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HOLD ALLEGED LONDONER AS BANDIT

NEARS END OF DISCUSSION ON UNDERSEA BOAT

Arms Parley Likely To Reach Early Agreement Regarding Submarines.

CHITANS PRESS CHARGES

Far Eastern Delegate Wants U. S. Representative To Inspect Documents.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Canadian Press.—The armament conference resumed work today after a brief holiday over New Year's. The committee on reduction of naval armaments expects to receive the views of the Italian, French and Japanese delegations on the three articles of the Root resolution dealing with the submarine issue, and the Balfour amendment. It will then be in a position to pass upon the resolution to be reported from the committee on drafting. This resolution will, of course, deal only with the law of nations on the question of submarines, and will still leave for decision other points which have up to date elicited little controversy.

One of these is the Balfour proposal that the five great naval powers should declare against the use of the submarine among themselves; another is the proposal that the use of the submarine against merchant vessels be forbidden, inasmuch as such use of the submarine would be clearly impossible under the general declaration of the law of nations already agreed to by the five powers; still another point is the proposal to punish as a pirate any submarine commander violating the rules of international law as they will be laid down by the present conference.

Expect Short Debate.

It is not expected that any of these points will be the subject of lengthy debate. The tendency is to hurry up the work of the conference and get what can be agreed to reduced to writing as soon as possible. It is hoped that the five-power treaty on naval affairs may be ratified by a plenary session, and signed by the envoys before the end of the week, as an immense amount of detail labor faces the conference in respect to China and the problems of the far east.

It is practically settled that the four-power agreement will be amended so as to exclude the homeland of Japan, but there is some doubt as to whether this will be accomplished by rewriting the treaty or by an exchange of notes between the four powers, interpreting the treaty to mean that the Japanese homeland is not included in the term "insular possessions and dominions." Japan desires the change, and so does President Harding, who believes that the treaty will be more sure of ratification in the senate if such change or amendment be effected.

New Tariff Program.

Far Eastern questions formed the subject of informal conferences for many of the delegates this morning. There was also another meeting today for the sub-committee appointed to formulate a new tariff program for China.

In the matter of the alleged secret understanding between the French and Japanese governments wherein the former had agreed to support Japanese aims for a protectorate over Siberia, declaration was made by a member of the China delegation, Boris Skvirsky, that additional documents which he said had passed between the two governments on the subject, were in the files of his government.

Mr. Skvirsky suggested that these documents be inspected by a duly accredited representative of the United States government.

SELL BREAD AT FIVE CENTS IN N.Y.

New York, Jan. 3.—For the first time since 1916 the pound loaf of bread yesterday was ordered sold for 5 cents by one of the largest nation-wide chain store organizations.

During the last five years, the pound loaf was sold at high as 10 cents. Last May it was reduced to 7 cents, and this was followed by a cut to 6 cents last September.

TRIAL ENTERS SEVENTH WEEK.

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—The trial of Arthur C. Burch, accused of the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, entered its seventh week today with the prosecution prepared to continue presentation of rebuttal evidence in connection with the defence's plea of insanity.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Fresh southwest winds; mostly cloudy and quite mild today and part of Wednesday, with some light local snow or rain, then turning colder.

Pressure is high over the Western Provinces and along the Atlantic coast, while a trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior to the Southwest States.

An important disturbance is centered just south of Newfoundland.

The weather has been fair and cold over the greater part of the Dominion.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	40	32
Calgary	38	24
Winnipeg ..	24	*12
Pt. Arthur..	28	22
Soo	22	22
Toronto	10	10
Kingston ...	* 2	* 4
Ottawa	0	*14
Montreal ...	* 4	*10
Quebec	2	*26
F. Point....	8	*10
St. John....	8	* 4
Halifax	22	8

*Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 18 lowest, 4.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 17.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 p.m., 29.43.
Today—8 a.m., 29.10.

EXPECT TREATY WILL CARRY BY WIDE MARGIN

Dail Members Resume Discussion of Irish-Anglo Agreement.

PREDICT VOTE THURSDAY

Opponents of the Compact Launch New Organ, "Republic of Ireland."

