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Dominion Government is Called Upon to Prosecute Looters of the N.T.R.

Toronto Burglar Caught After Chase—Hon. Sam. Hughes Upheld by British Riflemen—Coal Delivered in Toronto on Sunday

COAL DELIVERED ON SUNDAY IN TORONTO

Three Hundred Tons Distributed in Small Loads by Permission of the Mayor to Relieve Shortage and Consequent Suffering Caused by Cold Spell.

Mayor Hocken yesterday allowed the Bliss Rogers Coal Co. to deliver nearly 300 tons of furnace coal to householders whose supply had become exhausted by the extreme zero weather.

Last week's spell of frigidly kept the people heaving the black nuggets into the hungry maw of the cast-iron monster in such quantities that Saturday night found hundreds of citizens without enough in the cellar to keep him alive over Sunday. Accordingly, Alfred Rogers was besieged by so many appeals for tons and half-tons that he was forced to invoke the mayor's aid to relieve the situation. The permission being forthcoming, men and wagons working from 10 a.m. until 4 in the afternoon and delivered supplies to more than 200 residences, receiving double pay for their time.

"We have never had to deal with a situation like it before in my experience," said Mr. Rogers last night. "This second cold spell cleaned out supplies that in ordinary mild weather might last well on into the month of March. So many people called us up on Saturday night and on Saturday afternoon and implored us to send them coal, that there was nothing else to do but request the indulgence of the authorities. And this was in the face of the fact that the wagons of nearly every coal company in town were busy until 10 o'clock every night last week delivering orders."

Mayor Hocken said last night that the permission had been granted on the strict understanding that the privilege was only to be used in cases of actual necessity or where suffering was likely to ensue.

ESMERALDAS IS STILL IN REBELS' POSSESSION

QUAYASQUIL, Ecuador, Feb. 15.—Notwithstanding the bombardment by federal gunboats and heavy artillery of Esmeraldas, the capital of the province of the same name, the city still remains in the hands of the rebels. Government forces have been landed to the north and to the south of the city, with the intention of again surrounding the insurgents. It is believed that a decisive battle will occur next week.

A LITTERED RIGHT OF WAY



CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS MAY FOLLOW N.T.R. GRAFT EXPOSURE GOVERNMENT ACTION IS URGED

Borden Ministry May Suffer Serious Loss of Prestige if Scandal is Merely Used as Campaign Material—Laurier Expected to Make Inquiry Today.

(Special to The Toronto World)

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—There is considerable speculation as to what the next move will be in the matter of the National Transcontinental Railway scandal, with the accompanying evidence, has not yet been printed, but the summary given to the press indicates that a vast sum of money has been squandered, and that many persons have become enriched thereby. Censure, of course, will fall upon the Laurier government for what has happened, and the present government is being commended for bringing the facts to light. But it is hardly to be expected that the matter is to end here.

Government's Move.

Some government supporters say that it is up to the opposition to move in the matter of the report, but it is pointed out on the other hand that it is primarily the duty of the government to recover money if the country has been defrauded, and take steps to punish all persons responsible therefor. Indeed, the only duty devolving upon the opposition in a case like this is the duty of urging the government to take appropriate and immediate action. The Liberals may not be at all anxious to have the government do anything. But it is likely that Sir Wilfrid will interpellate the prime minister at the opening of the house tomorrow respecting the report of the royal commission, and as to what action, if any, the government intends to take upon it. The answer, no doubt, will be that the report is in the hands of the printer, and that the general subject is "under consideration."

The report when printed will be a good campaign document for the Conservatives and constitutes a striking indictment of the Laurier government, but the feeling gains ground that something more should result from the findings of the commission than the circulation of a campaign document. The scandal is too big to be disposed of by a want of confidence vote, in a defect government. Indeed enough has already been heard from various parts of the country to make it evident that public opinion will demand the institution of civil and criminal proceedings, and if this demand is ignored and no effective action is taken, the net result of the investigation and report will be embarrassment instead of prestige for the present government. It is altogether likely, however, that the government is in possession of many facts and much evidence not discussed by the papers presented to parliament, and that the opposition's demand for punitive action may be answered in a way that will startle the country.

