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FORMER SCOTLAND YARD HEAD
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Sir Basil Thomson Charged
With Offence of Scandalous
Kind.

HAS NOTED CAREER

Is Socially Prominent and a Son
of Former Archbishop
of York.

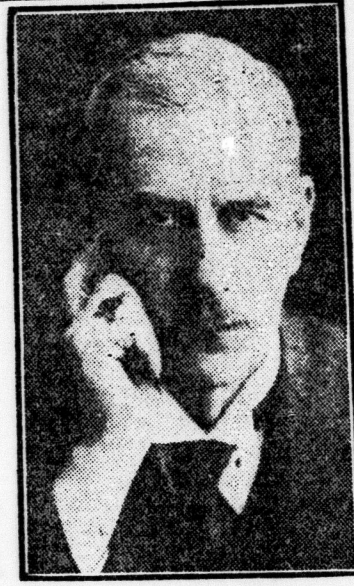
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—Sir Basil Thomson, former director of intelligence of Scotland Yard, and internationally known as a secret service operative, was arrested last week, charged with being concerned with an offence in Hyde Park. A woman was placed under arrest at the same time. At the police station he gave his name as "Hugh Thompson" and his age as 63. His real identity has just been revealed.

The woman gave the name of Palma de Lava. Both were let out on bail for appearance in court Monday. They failed to appear, and summonses have been issued, and the case will come up on Jan. 1.

Sir Basil Thomson is prominent socially, and is the son of a former Archbishop of York. He has had a distinguished career, was in charge of the secret service during the war, and had a large hand in convicting Sir Roger Casement for landing arms in Ireland in 1916. Casement was hanged in Pentonville prison.

Sir Basil resigned from the Scotland Yard secret service in 1921. He paid visits to Canada and the United States in 1922-23. He was the guest of various noted clubs and also of the New York police department, and delivered lectures in various cities on the aspects of crime and the operations of Scotland Yard.

He has been extensively decorated by foreign governments, and has written many books on subjects ranging from "The Story of Dartmoor Prison" to "South Sea Yarns" and "The Diversions of a Prime Minister."



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former director of intelligence of Scotland Yard, who has been arrested in London and failed to appear when called upon.

UNDUE INFLUENCE
IN DRAWING WILL

Appeal Court Sustains Judgment of Essex Judge—Appellants Censured.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—That the second will of Mrs. Margaret Florence McBride, of Windsor, leaving her estate to a brother and a sister and the latter's husband was obtained under undue influence upon the failing mind of the deceased to have the will made in their favor, frustrating her previously expressed intentions who she had full control of her faculties. The judgment also declares that Dr. Reed had been a failure in his profession, and for this reason he attempted to recuperate his fortunes by illegal means.

The court in its finding declares there is no doubt but that the appellants exerted undue influence upon the failing mind of the deceased to have the will made in their favor, frustrating her previously expressed intentions who she had full control of her faculties. The judgment also declares that Dr. Reed had been a failure in his profession, and for this reason he attempted to recuperate his fortunes by illegal means.

ROAD BUILDING PROBE
FOR CARLETON COUNTY

Carelessness in Accounts Is
Thought Basis of Discrepancies in Figures.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—As an outcome of the inquiry into road building accounts in Carleton county, of the county of Carleton, G. L. Squires, deputy minister of highways, announced tonight that it was proposed to have investigations in several townships of that county. It was not the present intention of the department, however, to extend the probe to other counties. The recent township inquiry had shown some discrepancies in the books, workmen having been credited with working on such manifestly impossible dates, as June 31 and September 31, and also upon dates which had fallen on Sundays.

Ulster Revolt
Still Spreading

Only One Platoon in Tyrone
Now Loyal—Situation
Becomes Grave.

Associated Press Despatch.
Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 16.—The strike of the "A Special" constabulary in Ulster took a grave turn this afternoon when all platoons of this force in county Tyrone, except that of Omagh, the county capital, joined the movement. They have selected motor trucks and quantities of munitions, and control the wireless facilities. The movement is spreading rapidly.

PRESTON JUNIORS OPEN
AT GUELPH JANUARY 1

Special to The Advertiser.
Kitchener, Dec. 16.—A play-off between the two leading teams on Feb. 2 and 8 was decided on at the schedule meeting of junior group No. 12 here tonight.

The Schedule.
Jan. 1—Preston at Guelph.
Jan. 5—Galt at Kitchener.
Jan. 11—Kitchener at Preston.
Jan. 14—Preston at Galt.
Jan. 14—Kitchener at Guelph.
Jan. 18—Galt at Guelph.
Jan. 18—Preston at Kitchener.
Jan. 22—Guelph at Preston.
Jan. 25—Kitchener at Galt.
Jan. 25—Galt at Preston.
Jan. 29—Guelph at Kitchener.