Dublin, Jan. 3.—Members of the Dail Eireann re-assembled here this morning after an adjournment of twelve days, to resume discussion of the treaty with Great Britain.

A review of the attitude taken by the Irish people at large would seem to indicate overwhelming sentiment in favor of ratification of the compact. Since announcement was made that the treaty had been signed in London 101 public bodies have adopted resolutions in favor of the treaty, and in many cases have demanded their representatives in the Dail vote for it. Five more county councils—Limerick, North Tipperary, Tyrone, Louth and Wexford—yesterday added their voices to the chorus approving of the treaty. The unanimity of the farmers on the question is a notable feature of the demand for ratification. They have held scores of meetings throughout the country and without exception have affirmed their support of the pact.

Launch New Organ.

Opponents of the treaty today brought out a new organ, called "The Republic of Ireland," and it was looked upon as a new factor in the situation. Morning papers here discussed it with a note of satisfaction. Its tone was not aggressive, and the first issue refrained from personalities.

This morning's newspapers appealed to members of the Dail to heed the necessities of the country, one of them saying "The Dail must decided whether it is a democratic or an autocratic body."

The peace agreement has been under consideration of the body since Dec. 14, and it was generally believed here today that the present session would not be protracted. Many members looked for the vote on Thursday night or Friday.

An opponent of the treaty, Arthur O'Connor of South Kildare, Dail minister of agriculture, opened today's debate with an argument that the treaty was a step backward, and a declaration of belief that the real heart of the Irish peple had not changed despite the numerous resolutions of various bodies in favor of the pact.

Claims Cause Injured.

Mr. O'Connor asserted the campaign since the Dail's adjournment had in reality hurt the treaty, declaring it had been waged by people who had never done any good work for the country, and were now "howling at us." He attacked the southern Unionists, saying the people of Ireland would have none of them in the Irish Free State.

O'Connor was interrupted several times during his address, notably by Michael Collins, who resented his attack on resolutions favoring the treaty passed by meetings of farmers and other public bodies.

Just before the Dail was called to order, a buzz of excitement was caused by the distribution of an order of the day similar to the one circulated before adjournment, calling for Arthur Griffiths' motion for ratification of the treaty and Eamon de Valera's alternative proposals. The inference drawn from this was that Mr. de Valera, whatever might be the vote on the treaty, would submit his plan to the Dail. The Dail was late in assembling, and at 11 o'clock, the hour fixed for convening it, only a few members were in the chamber. They began to arrive shortly afterward, however. The crowd outside was small, but it cheered heartily the gathering deputies, with no perceptible partiality shown either the treaty's supporters or its opponents.

Logue Makes Appeal For Ratification

Belfast, Jan. 3.—Cardinal Logue, the primate of Ireland, addressing the congregation in the Armagh Cathedral, asked it to pray "that it might please the Almighty God to save them from such misfortune" as the rejection of the Anglo-Irish treaty, which held forth the only hope of peace and tranquility to Ireland.

The only alternative to ratification, declared Cardinal Logue, was that the country would be thrown back into a state even more drastically oppressive than that through which it had already passed. The treaty seemed to give substantially all that was necessary for the welfare and progress of the country, he told his hearers.

GAINS LIBERTY AS STORK CALLS

Hamilton, Jan. 3.—While Oscar Spafford was spending the new year in the cells on a petty theft charge, the stork called at his home and left twins. The magistrate, when he heard the news, released the prisoner.

EX-EMPRESS ZITA MAY VISIT SON WHO IS ILL

Lisbon, Jan. 3.—Former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary, in exile with the ex-emperor, on the Island of Madeira, has finally received permission to visit Switzerland to be present when an operation is performed on her son, Robert. Her application for permission was made some time ago, but there has been considerable delay in securing it from the Allies. It is announced the ex-empress would leave Funchal for Switzerland Jan. 4.

KING SPEEDS TO BEDSIDE OF HIS DYING BROTHER

Ottawa Hears Archie McCoig of Kent May Fill Vacancy in Senate.

TORIES TO FIGHT SEATS

Will Oppose Premier, Motherwell, Stewart and Murdock To Force Rail Issue.