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FIGHT FOR FEDERAL LIGHTING

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The contract for the lighting of Dominion Government buildings in Toronto, which is held by the Toronto Electric Light Company, ends on March 1 next, and a good deal of interest is being shown in this contract. The competition of the Hydro-Electric Commission has caused a lowering of prices, and there will be an interesting struggle for the contract. Representatives of the Toronto Electric Light Company have been in Ottawa seeing the officials of the public works department about the matter.

"TUBE" SYSTEM FOR MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—Over \$12,000,000 will be earmarked for tackling Montreal's transportation problem, if the city engineer's department has its way. Their report, presented to the board of control Saturday, does not express any opinion upon the demand of the Tramways Company for a new 40-year franchise.

The immediate construction is recommended of two subways, one under St. James and the other under St. Catherine street, providing for quick east and west transit along the two busiest streets. A "tube" running north and south, under Phillips and Victoria squares also, is favored to link up the other subways and relieve downtown congestion, there to be built by the Transways Company, the city guaranteeing the cost, estimated at around \$7,000,000. Subways and new surface lines in outlying districts, and an autobus system along residential Sherbrooke street, will swallow up the other \$5,000,000.

'BLACK HUNDRED' AGAIN AROUSED

Second "Ritual Murder" Trial Seems to Be Looming Up in Russia.

KIEV, Feb. 15.—The murder of the boy at Fastoff, which it is alleged was committed for ritualistic purposes, is assuming the dimensions of the Beilless case. As in the earlier tragedy, stories of mysterious characters have been introduced, such as "a red-headed man" and "a lamp lighter," both of whom have disappeared. The Black Hundred and the Union of Russian People are showing their old-time anti-Semitic activity.

The minister of justice and other judicial officials have arrived at Kiev and are sifting the evidence. On their arrival they were acclaimed by deputations from the Union of Russian People and the Two-Headed Eagle organization.

The leaders of the Black Hundred, after first asserting that the victim was a Christian, subsequently declared that he was a Jew, and that he had been murdered by Jews in connection with the Beilless case for the purpose of disproving the allegations made in the so-called ritual murders Christians were invariably selected.

ATLANTIC POOL WILL INCLUDE C. P. R. LINERS

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Vossische Zeitung understands that a conference of all companies which formerly constituted the Atlantic pool will be held in London at the end of the present month, for the purpose of reconstituting the pool. The paper says "the Canadian Pacific will also rejoin it."

DIED AT NINETY-TWO.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 15.—The death occurred today, on the homestead in London, South, of Miss Elizabeth Main, daughter of the late David Main, in her 92nd year.

NOTED CRIMINALS AGAIN HELD BY POLICE

John Warren and Charles Quackenbush Taken into Custody While Prowling Around East End Coal Yard, and Warren Was Armed With a Heavy Loaded Club.

John Warren and Charles Quackenbush, two of Toronto's most noted criminals, were arrested again Saturday evening on Pape avenue, near the Grand Trunk crossing, charged with carrying concealed weapons and vagrancy. Searched at No. 8 station, Warren was found to have a wooden club, loaded, and two feet in length, concealed inside his shirt.

All last summer Warren worked at the Rogers coal yard, outside which they were caught, and it is the belief of the police that the pair were waiting for the night man to come out of the office with the day's takings, which, in this instance, would have amounted to nearly \$700. Officer 258 first saw the two men circling the premises of the coal company. One would go one way and another the other, meeting again in the rear. Leach watched them do this for half an hour, and eventually when Acting Detective Nurey came along, arrested them on the nominal charge of vagrancy.

