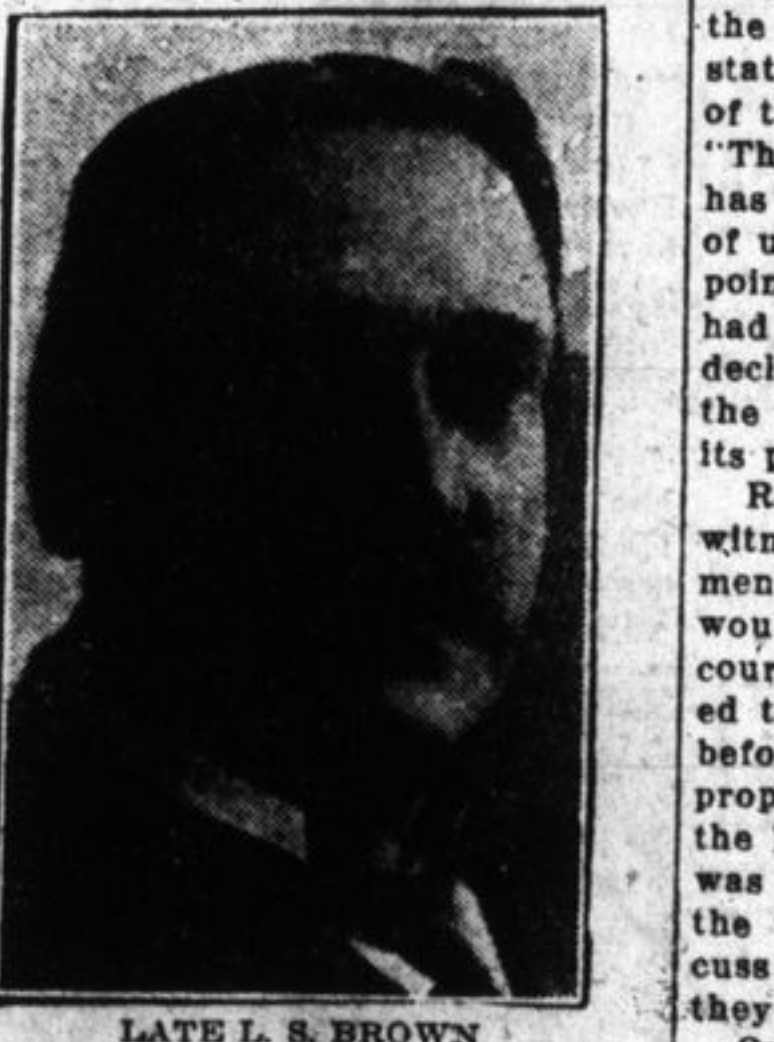
Bracebridge, Ont., April 4.—In a suit for alienation of his wife's affections, tried before Justice W. R. Riddell, John Stackhouse, Gravenhurst, was awarded \$5,000 against William Robinson, a clothing merchant, of the same town.

MACKENZIE ESCAPES FROM VILLA'S GANG

Canadian Held Captive in Mexico Since January Safe at Parral.

El Paso, Tex., April 4.—Thomas George MacKenzie, general manager of the Compania Agricola de Chihuahua, escaped from Hipolito Villa's bandit gang Monday night and had arrived in Parral, friends here were advised by telegraph yesterday afternoon. He was captured in January. I. N. Thacker, head of the Hydro-Electric Company's El Paso office, received the following telegram from Mr. MacKenzie: "Escaped Monday; walked 50 miles and caught train at San Rosario; went to Parral."

Mr. MacKenzie, a Canadian, was captured in January when Hipolito Villa first took the field and has been with the bandit forces as a prisoner since that time. A demand that a ransom of 50,000 pesos be paid for his release was made by Villa. Authorities attempted then to get in touch with the rebels in an effort to effect the release of Mr. MacKenzie, but failed, due to the fact that Villa was being closely pursued by the federal troops. The company of which he is general manager is the largest hydro-electric development company in northern Mexico.



L. S. BROWN, General Manager, Atlantic Region, Canadian National Railway, who died suddenly at the general headquarters of the system, Montreal, last Wednesday. The remains have been taken to Moncton, N. B.

IN THE COMMONS

Printer's Liability Bill—Halibut Treaty's Third Reading.

Ottawa, April 4.—In the House of Commons yesterday, A. W. Neill (Independent, Comox-Alberta) introduced a bill to amend the Criminal Code (printer's liability) at the opening of the house yesterday. He explained that the object of the bill was to provide that, any paper, pamphlet or other publication intended for distribution should bear the name of the publisher. At present pamphlets were sometimes circulated anonymously, and in certain cases they contained seditious or untrue statements. The amendment was in line with British law on this matter.

