

BUNCO MEN MAKE HAUL IN FLORIDA

Dupes Following the Arrest of 19 Operators, Admit Immense Losses.

CLEAN UP \$1,500,000 AT FAMOUS RESORTS

One Man Touched for \$75,000, Life's Savings—One Murder Marks Season's Activities.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 19.—Tourists to the Florida resorts have been cleaned out of \$1,500,000 by confidence men so far this season. Losses of this amount have been admitted by victims at preliminary hearings following the arrest of about 19 bunco men here as bunco steers and wire tappers.

The largest haul so far reported is that admitted by Morris Jensen of Newark, N. J., who was fined of \$75,000, his life savings, last week at St. Augustine by the old game which would he well known.

The season for the confidence men closed last year with the murder of one of their number, Claude Wilford Powell, known over the country as the "Waco Kid." It was supposed in the case with the slaying of Robert Casaleto, another of the gang. Both were victims of the avariciousness of their "pals" or of deep seated greed.

The "Waco Kid" fell dead with six bullets through his body in a room of a crowded St. Augustine hotel. Casaleto's body was discovered in an Orlando hotel room after the firing of three shots, which aroused guests. The slayers have never been caught.

Before the tourist season set in Governor Cary A. Hardee sent a special message to the Florida Legislature calling on them to exert their strongest efforts to keep Florida clear of the bunco men, gangsters and automobile thieves who migrate there each year. But they have not done so, and now the fight is on to root them out.

Defense Counsel Full

A strongly knit organization backed by seemingly unlimited capital, how over, is providing the bunco men with a "coast" in Florida. A law drafted especially to cope with them and passed by the Florida Legislature last week, highly criticized by the bunco men, and by the underworld syndicates seem able to circumvent the statutes and obtain the release of their clients on bail which it is evident cannot be made prohibitive.

The Florida Governor has started his drive rather late, however, for with the arrests of alleged wire tappers at Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville during the last three weeks wealthy tourists fleeing during the present season have for the first time admitted that they were suckers.

Prods of visitors at preliminary hearings have disclosed the huge loss told of above; and what is more, additional victims are coming to the front daily because of preliminary hearings given to the work of the authorities.

The killing of Casaleto and the imprisonment so far enjoyed by the assassin bring up another reason for the success of the confidence men in the criminal syndicate. Small town officials or county officers in many cases are in the pay of the confidence men. Owners of houses rented for the bunco clubs or "stoves" which are professionally known, which are sprinkled among the coast resorts are in many instances willing to let to the bunco men because of the enormous amounts they are able to extract. These facts are difficult to prove, but are nevertheless widely known and form an almost insurmountable obstacle to the clearing of the State of wire tappers.

CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE IN FURS AT AUCTION

Mink and Other Pelts Showed Heavy Advances—Raccoon Advanced Ten Per Cent.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—The four-day auction of furs by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Limited, closed Saturday with bidding for raccoons, silver foxes and muskrats. Raccoons, of which over 30,000 were offered, advanced ten per cent., the best lot going at \$10 and eastern heavy pelts from \$4 to \$7.50. Mink was in great demand, dealers bringing from \$15 to \$18.25, and brown \$5 to \$14. Ontario, Manitoba and Minnesota had a 20 per cent. advance. Other advanced 10 per cent.; eastern Florida furs bringing up to \$40. Central and Eastern muskrats were the same as last September, but there was a decline of ten per cent. in Western Canada, winter and fall, prices ranging from \$1.40 to \$1.90. Southern advanced ten per cent. and sold up to 74 cents.

SCOTT TRADED TO CINCINNATI

Boston Feb. 18.—John Scott, pitcher for the Boston N. Y. team, has been traded to the Cincinnati Reds for pitcher "Babe" Marquard and infielder Larry Kopf, according to a telegram received here last night from George W. Grant, owner of the Braves, who is now in New York.

Revolts Have Quieted Down In No. Mexico

Federal Government Forces Are Entirely in Control of the Situation.

Mexico City, Feb. 19.—A week of sporadic revolts throughout Northern Mexico has left the Federal Government forces entirely in control of the situation, and with none of the rebel factions offering a serious challenge to the Federal Government, according to information obtained by the War Office here.

HELP SOUGHT FOR REFUGEES FROM RUSSIA

Sir Samuel Hoare Calls for Allied Action to Relieve Constantinople Situation.

Actual Number of Refugees 39,960

Scarcity of Means Only Permits Allaying the Most Urgent Needs.

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 19.—Sir Samuel Hoare, member of the British Parliament, who has been delegated by the Relief Commission of the League of Nations to assist in aiding the Russian refugees in Constantinople, recently expressed some of his views while in this city.

