

\$1,900 TAKEN FROM 2 PRISONERS WAS STOLEN FROM SAFE

Proceeds of a Search When
City Firemen Were Arrested—Office Door Forced.

(Montreal Gazette.)
Whether or not \$1,900, taken from prisoners, was stolen from a safe in the police headquarters building on Gosford street, several weeks ago, will be the subject of an interpellation by Alderman J. Allan Bray at the next meeting of the city council. Ald. Bray said last night that he would bring the matter up to secure an official version of a matter which has been the subject of street talk for some time.

According to information secured, one of the offices of the police department building in the City Hall Annex was broken into and \$1,900 in cash has been stolen from a safe. The money, which was left there for safe-keeping, has been paid back by the detective to whose charge it had been entrusted. The robbery took place several weeks ago, and the money constituted cash which was taken by the detectives from two city firemen when they searched them.

Two members of the city fire department were arrested on February 21 by Detective-Sergeant Mercier and Detective Pelletier on a warrant sworn out by E. Belair, assistant paymaster of the city. They were held on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences by using forged checks of the city of Montreal. They were brought before Chief LePage, of the detective department, questioned and searched. The money was left in a safe in another office of the building.

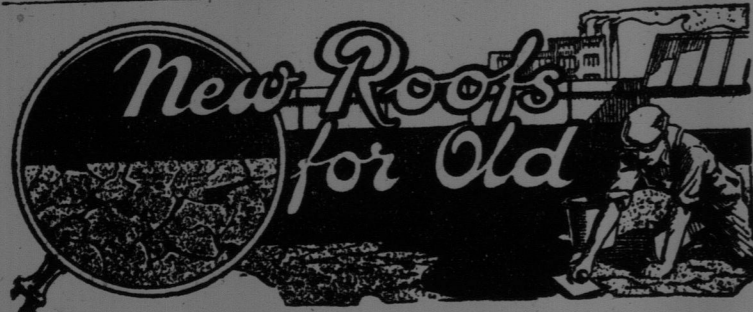
Duplication in Names.
The manager of the Banque Provinciale has previously informed the detective bureau that two men had presented checks of the city of Montreal, and that there was duplication in the names to whom they were payable. After investigation it was found that the signatures varied, although the paper, printing and official stamp seemed genuine. It was found that checks of a similar kind had been passed at the branches of the Bank of Montreal, St. Lawrence boulevard and Mount Royal avenue; The Moulsons Bank, St. Lawrence boulevard and Ontario street, and the Bank of Hochelaga, Mount Royal avenue east. The checks called for the usual amount of the fireman's pay, and the two firemen had explained that they were cashing checks for some of their comrades.

The case never went to trial. It was dropped by the prosecution and the money was returned to the banks.
What the detectives found on the men they searched was placed in a safe in one of the offices near the Gosford street entrance of police headquarters. The door was securely locked, but the following morning it was found that the door had been forced open and the money removed from the safe. The detectives who took charge of the money had to make restitution.
The theft, which was probably committed in the middle of the night, was regarded as giving rise to growing anxiety.

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the woodwork of the door of how it was pried open. Not many steps away is an open office where police officers are stationed day and night.

Chief LePage stated last night that he had no comments to make, except that not one cent had disappeared from the detective headquarters, and that the city of Montreal was not out one cent.

PLAN ENGLISH CHANNEL
SWIM IN AUGUST
Boston, April 18.—Charles Toth, of this city, who expects to swim the English Channel in August, has engaged passage on the Winifredian, sailing for Liverpool on July 6.

Senator Thompson Better.
Ottawa, April 18.—(Canadian Press)—Senator Thompson of Fredericton, who is reported as suffering from a rather severe cold passed a good night and is resting well today. His condition is not regarded as giving rise to growing anxiety.

REPUBLICAN RANKS SHOWING DISCORD OVER U. S. TARIFF

Dissension Occurs in Senate
Farmer Bloc, and Break is
Likely—Influence Alleged.

Washington, April 18.—Discord is showing in the Republican ranks and among the senate farmer bloc over some features of the tariff bill. Opposition to certain provisions seems likely to be so strong when the senate takes up the measure as to cause a break in the "bloc." The majority leaders thought that differences had been avoided when concessions were made to the bloc by the raising of duties on farm products over the rates in the house bill.

