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HER FACE WAS CRUSHED.
Deseronto Lady Suffered Fractured Jaw and Nose.
Mrs. W. H. Harvey of Deseronto, who was badly injured in an auto accident on the outskirts of Kingston about noon on Saturday, is in the General Hospital and her condition is reported by Dr. H. A. Boyce to be slightly improved, but still uncertain.
Mrs. Harvey's injuries consist mainly of fractures about the face. Her face is crushed, the nose is broken and the jaw bone is also fractured.
American aviator fell 1,600 feet and was uninjured in wrecked machine at Atlanta, Ga.

SPORT

COOK BOYS MAKING GOOD IN THE WEST

Bill Cook Is Leading Scorer in the Western League.

Saskatoon, Dec. 28.—Many wretches could be told, and indeed have been told, of how some of Canada's favorite sons made their entrance into professional hockey circles.
Comes to light in a recent fanning by members of the Saskatoon Hockey Club of the efforts of Lloyd Turner, former manager of the Calgary Tigers, to enlist the services of Bill Cook, star right-winger of the Sheikhs.
Few Saskatoon fans and even fewer enthusiasts through the western circuit realize just how close the same former Soo Greyhound who is now rated as the greatest right-winger in professional hockey—one of the greatest at least.

The story hinges around Rosie Helmer, romantic, hustling pilot of the Calgary Tigers this year.
In his two years with the Soo Greyhounds Bill Cook hung up a splendid record and several overtures were made by N.H.L. clubs for his services in pro hockey, but the popular, trick-skating William turned them aside and at the end of a big season with the Soos in 1921-22 hopped back to his farm at Lac Vert, Saskatchewan.
Knowing the Cook boy of old, and of his ability as a puck-chaser, Lloyd Turner decided that the time was ripe to bring Bill into pro hockey.
And, so the story goes, Lloyd dispatched his chief aide-de-camp, Rosie Helmer, on a money message into Northern Saskatchewan and to La Ver.

Rosie arrived at Lac Vert late one night in the fall of 1923. It was colder than a chunk of ice on an Alabama dorkie's cheek, and snowing heavily, but it didn't stop the Calgary missionary from hiring a livery and starting out for the Cook ranch, a few miles out of town. He arrived about 2 o'clock in the morning, routed the Cook family, including "Bunny" Fred Cook, now a member of the Sheikhs, out of bed to talk money.
When Calgary Rosie arrived back in Tiger-town the first person he bumped into was Lloyd Turner.
"Well, did you have any luck?"
Lloyd greeted his henchman.
"Sure I did," was Rosie's rejoinder.
"Didja get that guy Cook to sign a contract?"
"Well, no not exactly," parried Helmer, "but he said he'd line up with the Tigers."
What Turner told Helmer is not available for publication, but when it was announced a few weeks later that Bill Cook, formerly of the Soo Greyhounds had been signed to play professional hockey with the Saskatoon Sheikhs one can picture the friendly exchange of words between the veteran Calgary hockey man and his chosen disciple.
Perhaps the absence of pen and ink at the Cook ranch at Lac Vert saved Saskatoon from losing the most popular and smartest pro puck-chaser on its roster—and lost for Calgary the services of a talented performer.

Bill Cook is a well known Kingston boy, who starred on the local O. H. A. teams a few years ago, but who later went to the Soo and then jumped to the pros, and made good with a vengeance. Cook is the leading scorer in the Western League and has eleven points. He has not once been penalized this season. His brother, Freddie Cook, formerly of the Soo, is also playing in the Western Pro. League. Local hockey enthusiasts are greatly interested in the Cook boys, and are proud of the records that these former Kingston hockey stars have made.

How They Stand
Ottawa and Montreal drew further away from the remaining clubs in the National Hockey League by virtue of their wins Saturday night. New York's victory over Pittsburgh brought the other important change in the standing, the Gotham club jumping past Canadiens to take fourth place in the race, their victory over Pittsburgh in New York bringing the Americans within three points of the Pirates and third position. The New York victory would seem to indicate that the team has struck its real gait.

Standing of Clubs
Won Lost
Ottawa 8 1
Montreal 8 2
New York 5 5
Pittsburgh 4 5
Canadiens 3 6
St. Patricks 2 5
Boston 2 8

Games This Week.
To-morrow—St. Pats at Boston; Wednesday—Canadiens at Montreal, St. Pats at New York, Ottawa at Pittsburgh; Friday—Canadiens at Pittsburgh; Ottawa at St. Pats. Saturday—New York at Montreal.