HUGE NUMBER OF TEAMS
ENTER NORTHERN LEAGUE

Special to The Advertiser.
Palmerston, Dec. 16.—N. H. L. executive has been called to convene at Palmerston at 4 p.m. on Saturday to group the teams entered. Today is the last date for entry, and at an early hour this afternoon the following teams had been entered: Senior series—Walkerton, Elora, Durham, Elmira, Glenora, Hanover, Forest, Palmerston, Park, Ripley and Winham, while the following had entered their intention: New Hamburg, Alvinston, Strathroy, Watford and Seaforth.
Junior series—Mitchell, Palmerston, Chesley, Durham, Elora, Elmira, Hanover, Harriston, Kincardine, Mount Forest, with Milverton advising they would be in.

WHEAT SCANDAL
IN THE ARGENTINE

Direct Charges Against Politicians and Officials Made
by Chicago Capitalist.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Charges that politicians and relatives of government officials in Argentina had been speculating in the wheat market of Buenos Aires were made today by George E. Saunders, vice-president of the Armour Grain Company. In a communication to representatives of his company Mr. Saunders questioned the good faith of the wheat crop report of the Argentine government, which showed a much larger crop than previous advances had indicated.

SEATS ALLOTTED
FOR FIRST SESSION

Leaders Move Nearer Center of
Chamber—Former Conservative
Ministers There.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The fifteenth parliament, which will convene next month, will witness a change in the location of the seats in the house of the prime minister and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader. The seat for the prime minister will be located two seats nearer the center of the chamber, with Mr. Meighen occupying a corresponding seat on the opposition side. This arrangement was agreed to at a conference this afternoon between W. A. Boys, chief Conservative whip; P. F. Casgrain, acting chief Liberal Whip and Lieut.-Col. H. W. Bowle, sergeant-at-arms. The change in the seating accommodations for the government and opposition leaders will permit all the members in the chamber to hear them in future to better advantage. The Progressives, in all probability, will sit on the government side of the house, further removed from the speaker's chair.

CITY MANAGER PLAN
FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Legislature May Be Brought
Down Authorizing Cities
To Use New Scheme.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 16.—British Columbia cities may soon give the city manager system a try, as the legislature is expected to authorize municipalities in any municipality of the province, and the nearest approach to the system was in South Vancouver, when the government appointed a commissioner to take charge of the municipality's affairs when they came seriously disorganized, following the collapse of the realty market during the war years. As soon as the municipality's conditions returned to the normal, however, it went back to the mayor and council system, which prevails in all towns too small to have mayors and aldermen.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ASKED
TO RETURN \$1,000,000

Associated Press Despatch.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—A five-to-two decision of the Illinois supreme court today directed Governor Len Small to account for approximately \$1,000,000 interest money alleged withheld by him while state treasurer.

Calling upon the people of Illinois to maintain their faith in him, and declaring "a great mistake has been made," the governor tonight said he would petition for a new hearing asking the court to reconsider.

The evidence proves that I paid into the state treasury every dollar which I received while state treasurer as interest upon state funds," he declared.

CANADA WINS PEER'S SON
AFTER 3 YEARS ON FARM

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—"My own boy has been working as a farm laborer in Quebec since he left Eton, three years ago. He is back here now and has obtained a good position, but he tells me that he is longing to return to Canada, and I certainly shall not stand in his way."

He spoke Sir Burton Chadwick, M.P., head of the firm of Joseph Chadwick & Sons, shipowners, Liverpool, in an address at the Canadian chamber of commerce here today.

Sir Burton Chadwick declared that neither free trade nor protection was a sacrosanct policy. He said he was convinced that in any case, a great wave of feeling was spreading over the empire in favor of the people of the empire dealing almost exclusively amongst themselves rather than with foreigners.

SIX-YEAR-OLD AIR MYSTERY
BELIEVED CLEARED AT LAST

Probable Clue To Disappearance of Canadian Aviator, Captain
Mansell James—Uncle in Samia Offered \$500 Reward
—Wrecked Plane Found in Woods.

Associated Press Despatch.
Pittsburg, Mass., Dec. 16.—The moss-grown wreckage of a plane found by a hunter in a thicket in a lonely section of the township of Tyringham may solve a mystery of more than six years—the unexplained disappearance of Captain Mansell R. James, a Canadian aviator, in the early summer of 1919. A searching party will leave here tomorrow to find and examine the plane and to beat the woods for the body of the lost flier.