The bill to amend the Northern Pacific Halibut Fishery Protection Act was given a third reading in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon without discussion.

Liquor Referendum

Before the orders of the day Hon. W. E. Raney endeavored to get a statement from the government on the matter of a liquor referendum vote. He was ruled out of order. Mr. Raney immediately attempted to move the adjournment of the house to discuss the matter. The prime minister said that such a proceeding was outrageous. The speaker announced that the orders of the day would be proceeded with. Mr. Raney allowed the first order to be dealt with, and he then moved the adjournment to discuss the question he had tried to discuss before the orders of the day. He quoted a newspaper report of a speech by Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, in which the latter was reported to have said there should be a vote on the O.T.A. as quickly as possible. "What I want to know, and I think the country wants to know, is: 'What he speaking for the government or simply expressing his own opinion?' Another question I would like to ask is: 'Does the government recognize cabinet solidarity?'"

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Another bill which proposes changes in franchise rights of street railways, introduced as a public bill, was held up so it can be introduced as a private bill concerning the city of London only.

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Irish Free State Army

Dublin, April 4.—It has been decided that the permanent establishment of twenty-seven battalions, nine brigades and three commands. In addition there will be various separate services, an army school of instruction, a school of army music, and a training camp at Carragh. The army will total almost 20,000.

A COMMISSION TOO COSTLY

Refusal to Appoint One to Probe Ontario Finances.

A MOTION BY DOHERTY

Premier Knows of No Reason Why House Committee Should Be Supplanted.

Toronto, April 4.—Hon. Manning Doherty asked in the legislature yesterday afternoon that the government appoint a royal commission to inquire into Ontario financial transactions, and that the investigation be taken out of the hands of the public accounts committee. He thought the commission could make a better investigation than the committee.

Premier Ferguson said the government would not grant the request. The public accounts committee was the place for the investigation, he stated. "That is the very purpose of the committee," said the premier. "There have been no complaints, nor has there been the least suggestion of unfairness by the committee." He pointed out, too, that commissions had been found to be expensive, and declared there were no reasons why the committee should be deprived of its power.

R. L. Bracken (West Kent) said witnesses had been making statements before the committee which would never have been allowed in a court of law. Mr. Bracken was called to order as there was no motion before the house. He immediately proposed to move the adjournment of the house to discuss the matter, but was again ruled out of order when the rule that the house cannot discuss the work of committees until they make reports, was read.

On a motion of the premier, a clause in a bill reported from the private bills committee that J. P. Savage, Oakville, be allowed to practise medicine in Ontario, was struck out. The government will decide its policy about Mr. Savage and report later. Mr. Savage had taken his medical course, but could not try his council examinations because he did not have matriculation standing.

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NEW COMET DISCOVERED.

Reported From Observatory at Cape of Good Hope.

London, April 4.—The Royal Astronomical Society has announced the receipt of a message from Copenhagen stating that a new comet was discovered by Mr. Reid, of the Royal Observatory of the Cape of Good Hope, on March 30th. The magnitude of the new comet is not yet known. The right ascension is given as 44 degrees, 34 minutes, 57 seconds. The north polar distance is 123 degrees, 38 minutes, 16 seconds. The daily motion in the right ascension is plus 53 minutes, and daily motion in N.P.D. is minus 30 minutes.

Sir Frank Dyson, the astronomer royal, stated that the comet was too far south to be visible from this country.

\$5,000,000 Bought for New College for Women

New York, April 4.—A project to raise \$5,000,000 for the establishment of a new woman's college at Bennington, Vt., will be launched at a meeting to be held at the Colony club here on April 28th.

Behind the movement, the announcement says, are the presidents of Wellesley, Radcliffe, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, Cornell, Middlebury and a number of other institutions. Proponents of the plan point out the necessity for a new woman's college in the eastern section of the country because the present colleges are unable to accommodate the flood of occupants.

Finns Begin Canal Building

Helingsfors, Finland, April 4.—The government has decided to build a canal from Lake Ladoga to the Gulf of Finland at the cost of 750,000,000 Finnish marks. This will be the first step toward a wide development of internal communications, and will be followed by the building of other canals and railroads.

ATTITUDE OF CANADA ON LAUSANNE PACT

The British Premier's Attention Called to Statement of Premier King.

London, April 4.—Sir John Simon, Liberal, in the House of Commons yesterday called Premier MacDonald's attention to the denial by Premier Mackenzie King, of Canada, that the Lausanne treaty imposed obligations on Canada, and asked if this accorded with Premier MacDonald's information when he made his statement in the House on Tuesday that Canada had stated that she would do what the Imperial Government did in the matter of the Lausanne Treaty.