Curling Games Begin.
The ice at the Kingston Curling Club is in very fine condition and the first curling of the local season was played on Monday afternoon. The cold weather of Saturday and Sunday enabled the ice-makers to give the rinks many floods, with the result that the ice is well formed. The local schedule has not been arranged, but will be drawn up soon, and the games started. Curling for the Daily British Whig Trophy will commence on Wednesday afternoon.

Railways Busy.
Both railways report that all trains into the city were well filled with people returning from Christmas holidays. The railways handled unusually large crowds this Christmas and although not all of them have returned yet, they expect to do about the same return traffic.

Dr. J. Bryce McMarich. Toronto, ship's doctor on the Canadian Pacific liner Melita, which arrived at Barrow Sunday for repairs, died suddenly Monday at the Barrow railway station.
Vancouver will get \$115,010 from the B. C. Government as its share of liquor profits.

THE STEAMER SCOUT LIKELY TO BE REBUILT

At the Davis Dry Dock, Giving Work to a Large Number of Men.

It is expected that the government steamer Scout, which is now in the Davis dry dock, will be rebuilt this winter and that the work will afford steady employment to a large number of men. No announcement has been made as yet, but it is expected that next month the matter will be decided on and work commenced on the steamer.
The Scout has been engaged in placing and arranging the buoys for a number of years and has given considerable service. If the steamer is rebuilt, the work will be finished by spring and the vessel will be ready to resume its duties when navigation opens.

HEARD ON THE STREET

Local Briefs Gathered by Reporters—What the Merchants Are Offering.

William Swaine, piano tuner. Orders received at 100 Clergy street west, 'phone 564w.
Mrs. J. W. Durno died at Calgary. She was born in Kingston thirty-two years ago. She was much beloved. A husband and three children survive.
Mrs. John M. Gordanier, Water- town, N. Y., died recently aged sixty years. She was a native of Whiston. William Jenkins, Kingston, is a brother.

In the Whig's report of the Wilson-Wiseman nuptials, the name of the groom was given as Walter E. Wilson. This was an error, as it should have appeared Herbert Wilson.
Mrs. Albert Gould, Toronto, died on Thursday last, aged eighty-five years. She was born in Kingston and lived here for sixty years. H. M. Hawley, Kingston, is a son. The remains were buried in Cataract cemetery.

SAVED SEVEN PEOPLE FROM BURNING HOUSE

The Presence of Mind of Edward Dickson in a Toronto Home.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Through the presence of mind of Edward Dickson and the quick work of the firemen, seven persons were saved from a burning house this morning. The fire started in the room of G. F. Pratt, on the second floor of the house. Dickson, with Pratt, first attempted to extinguish the fire, which started from a defective fireplace. Pratt was quite seriously burned and Dickson seeing that he could not get the fire out, started the rescue of the other occupants of the house. He went to the assistance of J. Argo, Miss Oliver Kohler, George Dickson and baby Jack Dickson, when they were cut off from the lower floor by the fire getting to the front stairs. In his night attire he led them down the back stairs and then rushed through the smoke to the third floor where his wife and Mrs. Kohler were. All were cut off by the flames, but Dickson calming the two women, waited patiently until the firemen erected an aerial to the third storey window. The firemen took all to safety. Damage of \$3,200 was done to the house and contents.
From Saturday night until this morning there were 47 fires in Toronto, with an estimated damage of \$75,000.

First church in the United States to be elevated to rank of a minor basilica is the pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, at Minneapolis, Roman Catholic edifice.
Ovation from crowds greeted Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, poetess, when she arrived at Cawnpore to preside over Indian National Congress.