For two hours at the police station the desk sergeant endeavored to find out what they were doing there, eventually giving up in despair. Only then, when committed for vagrancy and searched, was the formidable weapon found, and a more serious charge laid against Warren.

Warren was mixed up in the robbery of Ward's pawn shop seven years ago, for which both received long terms in the penitentiary. Quackenbush has spent the greater part of the last 15 years in jail, and on one occasion escaped from the Toronto jail. He can only be charged with vagrancy.

HUGHES POSITION IS SUPPORTED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Members of the National Rifle Association mustered in great force for the general winter meeting, held Saturday.

Primarily the meeting was called together to adopt the past year's report and to elect new members to the council board. A great deal of discussion, however, took place later upon the new rules of the army council, several of those present expressing their feelings towards the war office and the proposed regulations in no vague terms. Even Lord Chelmsford, the chairman, wasn't spared a certain amount of criticism. One member openly accused him of having done his best, for some time past, to bring about the present crash.

Major Eiley, Major Fletcher, Mr. Tipples and a number of others hoped it would go from that meeting to Colonel Hughes that the N.R.A. hadn't created the present difficulty in reference to the Ross rifle, but that it was entirely the work of "a jumping Jinnie showman" at the war office. They commended Col. Hughes for the bold attitude he had taken.

Lord Chelmsford, in a letter he had received from King George expressing the hope that Canadians wouldn't be prevented from attending Bisley Theroupan a member jumped to his feet.

"Have you, sir," he asked, "explained the real position of things to his majesty?"

"No," said Lord Chelmsford, a reply that was received with a chorus of disapproval.

Lord Chelmsford went on to give a brief account of the serious situation, and said that the N.R.A. had received in April an ultimatum from the committee to go into relations between the N.R.A. and the war office.

Two members of the N. R. A., including Lord Chelmsford, attended the meeting at the army council's request, and he did his best to put the position of the association before them, he could see that they would ultimately be left with Hosen's choice.

The war office practically issued an ultimatum that unless they conformed with their suggestions about the King's prize and other territorial competitions, they should not give them any assistance in the shape of camp equipment, ammunition, etc.

The council was put into a difficult position, indeed.

Wed. Defers Charges.

After serious consideration they decided there were only two courses open to them, one being absolutely to refuse the conditions of the war office. The council, however, unanimously came to the opinion that without the assistance of the war office at Bisley they would be perfectly impossible for them to keep up the reputation of the association. The second course was that they should accept these conditions and get the best concessions they possibly could from the war office, and he (Lord Chelmsford) could not help thinking they would agree that the council could not take any other course.

The following motion carried unanimously: "The meeting hopes that means can be found whereby the war office conditions, as now understood, do not take effect until the Bisley meeting of 1914, in order that their effect on a number of competitors from our overseas dominions may be fully realized."

LETTER SORTER ADMITS THEFTS

William Cunningham Arrested Last Night While Rifling Money Letters at Post-office Building.

Charged with the theft of money letters from the postoffice, William Cunningham of 113 Borden street, 30, married, a sorter at the main building on Adelaide street, was arrested by Detective Twigg at the postoffice last evening at 9.30.

For several weeks letters had been missed, most of which contained small sums of money, and up till last evening all precautions taken by the post-office authorities were of no avail. Special men detailed to watch the staff became suspicious of Cunningham, and last evening when he entered the lavatory one of the watchmen followed him in and caught him in the act of tearing a corner from a letter. Protruding from the opening of the envelope was a bill which Cunningham was about to pocket. Three other letters were found.

Cunningham admitted to Detective Twigg at the detective office that he had stolen more letters than the four found in his possession.

FOUR INJURED AT THE SLIDES

Toboggans and Bobs Overturned and Skaters on Grenadier Pond Were Struck.

Four persons received minor injuries at the High Park slides Saturday evening. John Adams, aged 23, 214 Osier avenue, received a cut on the head and a sprained side when his toboggan overturned on Grenadier Pond at 8.30.

