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TOMORROW—FAIR.

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### Printers In Session Oppose Amalgamation of Unions

#### ROBBERS ESCAPE WITH THOUSANDS IN TRAIN HOLD-UP

Four Carloads of Bandits Loot Mail Train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul System, Securing Cash and Securities Estimated at From \$100,000 to \$2,000,000.

#### GAS BOMBS USED TO OVERCOME GUARDS

Chicago, Ill., June 13.—A. E. Gerner, chief postoffice inspector here, declared today that the loss through the robbing of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul express mail train near here last night would not exceed \$100,000. Previous estimates had placed the value of currency and securities stolen from forty mail pouches at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Chicago, June 13.—In one of the biggest and most daring robberies in railroad history, four automobile loads of bandits last night held up a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul mail and express train and escaped with registered mail valued at close to two million dollars.

The train, en route from Chicago to St. Paul, was stopped at Roundout, Illinois, 32 miles north of Chicago. Consisting of eight mail coaches and two express cars, it left Chicago at 9 p.m. central standard time. Fifty minutes later it was in the possession of the bandits. In 55 minutes more they gathered between 42 and 45 pouches of registered mail and sped away in the darkness. A few shots were fired, but the only casualty was a robber shot by his fellows, who mistook him for a trainman.

The loss early today was estimated at about \$2,000,000, but bank officers said that a careful check might show it to exceed that figure. The train carried more than 70 mail clerks and guards, all armed, but only those in three cars were compelled to face the guns of the robbers. Those cars carried the registered and first-class mail.

**GAINED ENTRY WITH GAS BOMBS.**  
The robbers forced their way into the cars by breaking windows and throwing bombs filled with chlorine gas. Two clerks and guards, nearly overcome by the deadly fumes, were forced to open the doors and allow the robbers to enter.

Officials are certain that the hold-up was arranged by men thoroughly familiar with railroad and railway mail clerks' work. At least two of the robbers concealed themselves aboard the mail special before it left Chicago. The train had just gone through Roundout and was travelling close to 60 miles an hour. Two men, carrying flashlights and pistols, came from the high places between the tender and the first coach, crawled across the swaying coal tender and into the neck of Engineer S. R. Waite, of Milwaukee. The other bandit covered the fireman, E. J. Biddle, also of Milwaukee.

**Forced to Stop Train.**

"A half-mile down the track you'll see a red light flashed on the west side," the man back of the engineer said. "You'll stop the train. If you don't, you're done."

The train stopped on with shuddering speed as the bandits had ordered a slow application of the brakes. Just where the Buckley road, a familiar auto route between Chicago and Libertyville, cut the track a light flashed close to the west rail.

"Now jerk it," the bandit yelled into the engineer's ear. Before the train came to a full stop a third bandit cut the air line. Of the eight cars of the train, only one contained registered mail. The bandits directed the train to be slowly backed so that the car was stopped against the auto road. Clerks in the car saw two automobiles on the east side of the train and something on the west side, sensed something was wrong and, according to their orders, extinguished all lights.

When they refused to open the doors the bandits hurled gas bombs through the windows, and against the deadly fumes the courage of the men and their pistols were ineffective.

Outside they were lined up with

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#### The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Mostly scattered showers.

Saturday—Light to moderate winds, fair to much change in temperature.

The pressure is high over the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario and relatively low from Lake Erie to the Southeast States. Showers have occurred in Alberta, Quebec and parts of Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	60	48	Fair
Calgary	58	44	Fair
Winnipeg	56	46	Fair
Port Arthur	62	44	Fair
Perry Sound	72	52	Fair
Toronto	74	53	Cloudy
Kingston	68	54	Cloudy
Ottawa	72	56	Cloudy
Montreal	69	54	Fair
Quebec	64	58	Rain
Father Point	48	48	Cloudy
St. John	60	46	Cloudy
Halifax	70	40	Cloudy

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 82; lowest, 52. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 70; lowest, 59.

**Barometric Readings.**

Thursday—8 a.m.—29.25.

Today—8 a.m.—29.16.



DR. D. J. SINCLAIR, M.P., member of North Oxford in the federal parliament and prominent Liberal worker, who will be present at the big rally to be held in Hyman Hall tomorrow night.