Dealing with what he described as the one "regrettable incident" of the Conference, Lord Grey gave it as his opinion that in the view of their history, the French were not unreasonably anxious about their security. They wanted to be reasonably sure that never again would they have to go through the appalling experience of 1870 and 1914. The controversy over the submarine and similar questions was symptomatic of something much deeper. The French failed to obtain what they considered a sense of security in the Treaty of Versailles, but many Frenchmen thought they had real security in the Franco-American and Franco-British agreements. Neither of these agreements existed today.

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LORD GREY URGES NEED OF LEAGUE

Praises Arms Conference; Has Little Faith in "Rules of Humanity" in War.

TOO MUCH OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Thinks France Not Unreasonably Anxious About Its Security in View of Past History.

Bristol, England, Feb. 19.—Lord Grey of Fallodon, in a strong speech at Bristol recently, dealt with some of the major problems of world peace—the Washington Conference and French security, the Cannes conversations and the entente, the proposed Genoa conference and the League of Nations, Russia and the restoration of Europe. Lord Grey spoke as president of the League of Nations Union, and emphasized the non-partisan nature of his address by stating that some of the opinions he expressed were not shared by political party to which he belonged.

Lord Grey gave whole-hearted praise to the Washington Conference, not only for its immediate success, but because of its value as an example for future conferences of a similar kind. The United States Government deserves the gratitude of the world, not only for having called the Conference but for the manner in which it had conducted it.

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Negro Soldiers And Police In Serious Clash

Five Soldiers Wounded in Affair at Kingston, Ja., Saturday Night.

Kingston, Ja., Feb. 18.—A serious clash occurred last night between the police and West Indian negro soldiers. Five of the soldiers were wounded.

Representations have been made to the British authorities for the disembarkment of the regiment on the charge of periodic misbehavior.

CONFESSES TO HAVING KILLED THREE PERSONS

Mysterious Slayings in Cleveland May Be Solved by Prisoner's Confession.

Confession Made TO GET PEACE

Committed the Murders "For Love," Says Confessor William Anderson.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 19.—Three mysterious slayings, in two of which women were the victims, may be solved by the confession, County Prosecutor Edward C. Stanton announced yesterday, of William Anderson, known, also, by half a dozen other names, now a prisoner in the Columbus, O., penitentiary for forgery.

Anderson confessed, Stanton said, to the murder of Miss Gretchen Brandt, Mrs. Elsie Krelbring and Santo Lommachio. In each case, the prisoner, who is 46, said he committed the murders "for love." Stanton said, confessing to "get peace." He is to be brought to Cleveland Monday under a grand jury subpoena for further search into his story.

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SEEKING TAXI CAB DRIVER IN TAYLOR CASE

Driver Disappeared from Home the Night Film Director Was Murdered.

Officers Look Over HIS BELONGINGS

Find Three Bullets of Calibre of That Which Killed Taylor.

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—The search for a taxi-cab driver who disappeared from his home here about the time William Desmond Taylor, film director, was murdered, was the outstanding feature today of the police investigation of the case.

The man, it was said, had driven Taylor home on several occasions; and detectives believed he might have visited the director the night he was slain. The driver's disappearance was reported to the police several days ago by his wife, who expressed alarm at his absence. The officers, in looking over his effects found three bullets of the calibre of that which killed Taylor, and a cap similar to that worn by a man several witnesses have reported seeing near the Taylor apartments the night the director was slain.

The parents of Mabel Normand, film actress, were to arrive from New York tonight to visit their daughter. Miss Normand yesterday moved from her Los Angeles residence to an unannounced address, which, it was learned today, is in Altadena, a suburb of Pasadena. Her friends said she was seeking rest and seclusion.

QUEBEC WOMEN OPPOSING SUFFRAGE CONGRATULATED

Coadjutor of Cardinal Begin Sends Letter to Women in Opposition.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—An Episcopal letter, congratulating the women of Quebec who are opposing the women's suffrage amendment of this province, has been issued by Mr. P. E. Roy, coadjutor of His Eminence Cardinal Begin. Mr. Roy says in his letter that women's suffrage is contrary to the fundamental traditions and faith of the French Canadian race. Women are allowed to vote in federal, but not in provincial elections in this province.

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Football Team Released By Viceroy Order

Collins Gives Assurance That Additional Kidnapped Loyalists Will be Freed.

Belfast, Feb. 19.—The members of the football team of the Irish Republican Army, recently captured at Drogheda, have been ordered released by the Viceroy, according to an official announcement issued this evening. The announcement adds that Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, has given assurances of the release of additional kidnapped loyalists.

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL BIGGAR DIED SATURDAY

General Biggar Was in Charge of Equipping Troops and Their Transport During War.

Files Plan to Pool ALL FREIGHT CARS

Warfield Sees Several Million Dollars Annual Saving by the Scheme.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—Quartermaster General Biggar of the Canadian forces, died here today.

Major-General J. L. Biggar, V. D. C. M. G., was Quartermaster-General for Canada, and during the war was in charge of all the equipping of the troops and their transport both in Canada and overseas to Great Britain. He retired from active army life after the conclusion of hostilities and for more than a year has been living in the quietude of his home in Westport, N. B.

