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## NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN BEATEN UP AND ROBBED IN MEXICAN PORT

Capt. J. L. McCain Left Badly Hurt on Cabin Floor —\$1,884 Taken.

Windsor, N. S., April 15.—Capt. J. S. McCain, master of tank steamship Edward L. Doherty, Jr., which arrived from Tampico and is discharging a cargo at the Mexican Petroleum Company's Allen's avenue plant, was held up by two wharf skulkers at Tampico, who boarded the ship in the night, attacked him in his cabin, stabbed him several times, tied him up, and got away with \$1,884 in cash. Gagged and bound hand and foot, and bleeding from his wounds, Capt. McCain lay helpless on the cabin floor nearly five hours.

On the night of Feb. 28, as the vessel was taking in cargo at Tampico, Capt. McCain retired early and slept soundly until 8 o'clock in the morning, when he was awakened by the punch of an automatic against his ribs. In the dim light he saw bending over him the man holding the gun, and heard "Get up and open that safe or I'll kill you." While Capt. McCain was climbing out of his berth, the gunman, who was an American, kept him covered and then, showing the muzzle of the automatic against the skipper's spine, marched him into the ship's office, the next room adjoining, where the other member of the raiding party, a Mexican, was waiting.

The first man drove the captain to the safe, and held a pocket search-light while the combination was twirled and the door opened. Then he pushed Capt. McCain aside, put the automatic in his pocket and proceeded to help himself to the bills and a large bag of silver which were in a drawer.

At this point the captain thought he saw an opportunity to get away and gave the alarm to his crew. He is young and athletic, and with a bound attacked the Mexican to knock him aside, hoping to be able to slip through a door and out before a bullet could stop him. But he saw too late the gleam of a knife, and when he closed with the "greaser" was slashed savagely. The other robber got into action instantly, and, charging across the floor, hit the captain a terrific blow on the head with the heavy bag of silver coins. This was a knockout. The fighting captain went down.

While he lay unconscious on the floor, the thieves took the bedspread from his berth and tore it into strips. They forced some of the cloth into his mouth, and then tied a strip around his head very tightly, making a painful and effective gag. They then tied his hands behind his back and bound his ankles together with another strip. By the time they had accomplished this, Capt. McCain began to gain consciousness, to find them lifting him along the floor to a point in front of the leather couch built into the wall of the office. Under this couch there is a drawer, and

with his back to this the skipper was tied hard and fast to its heavy brass handle. Without exchanging a word the band secured their booty and disappeared.

Capt. McCain's worst suffering came then. Until nearly 8 o'clock he lay on the floor, bleeding from deep cuts in his shoulder, arm and breast, suffering almost as much from cold as from his several wounds. The thermometer was down to 53, and a gale of wind was sending its cold, damp gusts in through the open portholes.

When the captain failed to join his officers at the breakfast mesa, Chief Engineer J. Bergenson went in search of the skipper, and upon entering the office found the commander helpless in a pool of blood.

Mr. Bergenson sounded the alarm, and out the skipper's bonds, while other officers sent for a doctor. The latter advised Capt. McCain to go to a hospital and get some other master to bring the Doherty to Providence, but the doughty skipper, after being patched up, felt well enough to continue in charge of his ship, and the next day began his voyage.

The police of Tampico, while the vessel remained there, were unable to get any trace of the bandits. During the day preceding the attack on Capt. McCain several strangers were seen hanging about the wharf, and it is thought that these beach combers were looking over the ship and planning the night raid on the master. The night was very favorable for them, as a gale was blowing, accompanied by fog. The robbers did not secure all the money in the safe, for in another drawer, which they failed to explore, was another large sum in bills.

Upon arrival here, the Doherty was met at the wharf when she docked by G. A. Hennahaw, port captain of the Mexican Petroleum Co., who came here from the company's headquarters in New York, to learn the details of the robbery, of which New York was advised by the Doherty's radio as she steamed north.

