

BANK BANDITS TAKE \$50,000

From the Royal Bank Branch in Nanaimo, B.C.

ABANDON THEIR CAR

And Are Trying to Escape Into the United States in a Speed Boat.

Nanaimo, B.C., Dec. 13.—The Royal Bank, this city, was held up just about closing time, 3 p.m., yesterday, by between six and eight men who escaped with \$50,000. Two men watched the doors, leaving their car with the engine running at the curb. Another of the gang with two guns herded the customers and employees to the back of the bank, compelling them to lie down on the floor. Others of the gang rifled the safe and tills and secured, it is alleged, a sack containing money for miners' pay.

The robbers are endeavoring to reach the United States side of the international boundary in a speed boat, according to a long-distance telephone message to the Canadian Press. The motor car in which the robbers made their escape has been found abandoned near Boat Harbor, six miles from Nanaimo and two and a half miles off the main island highway. Boat Harbor is an abandoned landing stage now seldom frequented. Police boats are searching and combing the waters of the gulf, craft having been dispatched from Nanaimo, Vancouver, Victoria and other places. United States police have also been notified to be on the lookout for the robbers.

WINTER EMPLOYMENT FOR JAIL INMATES

Those Who Commit Petty Crimes to Secure Winter Lodging Must Work.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Winter employment for those persons who each fall commit petty crimes in order to secure free winter's board in provincial institutions, is a problem which is engaging the consideration of the Ontario government. It formed the subject yesterday afternoon at the parliament buildings of a conference attended by Premier Ferguson, Hon. W. F. Nickle, K.C., attorney-general, and Hon. Lincoln Goldie, provincial secretary, when initial plans were laid for a programme of useful work to be undertaken by such individuals in return for their maintenance.

Scott Found Guilty And Will Be Hanged

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The jury after forty-five minutes deliberation last night found Russell Scott, former Canadian financial wizard, of Toronto, guilty of the murder of Joseph Maurer, nineteen-year-old cigar clerk, during a holdup last April, and fixed his punishment at death on the gallows.

Fighting in Albania Makes Conditions Grave

Belgrade, Dec. 13.—Further despatches reporting desperate fighting in the Liciuma and Malesia regions of Albania are taken here as confirmation of the gravity of the movement in that country. Insurgent forces are reported to be growing daily.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY

ON "A CHAIN OF BITTER THOUGHTS."

SOME women MAKE homes
And OTHERS BREAK them,
Some women BUILD A NEST,
Then later find their
MATE is FLYING ROUND
With some GAY little BIRD.
And THEN, as a rule,
These women blame,
NOT their husband
For being a high-flyer,
But "THE OTHER WOMAN"
For TEMPTING him to
Try his wings again;
Sometimes they are
Right, but VERY seldom.

STILL BAR ALIENS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 13.—Aliens are still barred from entering Great Britain by the third reading in the House of Commons yesterday of the expiring Laws Continuance bill. A labor amendment to omit the Aliens Restriction Amendment Act of 1919 from the bill was defeated by a vote of 176 to 37.

MILD SPELL IN WEST.

Snow Melts Into Streams of Water on Streets.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Following in the immediate wake of a week of sub-zero weather, the entire Canadian west is enjoying its second early winter mild spell. Unusually high temperatures for this time of season yesterday prevailed in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and today the mildness has extended into Manitoba. Light rains, sleet and prairie mists were reported from several districts, while snow-covered streets in many cities and towns were transformed into streets of water.

JARVIS-SMITH CASE IS TO BE REVIEWED

By the Appellate Court Next Week—\$600,000 Fine in Question.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The appeals of Aemilius Jarvis, sr., and of Peter Smith from sentence imposed by Chief Justice R. M. Meredith following conviction in connection with the commissions on duty free bonds sold to the Provincial Government, are likely to be heard by the Appellate Court at Osgoode Hall some day next week.

No formal appeal has been made by Peter Smith against sentence, but W. N. Tilley, K.C., special Crown Prosecutor, has notified Smith's counsel, T. H. Lennox, K.C., that he should be present at sentence of his client is to be reviewed before court. Peter Smith, a former treasurer for the province, was sentenced to three years in Portsmouth penitentiary, and Aemilius Jarvis to six months in the county jail. A joint fine of \$600,000 was imposed, which His Lordship stipulated must be paid before either are released.

Stock Prices Up Again.

New York, Dec. 13.—After two days of declining prices, in which stocks had been liquidated and profits taken on a large scale, the market turned squarely about in its tracks and started up with a rush which put many stocks back to within short distance of their high points for the year. At the best price of the day, the railroad shares as a group were fractionally more than one-half a point below their highest for the year, and in the case of the industrial shares, the average at the day's best prices stood within five-eighths of a point of the high mark for 1924.

