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CLAIMS OFFICERS KNEW OF SMUGGLING

SPARKS ASSERTS SOME OF THEM AUTHORIZED IT

Denies Knowledge of Illegal Acts By Minister or Deputy

WIRES ADMITTED

C. P. A. President Says Action Taken Was Not in Public Interest

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Testifying before the federal customs investigation today, R. P. Sparks, president of the Commercial Protective Association, said he thought all the customs officials at Rock Island, Que., knew that smuggling was going on and that some even authorized it.

There was much discussion when the customs probe opened today about the production before the committee of telegrams to and from the Customs Department and the Justice Department. Local managers of the telegraph companies produced copies of all such telegraphic correspondence.

Stewart Edwards, Deputy Minister of Justice asked that only telegrams relating to matters before the committee be used. This was agreed to by Hon. G. H. Boulton, Minister of Customs, then asked that his personal telegrams be not shown to everybody working on the probe. It was agreed that Mr. Stevens, R. L. Calder, counsel for the committee, and telegraph managers would go through the telegrams and select what should be tabled.

SPARKS ON STAND

R. P. Sparks, president of the Commercial Protective Association, was again called to the stand.

Cross-examination by Mr. Boulton followed. Mr. Sparks said he did not consider Messrs. Farrow, Blair and Wilson of the customs department annually responsible for any irregularities. Nor did he wish to make any statement of any kind in the office of the customs department.

Mr. Boulton: "You said yesterday that in your judgment, Mr. Sparks (former Minister of Customs) and the acting minister, Mr. Cardin, had on some occasions interfered with the proper administration of the act."

Questioning turned to Bisillon. Mr. Sparks said he had in 1925, submitted evidence in the King vs. Bisillon case to Deputy Minister Farrow and an extract of the evidence to the Premier.

At the time Mr. Sparks was acting as Minister of Customs. This was the information on which Mr. Sparks considered the government should have acted and held an investigation.

Mr. Sparks replied that whoever did the choosing, preventive officers should be chosen for their "police mind," the type of man who could best "criminals at their own game."

Mr. Sparks thought the mounted police should be utilized, but he did not think that would be a solution. A secret service of trained criminal investigators should be employed.

Mr. Boulton asked if Mr. Sparks thought that at least part of the smuggling going on at Rock Island, Que., was carried on with "at least the tacit consent" of some officers stationed at that point.

Mr. Sparks thought all the officers at Rock Island knew that smuggling was going on and that "some of them have authorized it."

He also believed that some preventive officers had not received from Ottawa the support they should have.

The minister had power to move collectors from one customs post to another, without reference to the civil service commission, said Mr. Boulton. It might work for the benefit of the service.

"Shovelling" of British Workless Overseas Objected To In Commons

Revelations Threatened In Oilfields Case

By HERBERT BAILEY

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Sensational revelations are threatened in the suit entered by the new directors of the British-controlled oilfields against several men who were previously connected with the company. Sir MacKay Edgar was the former president of the board, but he resigned last November, following a petition in bankruptcy. The present board has been completely reorganized, with Lord Buckmaster at its head. The company is incorporated in Canada, and it owns exploitation rights over 3,000 square miles in Venezuela.

BROCKTON ATTORNEY RECEIVES THREATS

One Promises Death if Bomba Convicted, Other The Opposite

BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 25.—A threatening letter, the second since the trial of Anthony Bomba, Lithuanian editor charged with blasphemy and sedition, opened here yesterday, was received today by Associate City Attorney Joseph M. Veraska, who is assisting in the prosecution of Bomba. The letter read, in part: "Remember, attorney, if Bomba is not sentenced, we can shoot. Don't be a coward. There is a God. What about the rain, the sun and many other things? He is a fool that hates others to live, but Hoffman is with him. Let's have witnesses who will testify that Bomba is still more unworkable in the new provinces."

SEDITION ALSO

Bomba's utterances in denial of the existence of God in a speech here have brought him on a charge of sedition, a 229-year-old Massachusetts law. In addition he is accused of sedition in leaving the country and throwing of the United States government by force.

Mr. Bomba had cast reflections on established religion and had declared the only flag he believed in was the Red Flag and that he had hoped it some day would float over Washington.

PROPOSES TWO-YEAR VISIT TO ENGLAND

Maharajah of Indore Replies to Demand For Probe into Scandal

BOMBAY, Feb. 25.—The Maharajah of Indore has made reply to the recent demand of the Indian government that a commission of judges, composed of ruling Indian princes, should inquire into the scandal which brought the escape of Mumtaz Begum, the Nautch dancing girl, from his palace and the subsequent attempt to kidnap and return her to the palace.