Premier MacDonald replied that it had been impossible to ascertain yet what Premier King had actually said about the matter. He suggested that Sir John Simon repeat the question in the House next Monday.

J. R. Clynes, Lord Privy Seal and deputy leader of the Government in the House of Commons, expressed the Government's inability to publish communications with the Dominion concerning the Lausanne Treaty, but said that Premier MacDonald had already given the substance thereof.

In the debate in the British House of Commons on Tuesday on the Lausanne Treaty, Premier MacDonald was reported to have said (and as a matter of fact India and New Zealand had agreed to ratify the treaty long ago, and Canada had replied that she would agree to do what the Imperial Government did. Canada had raised one or two constitutional points, which Premier MacDonald said he did not think was really meant by Canada to have much substance, but was a sort of safeguard. In order to guard against possible extensions of the principle of the treaty without warning being given, Canada desired to retain for herself certain rights of decision over and above the Imperial rights of decision.

Premier King's Correction

Ottawa, April 4.—The grounds upon which Canada declined to ratify the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey, were again the subject of a statement by Premier King in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. During his statement yesterday, Mr. King quoted a despatch dated December 31st, 1922, in which Canada gave her reasons why, since she had not been a party to the negotiations of the Treaty, she did not think it necessary to take part in the ratification. At the time Right Hon. Arthur Meighen asked whether any reply had been received to this message from the British Government, and Mr. King answered in the negative. The premier explained that he had been mistaken in his recollection, and that a reply had been received. In this reply he said the British Government agreed with the Canadian position that the treaty should be signed by those parts of the empire which had had plenipotentiaries present at the negotiation of the treaty.

The plant of the Galt Shoe Company was wiped out by fire on Thursday with a loss of about \$100,000.

CANNOT SELL C.N.R. LINES

Legislation May Be Introduced on This Question.

SIR HENRY THORNTON

Endorses Plan Submitted to Parliament—Fate of C.N.R. At Stake.

Ottawa, April 4.—In the debate on the different resolutions of the branch line programme of the Government yesterday afternoon, an interesting statement was made by the Hon. George P. Graham, minister of providing for the construction of a Canadian National line from Grand Préville to Rinfret Junction, a distance of twelve miles, at a cost of \$357,000, was before the House. The minister explained that negotiations were taking place between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the management of the Canadian National Railway for the sale of what is known as the Hubbard branch to the former railway system. The leader of the Opposition stated that it was evident that neither the members of parliament nor the Government had any say as to the sale of any lines of the Canadian National Railways and stated that some morning the people of Canada would wake up and find no railway left at all. The minister, in reply, made the interesting announcement that such a state of affairs was not desirable and that he would have the whole question looked into and perhaps legislation introduced to deal with it.

The resolution dealing with the Grand Préville to Rinfret Junction branch was passed and a bill dealing with it was given first reading. The same applied to the branch from Roussseau on the Canadian National-Quebec Railway to Laurent, on the Quebec and Lake St. John, the resolution for which also passed.

Endorsed by Thornton

Ottawa, April 4.—"I can think of no more effective way eventually to bring about the ruin of the Canadian National Railway System than a refusal to embark upon and consistently maintain a reasonable branch line programme. No railway can stand still, and success can only be achieved by keeping abreast of the times in the fulfillment of transportation responsibility."

These statements were made by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, in a letter to Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, in reference to the branch line programme of the Canadian National, and the letter was presented to the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by the minister.

Sir Henry laid down four factors which had been given due weight in the preparation of the branch line programme: (1)—The money already spent and the work already done on each line where such condition existed; (2)—The strategic, economic and traffic value of each branch; (3)—The measure of relief afforded to farmers by shortening the road haul on grain and other products; (4)—A regard for the presumable aggregate sum which the finances of the Dominion would permit to be devoted for such a purpose.

MEN ALMOST TRAPPED UNDER HUDSON RIVER

Thirty-five Raced for Their Lives When the Tunnel Blew Out.

New York, April 4.—While thirty-five workmen fled for their lives before an crushing tide of water yesterday, thousands of persons crossing the Hudson river in ferry boats watched in amazement when a "blow-out" in the vehicular tunnel now under construction off Canal street sent a geyser fifty feet high in the air. No one was killed and the total injuries appear to have consisted of shock caused by some of the workmen from the sudden change in air from the high pressure work rooms below the surface to the normal atmosphere outside. The lives of many of the ferry passengers overhead were menaced by the gigantic water spout and the vortex that followed.

The U.S. customs staff, at Quebec, will be increased from three to thirteen, in view of greatly increased business in the port. Premier Poincaré again threatens to resign if the French cabinet of deputies does not do his will. Quebec city will have a referendum over daylight saving time.