Barrie Writing Play on Burns.

London, Dec. 13.—Sir James Barrie is writing a play on Robert Burns. He told his old friend and his Dumfries school friend, James Geddes, about it when he was staying with him on the occasion of his receiving the freedom of the burgh. Nothing has been arranged about the date and place of its production.

Australia and Singapore.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 13.—Australia's contribution towards the cost of establishing a naval base at Singapore, whatever amount may be agreed upon, must first be considered by the Commonwealth Parliament before any definite decision thereon is arrived at, Premier S. M. Bruce says in a statement just issued.

GREAT LABOR LEADER DEAD

Samuel Gompers Passes Away in San Antonio.

RECENTLY RE-ELECTED

As President of the American Federation of Labor—Very High Type of Leader.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, died at 4.10 o'clock this morning of bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Gompers was told by physicians shortly after 2.30 that he might not live through the night. The dying man breathed more heavily for a moment but made no other response. Immediately after Mr. Gompers' death, members of the executive council of the Federation held a



LATE SAMUEL GOMPERS

meeting to draw up a formal statement and make arrangements for the funeral.

Mr. Gompers was only last month re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor. He was regarded as the very highest type of Labor leader.

Samuel Gompers was born in England seventy-four years ago and arrived in New York in 1863 since which time he had been a resident of United States. He was originally a cigar maker. He helped organize the American Federation of Labor in 1881 when he was elected vice-president. He occupied the position of president every year since 1882 with the exception of the year 1894 and was the guiding light of the great masses of labor of the United States.

EIGHT-HOUR QUESTION FOR SUPREME COURT

Has the Dominion Parliament the Power to Enact Required Legislation?

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Power of the Dominion parliament to enact legislation to put the eight-hour day into effect is to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada for opinion at the next term. The terms of reference are now being prepared.

The reference follows on a recommendation by parliamentary committee last session. At the Washington Conference, held under the International organization of the League of Nations, Canada assented to the eight-hour day which the convention adopted. Legal authorities subsequently held that necessary legislation would come within the jurisdiction of the provinces, and the convention was therefore referred to the provincial authorities. This legal opinion has, however, since been questioned. Hence the reference to the Supreme Court for a ruling.

GIFTS TO BISLEY CHAMPION.

Burke's Old School-fellows Remember Winner of King's Prize. Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Presentation of an inscribed gold wrist watch, a desk clock, and a club bag with interior fittings, together with a beautifully illuminated address, was made to Desmond Burke, former Ottawa Collegiate Institute pupil, at the morning exercises of the Lisgar Street Collegiate Institute, in recognition of the signal honor he had brought to the school, the city, and to Canada, by winning the King's prize at the annual Bisley competition.

BODIES FROM VESSEL WRECKED IN BLIZZARD

Tokio, Dec. 13.—Eight bodies have been washed ashore and about forty persons are in peril aboard the special service ship Kwanto wrecked in a blizzard off Tsuga, western Japan. The destroyer rescued five officers and fifty men.

CANDLER AND HIS WIFE ARE NOW REUNITED

After Divorce Case—Young Mrs. Candler Returns to Aged Hubby's Home.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13.—Proceedings leading to the reconciliation of Aaa G. Candler, Atlanta capitalist, and his wife, Mrs. May Little Reagin Candler, from whom he had been estranged since early this year, were under way "about two months," Mrs. Thomas M. Little, mother of Mrs. Candler, stated.

The reconciliation was completed yesterday, Mrs. Little said, Mrs. Candler returning to the home of her husband which she first entered as a bride in June, 1923. A suit for divorce, alleging cruelty, filed by Candler has been withdrawn, she stated while Mrs. Candler's attorney declined to be quoted on the status of the divorce proceedings. Legal authorities said that Mrs. Candler's return to her husband's home automatically cancelled the suit.

Montreal Carriage Works Destroyed by Fire

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Following an explosion which dumped the whole floor level into the street, fire last evening destroyed the premises of the Omer Quintal Limited, carriage makers, in the east end of the city. The cause of the explosion is unknown. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

A Shortage Of \$4,000 In Funds

Of Township of Kingston Has Been Discovered By Auditor A. H. Muir.

It was learned on Saturday morning that there is another shortage in the funds of the Township of Kingston which will probably be in the neighborhood of \$4,000. This is the second shortage which has been discovered during the past year in connection with the funds of the township. The matter of the first shortage, which was discovered when A. H. Muir was engaged to audit the books of the township, amounted to about \$3,600 and the township council was able to recover the amount from one of the officials responsible.