[Special to London Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The departure of Premier W. L. MacKenzie King for Denver, Colorado, where his brother Dr. MacDougall King, is reported to be dying, leaves the new administration for the time being without a head.

Dr. King has been fighting tuberculosis for the past eight years and is now said to be about to succumb to its ravages. Throughout all this time he and his family have been supported financally by the present Liberal chieftain.

Quiet prevails at the capital, most of the ministers being at their homes. On the return of the premier, however, the cabinet will meet again.

The report that Archie McCoig of Kent may go to the senate to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Hon. T. W. Crothers, and will thus open a seat for Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, is received with a considerable deree of credence here.

Mr. McCoig has fought the battles of his party for many years, and at the last election secured one of the largest majorities in Ontario. The seat is regarded as a perfectly sofe one.

Will Force Rail Issue.

It is rumored here, however that the Conservatives will offer opposition to several of the new ministers now standing for re-election. It is the desire of Mr. Meighen to force several of the members of the new cabinet to declare themselves on the question of the consolidation of the National Railway system.

In addition to the premier, Messrs. Motherwell, Stewart and Murdock may be opposed, without any particular hope, however, on the part of the opposition of defeating any o fthem.

Mr. E. J. McMurray, M. P. for North Winnipeg, is on his way to Ottawa having, it is stated, been summoned hither by Premier King. That he will be taken into the cabinet is not, however, considered at all likely.

Talk of a national Conservative convention has aroused considerable interest.

Mr. Meighen himself has intimated that he will not continue as leader of the party until his leadership has been confirmed.

Such confirmation obviously cannot be had from a caucus of his elected followers in as much as no less than six of the nine provinces of federation are unrepresented among them. A national convention is therefore essential and may be held early this year.

MAKES SURVEYS FOR COMMISSION

Canadian Air Board Finishes Work For International Body.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(Canadian Press.)—The Ottawa station of the Canadian Air Board has just completed a large amount of aerial photographic work for the international joint commission. This work included a complete photographic survey of the proposed Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River deep waterway, with special sets of vertical and oblique photographs of points along the route where the different engineers suggested dams and locks.

Surveys were also carried out over the old and new Welland Canals, showing the progress made with the project for the information of the town planning branch of the department of the interior. In addition to these operations the Ottawa station made a photographic survey of the Gatineau Valley for the geodetic survey branch, and also a complete survey of the country around Haileybury for the entomological branch of the department of agriculture. This latter operation was marred when one of the seaplanes met with a slight accident at Lake Dumoine.

One of the features of the work at the Ottawa station during the past year was the satisfactory completion of the tests of the gyroscopically controlled camera invented by Professor Cooke. Excellent results were secured, and the camera is now undergoing modifications. A certain amount of experimental work was also carried out on the development of inter-communication telephones. These tests did not meet with such success, owing to the noise of the engines making speech practically inaudible.

FOUR DIE IN HONOLULU NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES

Honolulu, Jan. 3.—Four dead and eighteen injured was the toll of Honolulu's New Year celebration. Among the dead is Corp. Victor Schiller of the 27th Infantry, stabbed to death at the height of the merry-making New Year's Eve. His home was in Detroit, Mich. Pte. Gilbert Spillman was arrested and, the police say, confessed to the killing.

Police Quell "Riot" at Winter Gardens

Birds and Beasts at Springbank Zoo Revel in Glory and Finery Under Leaden Winter Skies of London's New Year!

BY JOHN J. MacLELLAN.

DENIZENS of Springbank Zoo, apparently better aware of the meaning of general weather indications than the officials of a meteorological bureau, have with the first icy blast of the new year hied themselves, with a few minor exceptions, to winter quarters.

The heavy snowfall of the past few days has had its effect on everything that flies, walks or crawls in the Zoo.

Pilgrimages to the riverside haunt of bird and beast at Springbank in July or August give but a meagre conception of how the inhabitants of the realm of the untamed live and to see the fur-bearing quadruped in all his glory and finery, a visit must be paid him under the leaden skies of a winter countryside.

To guard themselves against the nipping darts of King Winter, the fur-bearers, even as does milady, array themselves in thick glossy pelts.

Deer Now at Best.

