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U. S. Officials Are Charged With Protecting Bootleggers
TWO FOURTH FLOOR HOUSES COLLAPSE

PROBE IS STARTED BY GRAND JURY IN MASSACHUSETTS

Police Officials and Selectmen Summoned to Tell of Liquor Matters.

BRIBERY CHARGED
"Protection" Rate is Said to be From \$50 a Week Upward.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 12.—Police officials of Salisbury and Newburyport and three members of the board of selectmen were among the persons summoned to appear today before the Federal grand jury, which has begun an investigation of charges that rum runners were "protected" in their operations by officials of northeastern Massachusetts cities and towns. Seabrook, N. H., which adjoins Salisbury, also comes within the scope of the inquiry, it was said.

Agents of the Department of Justice who investigated the charges reported that rum runners and liquor dealers received protection in several shore resorts and that bribery and corruption of officials was indicated. Witnesses admitted, the agents said, that the weekly "protection" rate for liquor dealers was \$50, while rum runners paid large fees.

The grand jury inquiry, it was said, was brought about by women of the towns involved, who complained that the laws were being evaded openly. The present investigation is the second undertaken by Federal authorities, the agents said, affidavits procured in the first instance having disappeared from files of the Department of Justice.

The Salisbury selectmen summoned as witnesses are Roscoe George, Ruel Gatchell and Harold F. Congdon, the latter being also chief of police, proprietors of beach resorts and business men also have been called to testify.

JUMPS TO DEATH FROM N. Y. HOTEL

Woman, Suffering From Nervous Trouble, Leaps From Seventh Story.

New York, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Maud L. Rigby, of Ormond Beach, Fla., came here for treatment of a nervous ailment and was killed early today in leaping from a window of her room on the 17th floor of the Hotel Belmont. Her body struck a flagpole and crashed through the glass roof of a canopy.

CURWOOD TO WRITE STORY OF QUEBEC

Noted Author Now Touring Province With Wife in Covered Wagon.

Quebec, Sept. 12.—James Oliver Curwood, distinguished American author, accompanied by Mrs. Curwood, his wife and his secretary, is now touring rural Quebec, along many historic roads in a covered wagon, taking copious notes for his next novel which will be of an historic theme and will be set in this province. He has made an extensive study of Quebec City itself, and his present intention is to continue his wanderings in the remote northern districts, where life is still much as it was in the days of the old regime. Subsequently the Richelieu River Highway, noted for a thousand expeditions in the inter-colonial wars of the 17th and 18th centuries, will be visited.

Divorcees May Be Turned Out

Vienna, Sept. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Fifty thousand Viennese divorcees who have been abandoned by their former husbands' quarters are being evicted because of the housing shortage, are now organized with Justice Hellmer of the Court of Appeals. Judge Hellmer, in view of protests and the expected serious consequences, has agreed to suspend his judgment, meantime re-examining the records of the lower court.

3 TRAINS DERAILED NOBODY IS HURT

Express Crashes Into Wreck Of Freight Train in Maryland.

Durham, N. H., Sept. 12.—Traffic on the western route between Boston and Portland was tied up for several hours today by the wrecking of three trains on the B. and M. R. R. near this town. Fourteen cars left the rails effectively blocking both east and west bound tracks. A broken rail is believed by officers to have been the cause. No one was hurt.

While wrecking trains worked to remove the obstructions through trains were rerouted and a cab service was maintained for local passengers.

CHARGES COUNTS KILLED HUSBAND

Another Woman, Sworn To Secrecy, Informs Police Of Tragedy.

Paris, Sept. 12.—From the town of Lannion, in the Cotes du Nord, word came today of a murder mystery in which the victim was the last heir of one of the oldest families of Brittany, Count De Kernanion.

The count, who was 64, was shot on Aug. 21, but lingered until the 29th. A story was given out to the effect that he had shot himself, and as the dying nobleman did not correct this impression, the incident was almost forgotten by the public.

Just before his death, however, Count De Kernanion called to his bedside beautiful Bernadine Nedelec, 24, and told her that his wife, Mac countess, who is threatened to shoot her, following a little trip to Corsica which she made with her.