The Maharajah has proposed to the Viceroy that he be permitted to spend two years in England, during which time the administration of the state of Indore would be handed over to a council regency.

Frontier Violation By Poles Charged

KOVNO, Lithuania, Feb. 25.—Violation of the Lithuanian frontier by Polish police is charge in a semi-official statement issued today. The incident occurred Monday night when, according to the statement, 200 Polish police, armed with hand grenades and machine guns, crossed the frontier between Kilaobolus and Podole and occupied the forest on the Lithuanian side.

Austro-German Threat In Balkan Provinces Is Feared

ROME, Feb. 25.—The arrival here of M. Nisichitch, Jugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, accompanied by General Bodoro, Italian minister in Belgrade, is said by the newspaper commentators as significant. They consider it an indication that the Austro-German incident regarding the southern Tyrol has

AGRICULTURE COUNCIL O.K.'S RURAL CREDITS

Development of Co-operative Societies Is Forecast

MEET IN REGINA

Unlimited Joint Liability Is Seen Unworkable At Present Time

REGINA, Sask., Feb. 25.—The departure of a Federal long-term rural credit plan, with provisions for the establishment, ultimately, of co-operative credit societies such as exist in Ireland, Germany, Italy and other European countries, was approved yesterday by the Canadian Council of Agriculture at its annual meeting here.

NOT WORKABLE NOW

During the discussion it was stated that the operation of co-operative credit societies with the principle of unlimited joint liability as an integral part of the scheme had proved unworkable in the United States and in Quebec, and would therefore be still more unworkable in the new provinces.

MONCTON TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLHOUSE

Trustees to Apply to Legislature to Issue \$100,000 Bonds

MONCTON, Feb. 25.—The Moncton Board of School Trustees last night passed a resolution to ask for legislation to authorize them to issue \$100,000 worth of 20-year debentures bearing interest at 4 per cent exceeding five per cent annum. The sum is to be applied towards the erection of a new school building on property owned by the trustees on West street, which is necessary on account of the increasing school population, which has been oversteering the capacity of the other city schools of late.

INCOME TAXPAYERS TO BENEFIT BY CUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—More than \$200,000,000 of the tax saving proposed for this year in the new revenue bill will go to the personal income tax payers.

THREE ESTATES IN YORK PROBATED

Administration Arranged in Mark Yeras, Charles Cremtin and Pat. Crowley Cases

FREDRICKTON, Feb. 25.—Before Judge H. G. Fenby, in the Probate Court of York County, letters of administration have been issued to Frank Yeras in the estate of Mark Yeras of Kingsclear, executors under will. The estate is valued at \$4,160.88 of which \$2,840.34 is personal and \$1,320.54 real.

Letters of administration in the estate of David Cremtin have been issued to his brother Charles Cremtin. The estate consists of \$20,000 life insurance. Letters testamentary in the estate of Patrick Crowley have been issued to John Crowley and Mary E. Doohan of Kingsclear, executors under will. The estate is valued at \$4,400 of which \$1,800 is real and \$2,600 personal.

LONDON BANKER'S WIFE DEAD

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 25.—Lady Zaharoff, wife of Sir Basil Zaharoff, London banker, died here last night. Sir Basil is reputedly the richest man on the continent.

COUNTLESS FACES STAY AGAIN AT ELLIS ISLAND

Hearing On Habeas Corpus Writ Over For Week

LEAVE ENDS WED.

Reopening of Case Likely If Present Action Thrown Out By Court

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—There is now a possibility that the Countess of Cathcart will renew her acquaintance with Ellis Island before it is decided finally whether she will be given the freedom of the country or be sent back to England.

RE-HEARING REFUSED

Decision to postpone the hearing came yesterday after the Department of Labor refused to grant a re-hearing of her case. It was held that the case is now within the Federal Courts because of the habeas corpus action.

U. N. B. AND ST. F. X. WILL MEET TONIGHT

College Teams to Battle at Truro For Maritime Hockey Title

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 25.—The St. Francis Xavier University hockey team, champions of Eastern Section, Maritime Interscholastic Hockey League, which will meet the University of New Brunswick at Truro tonight for the Maritime title, had a workout last night with the St. Mary's College squad, holders of the Halifax city senior high school title.