Members of a party which went into the Tyringham woods some days ago in quest of deer today reported that Warren Campbell of Brooklyn, N.Y., one of their number, became lost and wandered on the plane wreckage miles away from human habitation. He paid little attention to his discovery, believing that others had found it before him. It was only when the news was brought here that the wreck was linked up with the loss of Captain James. Campbell had gone on his home in Brooklyn, but Eugene Chague of Lenox, one of his hunting companions, volunteered to head the search party.

Last Seen of Him.
The Canadian aviator, who had served in the world war with the Royal Air Force, won, late in May, 1919, a competitive flight from Atlantic City to Boston for a cup offered by the Boston Globe and a purse of \$1,000. He left Boston June 1 to return to Atlantic City, followed the wrong railroad line

TORONTO ST. MARYS
BEAT KITCHENER 3-1

Close Checking Features Exhibition Tilt in Queen City.

Special to The Advertiser.
Kitchener, Dec. 16.—In the opening game of the season played here tonight the Toronto St. Marys intermediates defeated the Kitchener seconds 3 to 1. The feature of the game was the close checking and in this respect St. Marys had the edge and they showed a smart intermediate club and one that will take some beating in the race about to open.

It was not good hockey, the players for the most part indulging in individual work, and this with the close checking gave the goalies a quiet night of it. There were so many players shot into the game that it was impossible to get team play going. The Kitchener had 13, indeed, in the last period a team played half way through for the locals, and was then sent to the showers, while another complete team, but the goalies, went on to finish it out.

The visitors talked in the first two minutes of play, and it was not until the third period that there was again a tally, and then St. Marys made it 2 to 0. Foulis and Heyd being the marksmen. With two minutes of time left the locals registered, Hillier doing the trick. It looked as if the locals would tie it up, but Heyd bounded once off the screen, and hit Ruppel's bar, and went into the cage for a fluke goal, settling the game.

The teams—St. Marys—Goal, Chisholm and line hockey for Parkdale.

LEAF'S RIGHT-HANDER
IS SIGNED BY YANKEES

Miller Huggins Purchases Star
Twirler From Toronto
Internationals.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 16.—Myles Thomas, star right-handed twirler of the Toronto International league club last season, has been purchased by the New York Yankees. In making the announcement today, prior to his departure for his home in Cincinnati, Manager Huggins said the Yankees had outbid several rival big league clubs, but declined to disclose the purchase price.

Thomas, since first coming to the Yankees for a trial in 1921, has developed rapidly in minor league ranks. After finishing the 1921 season with Hartford, Conn., in the Eastern league, he went to the Yankees and started with Toronto in 1922.

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Thistles Hoping
for Saturday Ice

Annual Turkey Euchre Tournament Will Be Staged Tomorrow.

These are anxious days around the Thistle curling and lawn bowling club on Piccadilly street. The members anxiously scan the horizon and meditate upon weather probabilities in the hope of finding indications of more frost. Several times there has been ice, but when the veterans have looked anxiously at their "stanes" the thermometer rose and their hopes fell. Many are hoping for ice for a bonspiel on Saturday afternoon.

Tomorrow night, Friday, Dec. 18, the euchre tournaments for 1925 will end with a mammoth contest for the annual trophy. President Harry Owen has had a bird in view for some time, and promises to have a record-breaker on hand at 8 p.m. Friday.

The second prize will be an enormous chicken captured in the wilds of Hyde Park. The prizes for the high average score for the season, and for the most lone hands will be awarded.

The standing at present is as follows: High averages—W. T. Mortimore \$6.3, W. H. Richardson \$5.4, G. Hunter \$5, R. D. Mercer \$4.2, G. English \$3.8, Wm. Garrett \$2.8.

Lone hands—Wm. Garrett 20, A. Connor 18, R. D. Mercer 17, Major Slater 15, Ben Dawson 15.

The Thistle club extends a cordial invitation to all eager players to participate in the "Turkey Night" tournament tomorrow at 8 o'clock sharp.

TAYLOR BEATS L'HEUREUX.
Livingston, Mont., Dec. 16.—Jack Taylor of Livingston, heavyweight wrestler, defeated Leo L'Heureux of Winnipeg here last night, taking two falls out of three.

WILD BILL SCORES K.O.
West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 16.—"Wild Bill" Reed of Columbus, Ohio, knocked out Joe White of Chicago, in the last round of a 10-round bout here last night. The men are heavyweights.

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