Brings Blue Fox Pair From Arctic

Freepeter, Me., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Isaac S. Killen received a radiogram today from Donald B. MacMillan, Arctic explorer, now at Battle Harbor, Labrador, that he is bringing home as a present for her a pair of blue foxes. The blue fox is very rare and found only in the Arctic region.

Wire Briefs

Boston, Mass., Sept. 12.—Frank Hussey, New York school boy sprinter and member of the American Olympic team, will enter the Boston College on Feb. 1.

Columbus, S. C., Sept. 12.—Representative James F. Byrnes of the second district, today conceded victory in Tuesday's primary for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator to former Governor Cole S. Blaise.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—The meningitis epidemic now sweeping Japan has resulted in 2,630 deaths out of a total of 4,888 cases reported, according to Government records made public today which placed the death rate at 54 per cent. The epidemic is subsiding.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Willis Park, 29, nationally known architect and former associate of Stanford White, noted New York architect, is dead here after an extended illness. He is survived by his widow, the former Christine Barada, daughter of a former Minister from Peru to the U. S.

N. J. POLICE BELIEVE MAN WITH \$150,000 SLAIN BY PIRATES

Moeller Missing Since Speed Boat With Liquor was Found Adrift.

LAST SEEN IN JUNE
Had Just Bought and Resold Large Cargo From Vessel.

New York, Sept. 12.—Absent from home since June 28 and known to have had \$150,000 in cash a few days later, George F. Moeller of West New York, N. J., is believed by the police to have been killed in Sheepshead Bay by whisky pirates who boarded his speed boat Rex. The Rex was found with one aboard early in July by Coast Guard men a few miles off of Sheepshead Bay. The craft's propeller had been damaged. Forty-five cases of whisky were found on board.

SEEKS INDICTMENT AGAINST WM. FAHEY

Attorney Charges Him With Leadership of Illinois Mail Robbery.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—Assistant District Attorney John Eliot Byrne will go before the Federal grand jury here today to seek the indictment of Wm. M. Fahey, postal inspector, as a leader of the Roundout, Ill., \$2,000,000 mail robbery.

At about the same time Attorney C. D. Reich, Chicago, will be pleading with the Leavenworth Parole Board for the release of "Big Tim" Murphy, sent to the penitentiary by Fahey for the \$380,000 Dearborn street robbery.

Would Disfranchise Habitual Non-Voters

New York, Sept. 12.—Paving the way to the proposed introduction at the next session of Congress of a bill to penalize by disfranchisement all persons found guilty of habitual non-voting, the Republican League of Clubs referred the subject to a committee for a full report at the next meeting. It was the opinion of those present that such a bill should become a law, but all were doubtful of its constitutionality.

Eel Plugs Hole In Vessel's Side

London, Sept. 12.—(United News)—The Dutch ship, which once stopped up a leak in a dyke with his arm and saved the city from being flooded has been emulated by an eel.

The Ellerman liner Palamela docked at Hull and was found to have a hole in her hull full of water. When the water was pumped out it was found that a eel had fallen from the bottom plate and an eel had become wedged in the hole, stopping the leak.

RESIDENCE OF DR. ANGLIN WAS AFIRE

Much Damage is Caused by Outbreak in Fine Home.

Fire broke out this morning after 11 o'clock in the attic of the handsome Mrs. Mrs. Anglin's home, 22 years of age, was ill in her bed when the fire broke out and she had to be assisted from the burning building. The only other occupants of the house when the fire was discovered were the cook and the housemaid.

A man passing noticed the fire and notified those in the house, and sent word to Dr. Anglin at the hospital. A message was also sent to Arthur Anglin, son of Dr. Anglin, and he hurried to the scene from the city by taxi.

U. S. WAR DEFENCES ARE TESTED TODAY

Patriotic Demonstrations Are Held Throughout Country And Possessions.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The nation's defense machinery intended for actual use only in the event of a war emergency was given its first test today, accompanied by patriotic demonstrations throughout the U. S. and its possessions.