At the nomination meeting held in the township hall at Catteraug on Monday, November 24th, H. S. McIvor made the charge to the effect that there was another shortage in the funds, and the members of the council who were present did not deny his statement.

It was learned after the meeting that A. H. Muir, auditor, who had been working on the books, was not in a position to state the amount at that time but since then he has put considerable time on the books with the result that a shortage which may amount to \$4,000 has been located. It is understood that the audit has not been completed, and for that reason the question of the shortage will not be considered at the township council meeting which takes place on Monday.

Although the township officials are saying nothing about the matter, it is known that C. J. Graham, reeve has consulted certain legal authorities. Members of the township council, when asked by a representative of the Whig, stated that they would refrain from making any public statement until the auditor makes his official report and the matter is considered by council.

When Mr. Muir was first engaged to make the audit, his duties covered a period from 1919 to December 31st 1923. It is understood that the second shortage is for the period starting January 1st 1924 and is for the first part of the year.

The Whig was unable to get in touch with C. J. Graham, Auditor Muir, when seen by the Whig, refused to make any statement.

Hull Mayor Vindicated. Hull, Que. Dec. 13.—Judge Boyer has rendered judgment in the Hull Superior Court dismissing the quo warranto proceedings taken by Jos. Gallpeau, East Hull farmer, to unseat Mayor Edouard Poulin, on the grounds of irregular conduct.

STORY ABOUT SUN YET SEN

Reported He Intends Establishing Soviet Rule in China.

TO ABOLISH TREATIES

With Foreign Powers—Chinese Doctor Aided By Russian President of Canton Government.

Tokio, Dec. 13.—The Japan Advertiser to-day publishes a despatch from Shanghai, sent by B. J. Fiescher, its editor, declaring that Sun Yat-sen will be received at Peking as a saviour. Sun Yat-sen, the despatch says, plans to assume control of the government, with the aid of Karakhan, a Russian.



DR. SUN YAT SEN

and establish "Red" rule in China and abolish all treaties with foreign powers "in imitation of Lenin's methods." The despatch declares that Fengyu-hsiang, Christian general, who seized Peking, and General Sun Yueh, who commands 100,000 troops, are supporting Sun Yat-sen. Best informed persons in Shanghai believe Sun's regime will be brief, but damaging. Fiescher says. The Japanese foreign office here says it has heard rumors of Sun's impending coup, but believes that the Canton governor may join the present Peking cabinet.

BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION THAT FAILED

Promise Contingent Upon Woman Securing Divorce Not Recognized by Law.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Elma Canfield, divorced wife of Charles Campbell Canfield, Toronto, lost her second suit against C. S. Arnold, prominent Vancouver barrister yesterday, when Mr. Justice Morrison dismissed her claim for unstated damages for breach of promise to marry. His lordship held that the promise was contingent on her success in securing a divorce from Canfield, to whom she was married at that time. He declared emphatically that it was against public policy that such a promise should be recognized by law.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

John Harris, residing near Port Credit, was instantly killed at railway crossing. The last paved link in the Toronto-Stratford Provincial Highway will be opened by Hon. George Henry next Wednesday. Charged with robbing the post office at St. David's, Robert Smith, of Niagara Falls, was captured by the police after an exciting chase. Windsor Chamber of Commerce will, in a day or two, take action for the abolition of the municipal income tax on the ground that it cannot be equitably administered.

PROSPERITY FROM A GRAVEYARD.

WRITTEN FOR THE WHIG BY ARTHUR HUNT CHUTE. It is hard to capitalize the sufferings of mankind because mankind is one. This fact was brought home to me in dramatic manner on a visit to the south of England. At an isolated village I was attracted by a lonely stranger, who always appeared at meals with black gloves on, whom the others shunned like a leper. With curiosity aroused I inquired of the publican, "Who is he?" "That is the hangman of England," was the reply. There followed a story of how, years before, this man had been sentenced to transportation for murder. His ship was wrecked and he was cast upon the Cornish coast. The position of hangman falling vacant at the time, he applied and was appointed to the job. His fee was never paid to him personally, but was deposited in a niche in Somerset House. Now, after years at his gruesome trade, he was comparatively rich, with estimated savings of £20,000. According to the publican, this fortune the old hangman offered as a dowry to anyone who would marry his handsome daughter. But the money remained unclaimed. I suggested to several likely lads, "You ought to get after the lass." "Nothing doing," was the inevitable reply. "Why doesn't some fellow take a chance?" I asked the publican. "No fear, that money came with blood." Neil Munro, in his Highland classic, "Children of Tempest," tells of the gold of Arkaig, a curse to everyone that sought it. But what of the gold of the war-time profiteer? What of that ill-omened wealth sloshed from Calvary and Golgotha? Wealth which comes to the unworthy brings to the unworthy its companion of woe. Emerson developed this truth in his essay on Compensation. But the same truth is brought home far more cogently by that burst of false prosperity which followed on the heels of war. (Continued on page 12)