The company will make every effort to apprehend the thieves in Mexico. Capt. McCain is a native of Cheshire, Hants Co., and a son of the late Captain Thomas and Mrs. McCain, who is now residing in the U. S.

### ADD 15 NEW MEMBERS.

During the winter season the Women's Missionary Society of the Coburg street Christian church gained 15 new members, it was announced at a meeting last night at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Dunlop, 72 City Road. Mrs. George A. Horton, president, was in the chair. The Bible reading was given by Mrs. Blanche Sprague. The missionary topic, "China's compelling needs," was presented by Mrs. J. E. Edwards and "Come On," a story of Tibet, by Mrs. H. H. Gillen. The programme had been arranged by Mrs. Stockford. The hostess served refreshments.

### JAIL LOOKS LIKE A HOUSE.

New York, April 12.—A radical departure from the old type of jails with heavy bars and dark, ill-ventilated cells, marks the new units of the Lincoln Heights jail under construction in Los Angeles, says Associated Press despatch from that city. With few exceptions there will be no bars to mar the appearance of the buildings, which will resemble private dwellings.

Chief of Police August Vollmer is responsible for the harshest prison. He will observe the psychological effect of cheery surroundings on inmates. Abundant exercise and fresh air are provided for in the new quarters. Men capable of working will be given an opportunity to do so and will be paid at the rate of \$2 a day.

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yellow stripes which are imposed on a pale yellow background. But even this will be outshone by the picturesque corner where the buildings of Hong Kong, Malta, South Africa, Palestine, and Cyprus are grouped. Splashes of color are now visible there, and one has a glimpse of the red roof of South Africa, the white domes of Cyprus, the russet of West Africa, the gleaming white and bright green of East Africa, the creamy tint of Malta,

and the deep red of Hong Kong. In contrast to these brilliant colors will be the unrelieved white of the India pavilion, which is being built to resemble the Taj Mahal. Like a picture from some medieval romance or child's fairy tale book will be the bridge leading to the British Government pavilion. A study in vermillion and white will have round towers, with painted roofs and quaint archways and gateways

What the exhibition will look like by night, when illuminated by thousands of lamps, can only faintly be imagined.

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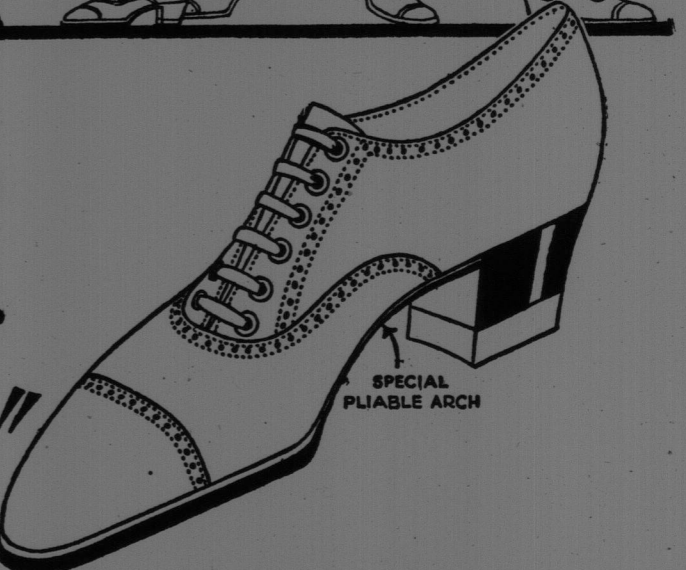