The day's programme called for a trial of the decentralized defense machinery set up since the National Defense Act of 1920 was substituted for the pre-war system.

FASCIST LEADER IS ASSASSINATED

Workman, Arrested, Says Deed Done To Avenge Matteto.

Rome, Sept. 12.—(By Associated Press)—Armando Casalin, Fascist deputy, died in a hospital today from two revolver wounds inflicted upon him this morning by Giovanni Corvi, a workman, who, when arrested today, told Fascist militiamen that he had fired upon Signor Casalin to avenge the late Giacomo Matteto.

HELP THE BABIES

The Times-Star fund for milk for babies has gone a little beyond the \$650 mark. This is encouraging, but much more is needed to make sure of adequate supply for the needy little ones. Additional subscriptions received today are:

- St. John Power Boat Club.....\$10.00
- R. F. Friend.....5.00
- A baby's milk fund bridge party.....6.50

NEW SENSATION IS PROMISED IN BRITISH POLITICS

London Paper Says Prime Minister Recently Acquired £30,000

PREMIER EXPLAINS
Says Capital Not His; He Only Technically Owns the Shares.

(British United Press)

London, Sept. 12.—Disclosure by the Daily Mail that Premier MacDonald on March 12 acquired possession of £30,000 shares of a great Scotch bluest company, valued at £1 a share, promises to develop into a political sensation of the first magnitude.

The Morning Post today, after commenting upon the fact that the Prime Minister made no attempt to conceal his ownership of the shares, says: "It only remains for the Prime Minister to afford the public the explanation which is its due, having regard for the fact that in a speech at Carlisle on January 29 of this year, Mr. MacDonald said: 'I bear securities have gone up. I do not know. I have nothing of this world's good to turn into securities.'"

In an interview at Loughborough, where he was returning from a picnic, MacDonald made a statement regarding the securities of the McVittie & Price, Ltd., Biscuit Company. "The capital is not mine," he said. "I only technically own the shares. The matter had nothing to do with politics."

Sir Alexander A. Grant, principal owner of McVittie & Price, received a baronetcy last June.

Referring to this, the Prime Minister said "Sir Alexander received his honor for public services, including the gift of a national library to Scotland, which most people know about and for which he has already received the freedom of Edinburgh."

IRISH MOB ATTACKS AND SCATTERS GUARD AND BURNS BUILDING

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Today they were to attend the defense day exercises to be held at the penitentiary. On Sunday they will have an opportunity to attend chapel services and probably will not be put to work before Monday.

Death rode close behind the automobile that carried the boys to Joliet last night for the car careened on the road while going 35 miles an hour and plunged into the unballasted tracks of the Chicago and Joliet electric railway. The prisoners handcuffed to their guards narrowly escaped death as the car lunged 80 feet down the track and came to a halt. The journey was then continued uninterrupted.

Richard Loeb will be assigned to work in the prison chair factory and Nathan Leopold in the rattan factory. They will go to work tomorrow.

BIG CROWD ATTENDS WOODSTOCK FAIR

Fine Weather And Interesting Programme Draws Many To Show.

(Special to The Times-Star). Woodstock, Sept. 12.—Fine weather greeted the holiday-makers at Woodstock today and all the roads from the surrounding country were lined with vehicles of all kinds conveying people to the fair. Judging from those who arrived this morning this will be a record day at the exhibition, and some fine sport is promised to the lovers of horse racing. Judging of the exhibits is about completed. This fair has been one of the best in many years.

What Harrison Street Houses Look Like After Wreck



This is a picture of rear of the two Harrison street houses which became a mass of wreckage in a sensational manner this morning. The picture was taken for the Times-Star by The Lugin Studio.

BROTHERS ARE MARRIED TO SISTERS, MEN'S FATHER PERFORMS CEREMONY

Boston, Sept. 12.—With their father officiating, two brothers, graduates of Harvard University, were married to two Newton sisters in the First Unitarian Church of West Newton.