12 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS
READ OUR ADS

ANCIENT INDIAN RELIC FOUND AT TADOUSSAC

Quebec, Dec. 13.—A human skeleton and a stone implement believed to have been used for sculpturing, have been found by workmen at Tadoussac, a town whose settlement dates back to 1,600, and local antiquarians believe the relics are those of an Indian, and that the find indicates considerable knowledge of the art by the early redmen. Many Indian relics have previously been found in the vicinity of Tadoussac.

Wants to Wed Another.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Margaret Savell of Syracuse, N.Y., the theft of whose \$260,000 pearl necklace caused a sensation here in September, is suing for divorce. If successful, it is reported, she will be married to Basil Miles of Washington, former diplomat, who now is American administrative commissioner of the international chamber of commerce, in Paris.

End Black Bread in Bulgaria.

Sofia, Dec. 13.—Owing to the shortage of wheat, war bread is the rule in Bulgaria. White bread is almost prohibitive in price. Under the direction of the food dictator, re-established in Bulgaria six years after the war, the black bread is a mixture of wheat, rye and corn.

GERMANY REQUIRES MONARCHIAL RULE

Lecture by Prof. Roy of Queen's Before the Napanee Historical Society.

Napanee, Dec. 13.—Professor Roy of Queen's University, lectured in Historical Hall last night, before the Lennox and Addington Historical Society.

W. S. Herrington, K.C., president, in his opening remarks stated that this was the first lecture of the series for this season and the society was exceedingly fortunate in securing Prof. Roy, who having spent the past summer in Germany, and in former years having studied at the universities there, was thoroughly competent and conversant with his theme to give valuable and interesting information regarding "Conditions in Germany as they are to-day." After a short resume of the work of the society in the past season, he introduced the professor to the audience.

Professor Roy gave a most interesting talk on the affairs, the people, the government and the economic problems that confronted the people of Germany to-day. He was listened to with keen attention and sincere appreciation and his hearers had a clearer insight regarding our late enemies and their country and conditions. In speaking of the common people and those of the professional classes he said their poverty was very real and many of them were suffering from mal-nutrition, tuberculosis and other maladies contingent on lack of proper food for the nourishment of the body. He said the British loan would be a God-send to them, and enable them to start up industries and provide work and ways for the people.

While the people were making the best of a republican form of government, it was the opinion of the speaker that this would not suit them except as a temporary arrangement and he believed that ultimately they would want some monarchical form of government.

RURAL SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

Is To Be Shortly Revised, Premier Ferguson Announces.

ELASTIC CURRICULUM

Is the Policy To Be Pursued—Adopt Courses To Purely Local Needs.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Although Ontario's rural public school system has to be further revised to meet the needs of the farming community, such revisions will not go the length of separating rural from urban schools under the general constitution.

Premier Ferguson made this statement yesterday afternoon, following a long conference with Dr. F. W. Merchant, director of education, who has returned from a study of the school systems in rural Denmark.

Dr. Merchant said that he saw many things in Denmark which could be adopted to the use of Ontario's rural schools, but that owing to the essential difference in conditions, the Danish school could not be transplanted. Some of the lessons learned by him were by contrast only, others through viewing for the first time practices which are entirely new to this country.

Denmark has a population which is 60 per cent. rural, and owing to its type of rural primary education, young men do not desert the dairy farms at manhood.

More Elastic Curriculum.

Premier Ferguson said that a similar aim is intended here, and that while no definite plan has been worked out, some changes will later be made, these changes, however, will be along the lines of making the rural curriculum more elastic, a policy which has already been inaugurated, the new system being in force this year for the first time. He said that the department would continue its policy of decentralization, and would make the government of the schools more and more a local matter, as suitable measures for so doing were worked out.

As this progresses it will become correspondingly easy for rural school boards to adapt the courses in their schools to purely local needs, and at the same time continue to function under the general regulations, which, in a broad way, govern all primary education in the province.

Under the discretionary powers of the minister of education, granted last session, in making regulations no further legislation will be needed to effect these changes.

Embargo on Chickens.

New York, Dec. 13.—The board of health has placed an embargo against the shipment of live chickens to New York city from North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska. The embargo was ordered after it was found that a mysterious disease had affected chickens here in the past few weeks. The embargo does not affect the shipment of other kinds of poultry.

W. Stuart Edwards succeeds E. L. Newcombe as Deputy Minister of Justice.