The majority of the animals at Springbank are natives of a northern climate, and the scraggy, moulted hide of a bear in summertime compares not with the one in which that animal disports himself in the winter.

The beaver is like the bear, a beau brummel in the frosty season, his fur, inches long, shining like the well-greased pompadour of a fastidious 17-year-old male of the human species.

"Ursus Americanus," otherwise "Teddy," the big black bear, has secluded himself for the winter. One month ago the old "gent," the delight of the kiddies and the admiration of all the public in general, became the victim of an attack of incipient sleeping sickness. Possibly it was not this disease, but only boredom, which made him lose interest in life. At all events he appeared blase. During the summer he became fat and so much did this tendency to obesity develop in the fall that it was an effort for him to summon up enough energy to walk.

"Could Shave Yourself."

His coat acquired a gloss wherein "you could shave yourself," as Charles McConnel, the keeper, states, but despite the fancy coat nature had bestowed upon him, his indifference to his surroundings increased, he was imbued with the spirit of ennui.

Finally, between expansive yawns, it is said that he mumbled drowsily to himself in bear slang, "what's the use?" and in intense digust waddled to his concrete winter home to tuck himself in amid the cosy hay, there to lie in wait for the song of the robin's return in spring, and at the same time outdistance Rip Van Winkle for sleeping honors.

His brethren, the other three bears, young and like all youth not susceptible to the lure of the downy bed, snooze only in the afternoon, bestir themselves quite actively in the morning, particularly when the time for feeding comes.

One of the four cubs is in the grip of dread insomnia and finds difficulty even to sleep o' nights. This same youngster is precocious, and in the past few months has "pulled" more escapes than ordinarily happens at the average county jail.

The dwellers of Springbank Valley are wary of dark shapes in the moonlight since this particular specimen was added to the menagerie.

Doubt His Ancestry.

Dark brown tinges the coat of a third cub, and there is some doubt as to whether he is a true blue-blood black bear or no. Even if his progenitors didn't come over on the Mayflower, or whatever may be the equivalent in bearland, there exists a true democracy between all species, and he is accepted on a footing of equality, fraternizing playfully with the others of the cement caverns.

The bisons, of course, run free in the open park, spurning the protection that the park commissioners have graciously and thoughtfully afforded them of a shed. The more bitter the wind blows the better the buffalo seem to like it.

Their shaggy coats resemble a moth-eaten mat. Nevertheless the massive heads give a majestic appearance to these roamers of the plains.

"Big Bill," the bull of the herd, presents a dour appearance. Keeper McConnel has only one complaint to voice regarding him. This is that "Bill" is temperamental and has more moods than a successful operatic star like Galli-Curci.

Careful persons do not assume a careless attitude when entering "Bill's" domain, for he must be humored. The proper mode of entering is as follows: Overtures are first made to test the feeling of the big animal. If he seems mild mannered, all is well, but beware if fire glows in his eye or he paws the ground, for then the outside of the strongly-built fence alone provides a safety zone.

Sulks Most of Day.

"Big Bertha," the eldest female of the bison herd, is a sour dowager, who sulks wrapt in gloomy thought most of the day.

The owls, the vultures and the black swan have left their summer home on the right side of the roadway and are now in an apartment house in the main grove.

A cosmopolitan crew, truly, are the inhabitants of that hotel. A skunk, several vultures, a number of owls, four raccoons, a falcon, a variety of hawks and two tomcats live in perfect harmony, but rather congestedly in a small one-room shed in the center of the woods.

Such is the deplorable state of the housing situation in Springbank zoo.

A short time ago this happy and peaceful home was the scene of an unfortunate occurrence which depleted materially the zoo's skunk squadron.

One of the little beasts ventured too far into the reach of a hawk. The hawk is one of the few members of this household who is by no means "a peace at any price" pacifist, but the remaining members are not on speaking terms since the incident.

The falcon is the soap-box orator of the zoo. His continual clamors are one of the unnerving sounds that rise from the zoo at night.

The vultures, birds of ill omen, are a scrawny set and spend the day in morose silence.

The black swan pines in solitary confinement, its mate having sung the fabled swan song last summer.

Raccoons Hide in Dark.