#### COMMITTEE OPENS INQUIRY IN CITY

Farmers From Surrounding District Outline Plans For Improvements.

The agricultural inquiry committee of the Ontario legislature, headed by the chairman, Hon. Dr. Jamieson, M. L. A., Durham, arrived in the city at noon today, the members being joined at the Tecumseh Hotel by the London Chamber of Commerce.

Immediately following luncheon the committee, composed of parliament members, commenced to listen on "ways and means" to improve farm conditions as expounded by rural residents.

Among those who are scheduled to address the committee are: John Stuart, Ailsa Craig; Robt. Robinson, Alisa Craig; Edgar Bogue, Strathroy, who will talk on the beef cattle industry; Will Bogue, Byron, general farming; Chas. Macfie, Appin, mixed farming; G. R. Bond, Mount Brydges, growing; N. Sanderson and E. J. Davis, vegetable growing; Dave McEwen, Byron, sheep and swine; Hugh Jones, Thorndale, Frank Boyes, Dorchester, Will Howlett, Lambeth and J. E. H. London, on dairying; Mrs. Geo. Edwards, Komoka, on general conditions from the standpoint of Women's Institutes; Miss Mary Grant, London, on hydro on the farm; Mrs. W. N. Glenn, general conditions from the farm women's point of view.

#### TWO TRAINMEN KILLED IN CONNECTICUT WRECK

Associated Press Despatch. Cornwall Bridge, Conn., June 13.—Two trainmen were killed and several others hurt in the wreck of a freight train on the Danbury-Pittsfield division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad here today.

#### FILM WONDER COMES TO LONDON NEXT WEEK

Talking Moving Pictures. Invention of Radio Expert. To Be Shown.

FREE OF CHARGE

Programs Will Be Given at Majestic Theatre For Five Days.

For the first time, Londoners in their own city are to have an opportunity of hearing and seeing "talking pictures."

The failure of so-called "talking pictures" for ten years past has been mainly due to the fact that their inventors have tried to combine the moving picture and the phonograph, a feat which has been proven to be impossible for commercial purposes. Judging from a report from Montreal, all these difficulties have been overcome by Dr. Lee DeForest, the famous wireless expert, and recently, for the first time in Canada, perfect synchronism of voice and movement on the screen was demonstrated in a field picture house during the week of June 1.

This opportunity, of which Montreal so eagerly took advantage, is to be repeated for London. Through the efforts of J. R. Minihick, resident manager of the Trans-Canada Theatre, the picture will be shown for five days next week, commencing Monday, free of charge, at the Majestic Theatre.

The exhibition will be a remarkable opportunity for Londoners. How the marvelous effect is accomplished will require a highly technical description, but its effect upon an audience can best be described in the

#### CANADIANS ARE URGED TO RUN OWN BUSINESS

Co-operation But Not Amalgamation, Is Decision of the Printers in Convention.

IS CONGLOMERATION

Haydon Declares Central Control of Affairs Should Be Avoided.

Co-operation with the various other printing trade unions, but not amalgamation, now or in the future, was the practically unanimous decision of the printing trade unions at the Ontario and Quebec Conference of Typographical Unions, now in session at the Tecumseh House, Capt. A. P. Haydon, M.C., Ottawa, president.

This decision was reached only after considerable discussion on the subject by different delegates in attendance at the conference. Delegate James McMaster, Toronto, while not in favor of amalgamation of the printing trade unions at the present time, registered disapproval against "closing the avenue for the future." The question, he held, was too big and too important a one to be decided by the conference itself. He believed that the matter should be referred to the local unions by means of a referendum.

President Haydon asserted that there was a wide difference between "co-operation" and "amalgamation." The Typographical Union, he stated, was only too ready and willing to co-operate with the other printing trades, but to amalgamate with them, under the name of a "conglomerate" of all trades, and centralization of authority, both of which were to be avoided. The chief objection to amalgamation cited by the president was that the movement had been fostered and urged by the Workers' party of Canada, which in turn was responsible for the propaganda in this country of the Third Internationale of Moscow.