General Biggar was born in 1857 and was married in 1882 to Miss Mary of Toronto. Children surviving are Arthur Biggar, who served in the Army Service Corps overseas, and who is now in Peru; Percival Biggar, who served in the Royal Air Force, and who is now completing his studies at McGill University; and one daughter, Violet.

Major-General Biggar first became interested in military affairs when he joined the Argyll Light Infantry in 1874, serving with the unit until 1901. He was camp quartermaster of his district from 1891 to 1906, and was on the staff of the Canadian contingent attending Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

General Biggar first saw active service in South Africa, where he served from 1899 to 1901, and where he was staff officer for overseas colonials at the chief base and on the line of communication. He also acted as Canadian Red Cross Commissioner for seven months.

General Biggar was the author of several military books, the most important of which were the "A. S. C. Manual" and "Hints for Quartermasters."

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LABOR LEADER THOMAS PROMISES REVELATIONS

London, Feb. 19.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Publication of details in his possession regarding the subsidizing by Russia of Communist extremists in England, was promised by J. H. Thomas, Labor leader, speaking at Sheffield last night. Mr. Thomas denounced the methods of the Communists.

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MINERS BREAK AWAY FROM THE LEADERS

Convention Renews Demand for Six Hour Day and Five Day Week

DEMAND OPPOSED BY UNION'S LEADERS

President Lewis Intimates That Convention Was Packed to Secure Overthrow of Hewat.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 18.—Renewal of the demand of union coal miners for a six hour day, five day week, a proposal that was made before the 1919 strike, was adopted yesterday by the convention of the United Mine Workers of America as a part of the policy the Union will seek to have included in new wage agreements, effective April 1. This demand had the united opposition of the Union's leaders, including all district presidents.

Besides the work day and wage proposals, adopted by the convention, its other demands, as adopted, include the following:

Removal of "inequitable deductions" in wages, which would result in increased wages in some fields; pay and one half for overtime work; double pay for Sunday and holiday work; elimination of the automatic penalty clause of the present agreements, providing for firing miners or operators for violation of contracts; and all new contracts to obtain for two years, beginning next April 1.

President Lewis, in a formal statement, after the nine day adjournment of the convention, "expressed regrets that he had been made to pack the convention so that it would overthrow the expulsion of Hewat."

ROYAL HONEYMOON TO BE SPENT AT FLORENCE

Bridal Couple Will Visit Paris Few Days En Route to Florence.

London, Feb. 19.—Princess Mary's honeymoon will be spent at the Villa Medicea, Florence, after a comparatively short stay at Westport Park, Shifnal, the home of the Earl and Countess of Bradford, according to the London Times. The bridal couple will visit Paris for a few days on their way to Florence.

The Lord Chamberlain has announced that, owing to the serious illness of one of the occupants of St. James' Palace, the King has commanded that the afternoon and evening parties arranged for Feb. 23 and 25 shall take place in Buckingham Palace.

Only a portion of the wedding presents will be transferred before then for public view.

MAYFLOWER MAY BE IN NEXT SCHOONER RACE

New Fight to be Waged to Have Seafarer Declared Bonafide Fishing Craft.

Boston, Feb. 19.—A new fight to have the Boston fishing schooner Mayflower recorded as a bona fide fishing craft, and eligible to compete for the North Atlantic fishermen's trophy, has been begun by the Schooner Mayflower Association of this city, it was learned yesterday. The association has addressed letters to the Boston Fish Bureau, the trustees of the trophy at Halifax, and the International Race Committee of Gloucester, pointing out that the Mayflower has to her credit from Dec. 15 to Feb. 14, the sum of \$3,900, and that on her last trip she brought in 116,000 pounds of fish, the biggest catch landed at the fish pier here this year by any schooner.

The Mayflower was barred from participating in the international competition off Halifax in 1921 because of her design. She has already been entered by her owners for the elimination trials off the Massachusetts coast next fall, when the fastest Yankee fisherman is chosen to try conclusions with the fastest Canadian schooner in October.

ACROBATIC RECORD FOR TEMPERATURE

Halifax Thermometer Shows Change of 60 Degrees in Twenty-Four Hours.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19.—With a jump from 30 degrees below zero Saturday morning to 40 degrees above Sunday morning the thermometer established a new acrobatic record hereabouts, and spotted the streets with slush pits for the feet of the unwary. Most of the slush pits in Nova Scotia were running as usual, today, after interruptions and delays caused by the recent blizzard and heavy frosts.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 19.—A gruesome tragedy occurred at the South End terminal Saturday when Howard Lowe, a brakeman in the employ of the Canadian National Railway, was caught beneath the wheel of a shunting engine and instantly killed. The wheel crushed his chest.

Lowe was 53 years old and a widower of Mrs. N. S. Boudreau, a wife he leaves two small children.