The raccoons, too, hide their fuzzy bodies in the dark depths of their winter habitation, so that only their glittering eyes can be seen. They come out at night to exercise, and when not housed prowl nocturnally in search of food. But during the day they lie curled in the straw snug and comfortable, impatient of disturbance.

The favorite indoor sport of the owls in the daytime is sleep and at night hooting. These birds are exceptionally bright in the "wee sma'" hours, and confine their activities solely to such hours in contravention to their widespread repute as the sages of the animal world. For if wisdom were their portion, why do they not observe the adage "early to bed, etc.?"

The Chinese pheasants remain seemingly indifferent to the changes in the climate, their plumage the same in summer as in winter, gorgeous.

Multitudes of rabbits in the wood revel in the crisp air of winter and, comparatively tame, scamper about with the deer.

Of the deer it may be said that they are at their best at this season of the year. They race from end to end of the deer run in their full, sleek, cold weather coats, the buck of the herd with its antlers at fullest growth.

Eight deer skip and bound through the trees.

Four deer were born last summer, including one pair of twins.

The wild geese stand colorfully on the background of snow, and respond to the cries of their brethren flying south, breaking the stillness with their clamorous honks.

Two beavers in their winter quarters daily take the frosty air of winter, puffed up in a glory of fur apparel, which makes them resemble muffs of richest choice. The beaver tank has been drained, in spite of the doleful countenances of the beavers at the doing. They while away the day gnawing the tree trunks provided, to keep their incisors in the best of trim in case longed-for freedom should some day be theirs.

Beaver Likes Bathing.

The beaver is as strong an adherent of winter bathing in ice-cold water as the nonagenarians in Sunday supplements, who are pictured bearing their axe to the water's edge to crack the ice.

Unfortunately the beaver tank is made of cement, and if it were filled with water it would at this season crack the concrete, so Mr. Beaver and his friends must limit themselves to a sponge bath in the small puddle at the bottom of the tank.

The red fox and its mate are entirely oblivious to the worst blast that winter can produce, and if everybody felt as does this pair thermometers would be a drug on the market.

In short all the birds and beasts which droop dully in the summer time are now at their brilliant best, and the woods of Springbank, with the wind murmur in the trees, hold a brilliant but little seen exhibition in their midst.

BEGIN ISSUING TAX FORMS AT LONDON OFFICE

Members of Federal Inspector's Staff Already Are Busily Engaged.

MAIL NOTICES DIRECTLY

Onus of Responsibility Will Remain, However, On Taxable Citizen.

New income tax forms to be filed before the 1st of March, 1922, began to be distributed from the London district tax inspector's office Tuesday morning. Forms T3, T4, T5 are the first forms to be sent out, which forms are for executives, administrators of trusts and estates and for employers.

Formerly the forms were mailed from the commissioner's office at Ottawa, but this year the obligation was transferred to the seventeen district inspectors' offices. In the past the forms were returned to the commissioner, while under the new system it will be necessary that they be returned to the district office by the executives, the administrators and employers to whom sent.

Forms T3 are for executives and administrators of estates, T4 for employers, T5 for the reporting of dividends from companies and corporations.

Since the control has passed entirely into the hands of the inspector at London, the tax officials state that the utmost will be done to reach all for whom the forms are meant, by direct mailing and the supplying of the forms to postoffices, but the onus of getting a form for filling remains with the one required to file. The forms may be had either by mail, application to the tax inspector's office, or direct application to the office in this city.

The new forms required to be filed differ only slightly from the last year's forms with the exception that more attention has been paid to detail.

These forms, Assistant Tax Inspector Plewes stated, must not be confused with the declarations of income, which must be filed before April 30, the issuance of which will take pace shortly.

ALL TRIPOLITANIANS 20 YEARS OLD TO VOTE

Rome, Jan. 3.—As a preliminary to the granting of self-government to Tripolitania, Northern Africa, the governor of Tripoli has promulgated several decrees concerning the new judicial and parliamentary procedure, and regarding the electoral system under which all persons of 20 years of age will receive the franchise.

DANCERS DODGE AS BLUECOATS "CHARGE" HALL

Basil McKay, Charged With Obstructing Officers, Fined $50.