Miss Margaret R. Steadman became the bride of Robert Elliot Lutz. Her husband is a graduate of the Boston School of Physical Education, '23 and Harvard, '21. Miss Eleanor, graduate of Miss Pierce's Secretarial School, was married to Roger Albertus Lutz, graduate of Harvard, '23 and the Babson Institute, '24.

The brides are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Steadman of West Newton. Robert and Roger Lutz are the sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Lutz of Sanford, Me., formerly of Newton, where Mr. Lutz was minister of the Channing Religious Society. Mr. Steadman gave his daughters in marriage. Mr. Lutz and the Rev. Paul S. Phalen of West Newton performed the double ceremony.

BARRACKS STORMED

Irish Mob Attacks And Scatters Guard and Burns Building.

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BUILDINGS ARE WRECKED BUT ALL TENANTS SAVED

Remarkable That Not One is Seriously Injured as Houses Crumble.

DEAFENING ROAR
North End Aroused in the Early Morn by Sensational Episode.

To be awakened from their slumbers by a deafening roar, to feel themselves hurled from their beds, while doors were torn asunder from their fastenings, glass flew in all directions, plaster was torn from the ceilings, and walls crashed down about them, was the terrifying experience of five families who reside in Harrison street a little before 4 o'clock this morning, when two large three story wooden dwelling houses collapsed.

Both houses were literally wrenched from their foundations and partly crumpled, while all of both houses were ripped from the main structures and toppled into a mass in the yards. Heavy beams were ripped from their positions and hurled about, but not a person was seriously injured. How all escaped with their lives is a miracle.

When the accident happened the roar could be heard for a long distance. Thomas Hunter, who was passing along Main street at the time, hurried to a fire alarm box and pulled the hook in Box 144. The terrifying sound, which rent the air at this early hour, when the vast majority of citizens were sleeping, caused the policemen who were patrolling their beats to act first and think afterwards. Without a moment's hesitation a call was sent for the patrol and every man on duty nearby rushed to the scene.

No one knew just what happened, but they say it seemed that something had exploded and the horrifying thought that some unfortunate citizens might be killed or badly maimed coursed through their minds as they rushed to the place.

Hardly had the echo of the sound of the falling buildings died out when Sergeant Timothy Sullivan, Policemen Killen, Coughlan, Gibbs and Phinney were rushing up on different directions. On their arrival all they could discern was a cloud resembling smoke which swept out through windows and doorways while the screams of terrified women and children rent the air.

Without a thought for themselves or the danger they were in they started to render succor. They were soon joined by the firemen who quickly responded to the call from Box 144 and, with the aid of ladders, the men, women and children were taken from the windows and carried to the street. The premises were then searched for fear that some unfortunate was pinned beneath a mass of debris, but such was not the case and every soul in both buildings was taken out in safety, the majority suffering from a nervous shock but otherwise uninjured.

Fortunately not a fire or lamp was burning in either house or the scene which greeted the eyes of the policemen and firemen might have been much worse and many of the people might have lost their lives.

The cause of the mishap is said to have been collapse of the foundation posts under one of the houses owned by William E. Emerson of West St. John. It is in turn crashed into a house adjoining, owned by Thomas Buckley, which was torn from its foundations and hurled fully ten feet to settle in parietal ruins.

Mr. Buckley in conversation with a reporter from The Times-Star told the following story: "I heard nothing until the plaster on the ceiling came crashing down on top of me as I was sleeping in a room towards the rear of the house. I then heard my nephew call."

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TYPHOON KILLS 20

Storm Sweeps Japanese Coast, Wrecking Houses—Several People Missing.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—Twenty persons were killed today when a typhoon swept the southwestern coast of Japan. The fatalities resulted from residents being pinned beneath wreckage of houses. Several other persons are missing in fishing boats.

Weather Report

Synopsis.—The weather is generally cloudy, with rain at scattered stations over northeastern districts, the lake region and western Gulf states and showers have also occurred in parts of the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. Elsewhere fair weather has prevailed.

Forecast for Northern and Southern New England.—Partly cloudy, probably with showers late tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer tonight in northern portion, moderate to fresh southwesterly winds.