**Run Own Affairs.**

"We want it understood that as Canadians we can run our own affairs," asserted Capt. Haydon with emphasis, "and that when we wish to amalgamate we will do so through our own efforts and not through those of an organization located in Moscow or through the efforts of the Workers' party of America, now known, I believe, as the Communist party."

The motion that the present form of organization be maintained, and that allied printing trade councils be established in all jurisdictions, and strengthened where they already exist, was accordingly adopted, only Delegate McMaster voting nay, on the ground that the avenue of amalgamation should not be entirely closed for the future.

A resolution calling for fixed representation by the appointment of a Canadian as second vice-president of the union was also adopted.

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#### WRECK VICTIMS ARE NOW OUT OF DANGER

Canadian Press Despatch. Lindsay, June 13.—A. B. Hodzins and F. B. Blanchard of Toronto, as well as Taylor Parkin of Uxbridge, who are in the hospital here as a result of injuries sustained in the derailment of a C. N. R. train at Cambray yesterday, are reported to be out of danger, although very badly shaken up and suffering from shock. They will undergo X-ray examinations today. It is feared that Hodzins may have two or three fractured ribs. Six men are still in the hospital, and will remain there for a few days, all suffering from cuts and bruises.

A carload of stock from Kirkfield and Cambray left the track and had to be rescued from the car by tearing it off the car roof.

#### RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGE AGAINST CLARE HELD OVER

Thomas Clare, who is to appear in court next week on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles Lane, who was run down by a motorcycle by a car driven by Clare, had his name on the police court book this morning, charged with reckless driving. This charge was laid the day after Clare gave himself up to the police, and he was remanded to jail a week, pending a report on Lane's condition.

Clare was not in court, the magistrate stating that he would appear next Wednesday.

#### INCREASES IN CAPITAL.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, June 13.—Authorized capital of \$14,559,600 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended June 7, compared with \$9,660,000 the previous week and with \$8,921,809 the corresponding week last year.

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PROF. TIMOTHY SMIDDY, outstanding figure in Irish Free State political circles, who has been appointed ambassador plenipotentiary to the United States.

#### LIBERALS WILL HOLD BIG RALLY TOMORROW

Noted Orator, G. W. Kyte, K.C., Will Address Gathering at Hyman Hall.

SPLENDID RECORD

Will Outline the Government's Work Since Taking Office at Ottawa.

The Liberal machine will move forward tomorrow night with a whirlwind of wheels and an encouraging humming of engines. If present plans are carried out, that business-like humming will be even more; it will be the luxurious song of a 12-cylinder engine.

At a mass meeting tomorrow night in Hyman Hall, the chief Liberal whip, George W. Kyte, K.C., member of the Dominion Parliament for Cape Breton South and Richmond, will present the Liberal record since it assumed the responsibility for government under Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister.

Mr. Kyte's address will not only be a spur to Liberal enthusiasm, but it will be in addition a rare lecture on current events. He will deal with federal politics up to the minute, and the value of this as an educational feature is obvious. Mr. Kyte is one of the outstanding speakers of the Liberal party, a man with a genius for presenting facts in the most interesting manner possible, and possessing one of the most compelling personalities in the country.

Mr. Kyte is a barrister who became king's counsel in 1907, and was first elected to parliament in 1908. He was re-elected in the general election of 1921.

Mr. Kyte will be accompanied by two other outstanding Liberals, Dr. D. J. Sinclair, M.P., of North Oxford, will be present, as well as James Malcolm, M.P., of North Bruce.

#### Salary List Feud IS DUE FOR REVIVAL

Mayor Determined To Print Utilities Wages in 1924 Year Book.

Mayor Wenige is reaching for the war drum and strapping on the scimitar of state preparatory to another round with the utilities companies, commissioners on the salary question. At the present time the city hall year book is being held from the printers who are in the hands of the public utility list is not in the hands of the city clerk.

"That salary list will be in the city hall year book," says the mayor, "this year, just as it was last year. There will probably be some changes in the list from last year, as I believe that the salaries were changed shortly after the last year's list was given to the city. However, I shall be at the meeting of the public utilities commission on Thursday of next week, and shall ask that the list be given to the city."

The board of works instructed the clerk to ask once more for the list at its meeting yesterday, and it was felt that the commission had not treated the matter with even respect in neglecting to even answer the request for the list.