MANAGER STATES POLICY

Morrison Declares Trouble Started When He Asked Lewis Harris To Leave.

While New Year's eve passed more or less quietly in the downtown area, it seems that it was "too much of a good thing" to ask for every person to walk a chalk line two holidays in straight succession.

On Monday evening the long quiet spell experienced by a careful and ever-vigilant police force was abruptly brought to a termination by a riot call emanating from the region of the Winter Gardens, London's well-conducted public dance hall.

Arriving post-haste at the "scene of the fray," a squad of Chief Birrell's stalwarts alighted on the run from the department "speedster," and with drawn bludgeons charged into what appeared to them at first glance to be a real live screenland reproduction of the "Battle of the Marne."

Officers who participated in the "battle" claim that the pandemonium cut loose several minutes before their arrival and that those spectators who fortunately or unfortunately failed to "get a swipe" at somebody or other can strengthen their claim that "there was something doing every minute."

When the din of battle had cleared away and the smoke of conflict had been gently wafted out of doors, the police department, under Sergt. "Jim" Oakley counted noses and found they had bagged two prisoners, but deplored the fact that their original objective, one Lewis Harris by name, had disappeared from general view.

In short, he had unceremoniously quit the arena before the whistle blew.

The police reported Tuesday morning that the elusive Harris was still as yet "in parts unknown."

"Casualties" Were Numerous.

Casualties roughly estimated proved to be worthy of the combat. Black eyes, bleeding noses, incipient cauliflower ears, bruised limbs, etc., featured many of the combatants of the warring factions. Some people who attended admit that they did not "poke" or "get poked" by reason of the fact that the fifteen hundred in the hall, male and female, were irresistibly drawn, as by a magnet, to the front trenches.

Except at the immediate ringside was there much more than elbow room until the flying squad arrived from police headquarters. Fighters and their friends and numerous innocent by-standers were pushed, slugged, poked, walked on, or otherwise gently but firmly manhandled in the general melee seemingly to cheat the police of a conviction! As was sagely observed by one observer: "A most enjoyable time was had by all"—a fitting celebration to enable 1922 to get away to a good start locally.

In polise court Tuesday morning, Basil McKay, despite strenuous denials that he had willfully endeavored to obstruct the enactment of justice during the engagement in question, was adjudged guilty by Deputy Magistrate Bartlett and fined $50 and costs.

Manager Morrison of the Winter Garden dance hall testified that about 11 o'clock Monday evening he noticed four men on the west side of the arena who were "more or less under the influence of liquor."

Explaining that he does not tolerate the presence of such individuals on the premises, he approached the quartet, and asked one of them, the "missing" Harris, to leave. He states that they refused, and that one of them insisted upon questioning the merits of his request.

Sent in Riot Call.

Mr. Morrison relates that later, concluding nothing else would avail, he sent in a riot call and the police reached the scene.

In the meanwhile, it appears that three constables already on the job—Frayne, Williams and Leach, singled out Harris as the most disorderly. From the moment that this decision was made tre war was on, and hostilities broke out on all fronts.

Harris escaped after the arrival of reinforcements from Carling street, but Basil McKay was subsequently arrested on a charge that he interfered and was thus mainly responsible for the other's escape.

In police court, MrKay held that he was carried over by the weight of num-

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OTTAWA TENDERS RESPECTS TO BYNG

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Hundreds of Ottawa citizens paid their respects to his Excellency the governor-general at his first New Year's levee in East Block yesterday afternoon. Lord Byng received between 12 and 1 o'clock, and was attended by his staff, consisting of Capt. Balfour, military secretary; Major Willis O'Connor, Capt. Erskine, Capt. Jolliffe and A. F. Sladen, C.M.G., private secretary. For each of his New Year's callers who filed past him in a steady stream, his excellency had a kind word of seasonable greeting.

The official set was largely represented, including judges of the supreme court, Hon. Mackenzie King, premier, and all of his cabinet who are in the city, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and several of the former ministers, the militia headquarters staff, the deputy ministers of the civil service, scores of professional and business men, and a large number of local military and ex-service men.