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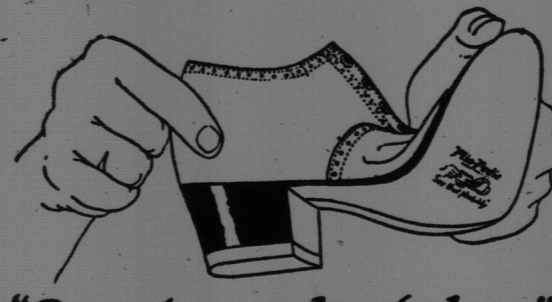
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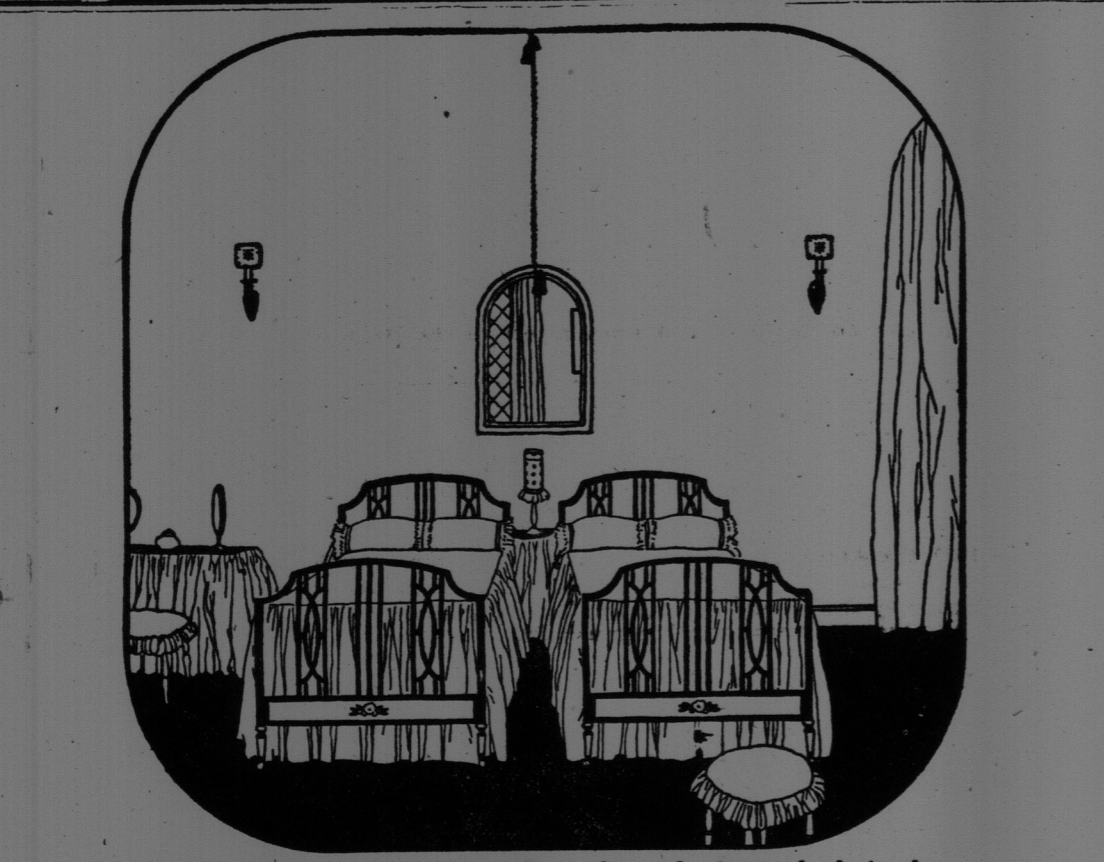
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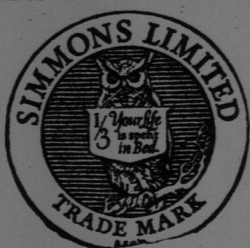
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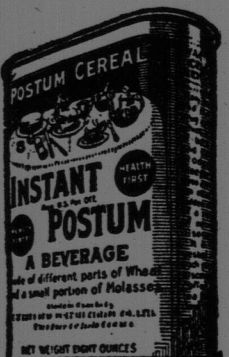
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