Blaze Breaks Out Again in Queenstown District—Fighters Cut Off

MELBOURNE, Feb. 25.—One hundred and fifty men, women and children, who took refuge in the post office building at King Lake, while the remainder of the town was swept by a great bush fire, have been rescued.

FEARS FOR MANY IN AUSTRALIAN FIRES

Adenoids and White Bread Are Blamed

GREENE APPEALS TO LEAGUE

Father of 25 Claims Prize For Largest Turkish Family

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 25.—A Mehmed Isat, a sea going man, has a large number of claimants have come forward for the prize of 1,000 lira offered by Ali Mahir Bey to the largest family in Turkey and the competition has opened a controversy as to the greatest number of children, but to the donor calls it, will be awarded March 1, 1926.

NEW SCHEME TO HELP SITUATION IS PROPOSED

"Capitalized Communities" Suggested By Sir Shirley Benn

GIVES DETAILS

Urges Corporations, Each To Develop And Operate Separate Colonies

LONDON, Feb. 25.—An ambitious scheme, which might be termed "capitalized communities," was submitted with a wealth of detail to the House of Commons last night by Sir Shirley Benn, Conservative member for Drakely, who moved that the government be responsible for the repayment of the capital and interest.

GUARANTEE QUESTION

P. J. H. Hannon, Conservative, in accordance with the motion, said he doubted whether Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, would smile on the proposal of the government guarantee which was necessary for floating the corporation. Incidentally, Hannon remarked that some uneasiness was being felt at the dilatory way in which the proposal of £1,000,000 (\$4,000,000) for the encouragement of inter-imperial trade was being dealt with.

AMERY AGREES

Lieut. Col. I. C. Amery, Secretary of State for dominion affairs, agreed that the government had no right to push or even encourage people to go overseas who were stranded at home and might find themselves stranded in the dominions.

RECOUNT IN QUEBEC MAYORALTY CONTEST MAKES LITTLE CHANGE IN TOTALS

QUEBEC, Feb. 25.—The recount of the votes for the mayoralty in the last municipal election resulted in Joseph Samson gaining three votes. The recount will be continued this morning. Mr. Samson was defeated by Dr. V. Y. Martin by a majority of 256 votes.

The Weather

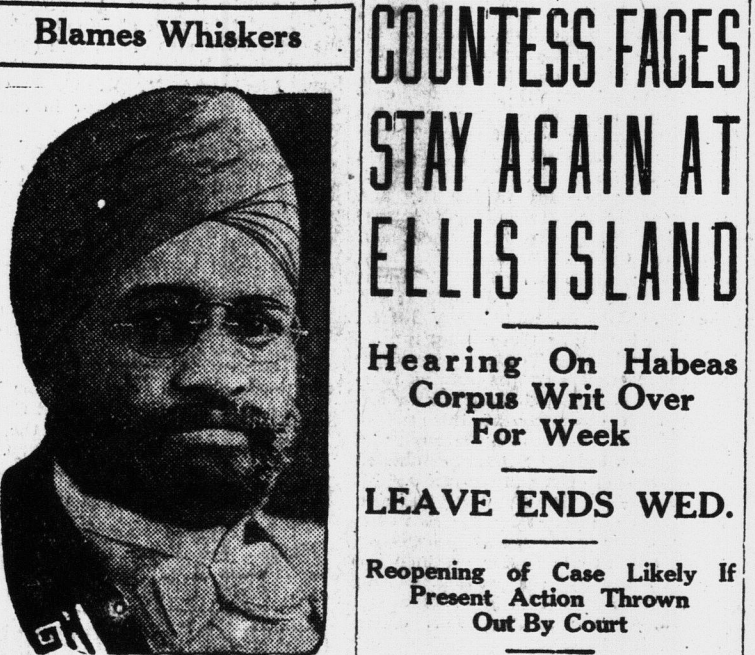
SYNOPSIS—The low pressure which was in the southwestern states yesterday, has developed into a severe storm now centered near Lake Michigan and moving rapidly northward. The weather has become much milder in Ontario and colder in the western provinces.

FORECASTS: Gales: Rain; MARITIME—Winds increasing to gales from south and southeast. Toronto: South shifting to west gales, with rain.

NEW ENGLAND—Rain in south and rain or snow in north portion tonight, probably clearing Friday morning, warmer tonight, colder Friday afternoon and night. Southeast and south gales shifting to westerly by Friday morning.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Feb. 23, 1926.

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