Some Republicans assert that representatives of the dye industry were very influential in framing the dye schedules. It will be openly charged, it is said, that three of the largest dye producers in the country were present in executive session when the rates were fixed by Republican members of the finance committee.

Senator Poindestre charged that the steel interest lobbyists sat with majority members of the finance committee when the duties on steel were decided upon.

Senator Poindestre contends that the steel interests had manganese restored to the free list.

"I intend to speak very frankly of the situation when I carry my fight to the senate floor," he said. "I shall make proper inquiry as to why representatives of the steel interests were admitted behind closed doors to the finance committee rooms when its Republican members were considering the steel and manganese schedules in executive session."

A lively assault on the senate bill was made by Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, who bluntly styled the measure "the worst of the many gold bricks handed farmers by the present administration."

The senate tariff bill is supposed to protect workers but it is noteworthy that the duty on cotton manufactures not including carpets, is about 21-2 times the per cent. which wages bear to the domestic manufacturers selling price. Duty on wool manufactures, except carpets and wearing apparel, are about five times the per cent. which wages bear to the domestic selling price, and the duty on lead ore manufactures is about twenty-six times the per cent. which wages bear to domestic manufacturers' selling prices.

There are typical illustrations of what the tariff bill is, because it is designed not to protect the workers, but to raise another such crop of multimillionaires as was done during the war. This tariff bill will not only kill the export market for farm products, but will kill the farmers domestic market by compelling not only the workers in so-called protected industries, but those in building trades, transportation and mines to pay three or four prices for manufactured products, which will leave them very little to spend for farm products."

COSMETICS IN SCHOOL WIN.

Court Restores Girl Suspended because of Painted Cheeks.

Corning, Ark., April 18.—Pearl Pugsley can resume her studies in the Knoble school following the rendering of a decision in her favor by Judge W. W. Bandy in the "lip-stick" case here.

Judge Bandy said he would issue a writ of mandamus to have the school board set aside its regulations barring students who use cosmetics. Miss Pugsley was suspended last September because she violated the rule.

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ARKANSAN, ASLEEP THREE YEARS, DIES FROM MENTAL PARALYSIS

Fort Smith, Ark., April 18.—James Eslinger, who had been asleep continuously for three years, died at the County Hospital on Friday.

Eslinger, for eight years a county charge, would have been sixty-three years old June 7. Physicians say that he was not suffering from sleeping sickness but from mental paralysis. He apparently was insensible to pain, was immobile and his eyes were closed.

In March, 1921, Eslinger for a few seconds showed signs of awakening, but he relapsed into the comatose state. On July 1, of the same year, he opened his eyes, said, "I ain't where I was," and soon fell back into coma. He was fed with a spoon.

MUCH BUILDING IN THE CITY OF MONCTON.

(Moncton Transcript.)
Building prospects in Moncton look excellent. Under the Moncton housing board, \$100,000 is to be expended this year, the contract to be let this evening, the tenders being received and opened this morning. There will also be many private owners erect residences and the parishoners of St. Bernard's church are to erect a very substantial and commodious hall on the property in the rear of the church. This building, it is reported, will contain two class rooms and a school will also be commenced this summer by St. Bernard's parishoners. It is also stated that the parishoners of L'Assomption church will endeavor to complete the Sacred Heart College at the corner of Victoria and Church streets. Aside from the work which will be afforded, the unemployed, it is probable that the city will give employment to another large number of men in the construction of sewers, streets, etc., etc. Taken in all, Moncton is forging ahead and seems to be the brightest little spot now in the maritime provinces.

COPP ON RAILWAYS.

(Moncton Transcript.)
While in the city on Saturday the Hon. A. B. Copp, M.P., secretary of state for Canada, addressed the Liberal Club members in their hall over the Maritime Press building. In the course of his address the Hon. Mr. Copp pointed out that his auditors must be agreed that the pre-election promise of the Liberal party was to be carried out, in that the Canadian National railway was to be managed in units and that the I. C. R. was to be restored to its former status. He pointed out that according to the address of the Hon. Mr. Kennedy, minister of railways, in the federal house, the I. C. R. would be managed as a unit, and the speaker felt that maritime province people would get all the managed from Moncton by maritime benefits to be accrued when the road was men.



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