POLICE BELIEVE PRISONER WAS MISSION HEAD

Los Angeles Officials Jail "Herbert Wilson" in $2,500,000 Thefts.

AWAITING VERIFICATION

Alleged Former London Pastor Moved to Los Angeles Eight Years Ago.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3.—Ending a man-hunt that has been in progress for more than a year, federal, county and city officers are today making, in and around this city, a final round-up of alleged members of an international band of mail and store bandits, who, it is charged here, have obtained more than $2,500,000 in stocks, bonds, jewelry, cash and negotiable securities.

Two men, Herbert Cox and Herbert Wilson, the latter alleged by police officials to be the former of the City Mission, London, Ont., are being held under close guard in the county jail.

Robberies were staged by the gang, it is declared by officers, in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, and many cities in Canada.

At least a dozen mail robberies are attributed to the alleged organization by the police and federal authorities.

Cox, who was taken from a steamer at San Pedro, is said by officers to have confessed, after being grilled for several hours.

Wilson, who, the police say, was recently the pastor of a Congregational church at Brownsville, Ore., and later a traveling evangelist, was captured after officers forced their way into his home on Santa Barbara avenue.

Wilson Denies Guilt.

Held in a small room at the federal building, Wilson was grilled for nearly 24 hours, but persistently denied any knowledge of the bandit gang activities, it was announced by the authorities.

Postal inspectors and deputy sheriffs then started with the former minister to Newball to "hide him out" in jail there, but at Burbank the prisoner suddenly leaped from the county automobile, it was stated.

The officers opened fire with their revolvers, and Wilson stopped only after two bullets had torn holes in the legs of his trousers.

Following the arrests a series of long conferences were held at the federal building in preparation for the filing of complaints against the prisoners.

In the meantime attorneys were engaged by Wilson's wife and they conferred with him at the county jail, in preparing plans for a legal fight against the sensational charges.

Among the more important "jobs" alleged to have been committed by the gang are the following:

The Alameda street mail robbery here on March 3 last, in which twenty registered mail pouches were stolen and nearly $1,500,000 in valuables stolen.

Gagged Night Watchman.

The Fifth Street Store robbery took place in Los Angeles nearly two years ago. In this case a night watchman was gagged and bound, the safe blown open and approximately $27,000 stolen.

The robbery of the Hale store in San Francisco more than a year ago. This robbery was executed similar to that of the Fifth Street Store and approximately $30,000 stolen.

Burglary of the Whathorn & Swan store in Oakland. This robbery netted the bandits about $20,000.

In addition, evidence was said to have been obtained tending to link the gang with a series of eastern robberies, in which the loot totals more than $1,000,000.

After resigning from his duties at the City Mission in London, Ont., some eight years ago, at the request, it is charged, of the City Mission board of that city, Wilson is alleged to have moved to Los Angeles with his family. Shortly after he left for Los Angeles he returned to Canada and conducted evangelistic services throughout Western Ontario.

At noon today complete verification of the identity of the "Wilson" held here and the former London, Ont., pastor had not been fully established.

CABINET MEMBERS SPEAK AT QUEBEC

Quebec, Jan. 3.—(Canadian Press).—The arrival in Quebec of Hon. Ernest Lapointe and Dr. Beland, minister of marine and fisheries, and minister of soldiers' civil-re-establishment, and in charge of the department of public health respectively, in the new King government, was marked by a public greeting at the station. The ministers were welcomed and presented with bouquets while speeches were delivered by Mayor Samson, Messrs. Le Tourneau, M.L.A., Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Hon. Dr. H. S. Beland, Georges Parent, M. P., Thomas Vien, M. P., and H. E. Lavigueur, M. P.

Both ministers in their speeches expressed themselves guardedly and did not make any specific promises or outline any policies, but left this to H. E. Levigueur, a former mayor of Quebec, who affirmed in the course of his remarks that the present unemployment crisis in Quebec would be settled by the Liberal Government.

He intimated that there would be work in abundance for everybody; the St. Malo shops would be operated to capacity, and the old rolling stock which was laying idle would be repaired and placed in operation.

After the reception at the station the ministers drove through the principal streets of the city in motor cars accompanied by local members.