The Royal Bank of Canada GENERAL STATEMENT

30th NOVEMBER, 1925

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid up.....	\$ 24,000,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	1,249,435.33
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	25,649,435.33
Dividends Unclaimed.....	12,405.59
Dividend No. 153 at 12 1/2% per annum payable 1st December, 1925.....	722,000.00
Bonus of 2% payable 1st December, 1925.....	655,000.00
	26,081,940.91
Deposits not bearing interest.....	\$198,297,394.90
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of Statement.....	643,308,136.65
Total Deposits.....	841,605,531.55
Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	41,676,573.74
Balance due to other Banks in Canada.....	1,678,149.41
Balance due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	14,461,948.86
Bills Payable.....	7,527,741.29
Letters of Credit Outstanding.....	797,136,948.85
	36,059,959.47
	\$788,478,778.43

ASSETS	
Gold and Subsidiary Coin on hand.....	\$ 21,897,158.77
Gold deposited in Central Gold Reserves.....	5,699,908.99
Domestic Notes on hand.....	42,567,682.75
Reserves.....	10,400,000.00
United States and other Foreign Currencies.....	53,167,482.78
	79,931,588.55
Notes of other Canadian Banks.....	\$114,396,419.57
Cheques on other Banks.....	4,265,511.48
Balance due to other Banks in Canada.....	1,729,422.17
Balance due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	27,921,971.00
Domestic and Provincial Government Securities, (not exceeding market value).....	82,385,483.26
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, (not exceeding market value).....	38,407,242.20
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks (not exceeding market value).....	16,438,772.26
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	33,814,538.47
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	30,691,531.97
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.....	\$190,854,642.71
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.....	143,977,922.28
Non-Current Loans, (not exceeding loss provided for).....	2,527,576.72
Bank Premises at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....	\$86,798,201.71
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....	15,614,072.99
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	2,558,945.44
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit on per centum basis.....	955,176.89
Shares of and Loans to Controlled Companies.....	20,207,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing.....	1,648,000.00
	712,586.44
	\$788,478,778.43

NOTE—The Royal Bank of Canada (France) has been incorporated under the laws of France to conduct the business of the Bank in Paris. As the entire capital stock of The Royal Bank of Canada (France) is owned by The Royal Bank of Canada, the assets and liabilities of the former are included in the above General Statement.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE
We have examined the above statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1925 with the books and accounts of The Royal Bank of Canada at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have verified the cash and securities at Head Office at the close of the financial year, and during the year we counted the cash and examined the securities at several of the important branches.
We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank as at 30th November, 1925, and it is as shown by the books of the Bank.
W. GARRETT THOMSON, C.A.,
of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. }
A. B. BRODIE, C.A.,
of Price, Waterhouse & Co. } Auditors.
Montreal, Canada, 26th December, 1925.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 28th November, 1924.....	\$1,143,066.90
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unamortized bills.....	4,981,628.43
	\$6,124,695.33
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:	
Dividends Nos. 150, 151, 152 and 153 at 12 1/2% per annum.....	2,568,000.00
Bonus of 2% to Shareholders.....	655,000.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund.....	150,000.00
Appropriation for Bank Premises.....	600,000.00
Reserve for Domestic Government Securities.....	420,000.00
Tax on Bank Note Circulation.....	1,249,435.33
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward.....	\$1,143,066.90
	\$6,124,695.33
RESERVE FUND	
Balance at credit 27th November, 1924.....	\$20,400,000.00
Premium on new Capital Stock issued to Union Bank of Canada Shareholders.....	4,000,000.00
Balance at credit 30th November, 1925.....	\$24,400,000.00

H. S. HOLT, President
Montreal, 26th December, 1925.
G. E. NEILL, General Manager

COUNTERFEITERS ARE PUT UNDER ARREST

Police Think They Have Disposed of International Band of Crooks.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 28.—Elizabeth police to-day were informed that the arrest of seven alleged international counterfeiters in New York has been made as a result of the apprehension here yesterday of Frank Weigand on similar charges.
Federal agents said eight arrests and three additional ones which they hoped to make to-day, would dispose of a band of counterfeiters whose operations extended throughout Canada and the United States. It was said that instead of printing presses, the counterfeiters employed a photo engraving process.
C.N.R. EARNINGS.
Show 29 Per Cent. Advance Over Same Period Last Year.
Montreal, Dec. 28.—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railway for the week ending December 21st, 1925, were \$5,450,255 as compared with \$4,251,500 in the corresponding period of 1924, an increase of \$1,238,755 or twenty-nine per cent.
Shareholder is not a creditor of the company and cannot ask for its liquidation under the Bankruptcy Act, decided Mr. Justice Panneton, of Montreal.
Chicago woman aged 50 killed herself on Christmas day because she had no children to provide with Christmas gifts.

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