Sydney Bond, 1006 St. Clares avenue, had both his legs injured in the same manner on the long slide running past the deer pen.

A. C. Morris, 11 1/2 Delaware avenue, was struck by a bob's eight while skating on Grenadier Pond, and received several cuts on the face and body.

Charles Stanley, 181 Quebec avenue, was badly bruised when his toboggan struck a snow bank at the bottom of the hill.

WATER DID MORE HARM THAN KINDEL BED FIRE

Fire, the cause of which is unknown, did \$3000 damage in the premises of the Kinzel Bed Co. at 306 Clifton street, at 10 o'clock Saturday evening. The blaze started in the top flat, and was extinguished before much damage had been done the building. Most of the loss is to the stock on the lower floors, which were damaged by water. Insurance covers everything.

LORD MINTO VERY LOW.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Lord Minto's condition last night was stated to be very grave.

CRAZY MOTORIST HAD MOST EXCITING RIDE

So Did His Chauffeur at Whose Head Two Revolvers Were Held to Insure Speed.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—An extraordinary escapade of Lee Bond, a wealthy man, living in Lyndhurst, Hampshire, was reported to the police today. Bond, who is 23 years old, hired a motor car and a chauffeur Saturday afternoon and compelled the driver to make a wild ride of 30 hours' duration through the Counties of Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire and Somerset, holding pistols at the man's back and threatening to shoot if he dared to stop without permission. By similar threats he compelled various farmers in different towns to deliver petrol and other supplies for the motor car without paying for them.

Bond was found tonight in the garden of his residence, holding a revolver in each hand. A posse of policemen who had been trailing Bond surrounded and arrested him.

BRITISH LEGATION IS IN NEED OF GUARDING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The despatch of a small legion guard of marines and machine guns from a British cruiser at Vera Cruz to the legation in Mexico City, was ordered only after the state department had been advised of the plan thru the American embassy in London.

Threats that the British legation would be made a particular object of attack in the event of a public uprising led to the precautionary measure and it was intimated at the state department today that Mexican authorities were not only willing but anxious that other diplomatic representatives in Mexico take similar measures.

STRONG PLEA MADE FOR WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

LONDON, Feb. 14.—"The friendship between Great Britain and America is the greatest political cause in the world," says The Sunday Observer, in an editorial commenting on the appeal of the Duke of Teck for a \$250,000 subscription to enable the British committee to carry out its program in connection with the Anglo-American peace centenary.

The Observer, while admitting the excellence of the British program, asks what has become of the proposal to place a memorial to Washington in Westminster Abbey. It thinks that the project ought to have gone forward and would have influenced British-American friendship, "like a stroke of imaginative genius."

FIRST WHITE MAN TO CROSS STRAITS ON FOOT

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—Claiming to be the only white man who has crossed the Behring Straits, between Asia and America, on foot, Charles Brouard, of Southsea, England, is in Montreal arranging for an 18-months exploration trip in Ussava.

The hazardous trip across the straits, he says, took him two days on Nov. 28 and 27, 1899. He was accompanied by two Eskimos and a dog team of five.

This trip was attempted by Harry De Windt, the globe trotter, who was compelled to remain on the Siberian coast and was rescued.

The distance across the straits is 38 nautical miles, and the temperature at the time of Mr. Brouard's trip was 35 below zero.

DR. RUSSELL PARK DEAD WAS EMINENT SURGEON

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—Dr. Roswell Park, one of the best known surgeons in America, died suddenly today at his home on Delaware avenue. The cause of death was heart failure. Dr. Park had been in perfect health up to within 20 minutes of the end.

Dr. Park was born in Pomfret, Conn., in 1852. He was educated at Racine College, founded by his father, where he graduated in 1872. He was the surgeon in charge when William McKinley was shot here in 1901.

BODY OF BARONESS TO BE TAKEN TO MONTREAL

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The death occurred at Rockhampton Friday evening of Baroness De Longueuil, wife of Vice-Admiral Johnson. The interment will take place at Montreal.

The Ziegfeld Follies Tonight—Mirth, music and dancing in all their embellishments will be in evidence tonight when the Ziegfeld Follies, "the greatest show on earth," begins a week's engagement at the Princess Theatre.

BURGLAR CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE THRU LANES

John Gowans Entered Mrs. Fenton's Home at Bloor and Church, Escaped After Struggle, Ran Thru Lanes and Yards, Jumped Fences Before Being Captured by a Member of World Staff.

A bold sneak thief walked right into the home of Mrs. Fenton, widow of the late Dr. Fred Fenton, at the corner of Church and Bloor streets, on Saturday night, and after ransacking several rooms and terrifying the occupants and struggling with Mrs. Fenton, escaped to Church street. Passers-by heard Mrs. Fenton's cries for help and chased the would-be burglar along Hayden street, over fences and thru back lanes, for nearly twenty minutes before he was finally rounded up in a lane off Charles street. Mrs. Fenton, who was without male protection, only her maid and two small children being in the house at the time, was prostrated by her experience.

To the police the prisoner gave his name as John Gowans, thirty years of age, no home. He refused to tell anything about himself, but it is thought that he has a record. Various articles, supposed to have been taken from the Fenton home, were found in his pockets. Owing to the severe shock to her nerves, Mrs. Fenton has been unable as yet to identify Gowans.

The man entered the house by a rear entrance about 8.30, and exactly what happened, Inspector Dilworth, who investigated the case, has not yet been able to ascertain. While Mrs. Fenton was trying to prevent him from getting upstairs, the prisoner lost his cap, which was found in the house after he had been locked up.

Heard Calls for Help.

E. S. Golden, 95 Hayden street, who was waiting for a street car at the corner, first heard Mrs. Fenton's cries for help when she ran out of the front door. The burglar, in the meantime had run out of the back door thru a garage to Church street. Golden saw him running and gave chase. The fleeing man turned on Hayden street and was trying the back door of Golden's own house, when he caught up with him. He dodged and tried to get over a fence. Golden tried to stop him, but slipped on some ice and fell down. By this time Lawrence Ely, 80 East Charles street, and several others had joined in the chase, which continued thru a labyrinth of lanes and back yards in the deep snow and darkness, the fugitive taking shelter in fence corners and porches every time he got a chance. After a hide-and-seek scramble thru at least eight back yards, the fugitive finally jumped a fence and made his way out on Charles street thru a passageway between two houses. His pursuers by this time numbered a dozen. Three of them reached Charles street thru another narrow lane and caught up with him in the lane opposite, close beside the home of George Biggar, a local broker. When cornered by E. Y. Watson, of The Toronto World, the prisoner submitted without resistance, and allowed himself to be led back to the corner of Bloor and Church streets, where a policeman took him in hand.

Large Crowd Gathered.

The chase created much excitement in the district, and a large crowd followed the burglar and his captors to the Yorkville police station. The police think that some of the things found in the prisoner's pockets belong to other houses in the district. He was unharmed and refused to give any account of himself when questioned.

During the last two or three weeks numerous cases of sneak thieving have been reported in the north end of the city. The police made one capture two weeks ago which accounted for several of them and the apprehension of Gowans may explain the rest.

Gowans three weeks ago was released from the Central Prison where he served six months for theft.

DESTROYED BALLOT BOX TO BLOCK LEGISLATION

TOKIO, Feb. 14.—The lower house was the scene of unprecedented disorder last night, and adjourned after midnight. The members of the opposition destroyed the ballot box in order to prevent the adoption of the business tax which the masses wish abolished. Riotous scenes on the floor of the house continued thruout the session, which extended over many hours, the obstructionists blocking the government at every turn.

According to the Tokyo papers the naval commission has found one naval officer guilty of bribery, and will order a court-martial.