#### CONSTABLE USES EASY WAY TO SECURE MAN

Aged London Township Citizen Induced To Come With Tobacco Bribe.

Tobacco has its uses, as George Tustin of the Humane Society is ready to testify. Mr. Tustin accompanied High Constable Wharton to Concession 15, London Township, this morning to arrest an aged man who it is alleged should be an inmate of the Ontario Hospital.

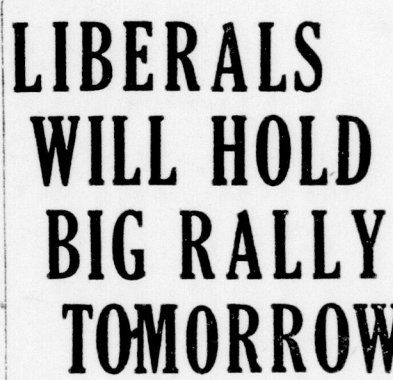
The officers did not want to use force in bringing the man of 75 years to the city, and finally Mr. Tustin picked up the old chap's pipe, carried it out to the car, filled it with tobacco, and told him to "come get it." The prisoner stepped into the car without fuss, the high constable stepped on the gas, and turned the car towards London and the jail.

"I don't have to go with you," the prisoner stated. "All I have to do to stop the car is to shout, 'I haven't had a drink for 40 years.'"

Neighbors have been complaining about the man's conduct, and it was decided to have him brought to the jail and examined by Dr. James D. Wilson, the jail physician.

#### CANADA'S FIRE LOSSES.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, June 13.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ended June 11 are estimated by the Monetary Times at \$210,250, compared with \$383,500 the previous week and with \$794,800 the corresponding week of last year.



MAYOR W. W. HILTZ, of Toronto, newly-elected president of the Lay Association of the Toronto Methodist Conference, who urged that prohibition forces be strengthened to make ready for the plebiscite to come.

#### DOUMERGUE IS NEW PRESIDENT

Paul Painleve Defeated in the Election of France's Chief Executive.

Associated Press Despatch. Versailles, June 13.—Gaston Doumergue was today elected president of France by the national assembly here. M. Doumergue received 515 votes and Paul Painleve, president of the Chamber of Deputies, 399 votes, with 29 votes for various other candidates and eight blank ballots.

These figures were officially announced in open session of the assembly. Immediately after the election the president of the republic asked Edouard Herriot, leader of the Radical party, to confer with him as soon as the assembly adjourned.

Eight hundred and sixty-one senators and deputies voted. The vote needed to elect was 431.

**PERET WITHDRAWS.**

Associated Press Despatch. Versailles, June 13.—Raoul Peret, former president of the Chamber of Deputies, candidate of the parties of the right for the presidency, had notices posted in the hall of the national assembly here this afternoon withdrawing his candidacy.

#### BRANTFORD PARK BOARD APPEAL IS ALLOWED

Associated Press Despatch. Toronto, June 13.—The appellate division has allowed the appeal of the board of park management of Brantford from the decision of Mr. Justice Kelly, allowing Bulmer's Limited, caterers, an injunction restraining the board from leasing park privileges of Mohawk Park to any other parties for the duration of the five-year period for which Bulmer's Limited, hold the lease.

#### 20 EXTRA PAGES

A few weeks ago The Advertiser introduced London's first 8-page colored comic section. Tomorrow The Advertiser will give the first section of Rotogravure pictures ever published by a London newspaper. The Saturday Advertiser now gives twenty extra pages of entertainment in addition to the regular daily news section.

#### 4 Pages of Rotogravure

Photographs gathered from all parts of the world—printed in sepia on glossed paper—fashions, politics, sport, society, science.

#### 8 Pages of Colored Comics

The Gumps, Jiggs, Barney Google, Mr. and Mrs. Toots and Casper, Polly and Her Pals, Tillie the Toiler and Just Boy—the best known funny people in the world.

#### 8 Pages of Magazine Section

Tomorrow the Magazine Section has a dozen interesting articles—Canada's new immigrants—adventure—Life's Little Comedies—a page of pictures— anecdotes of famous people—two pages of fiction—all illustrated by well-known artists.

The Advertiser's Saturday edition is a Canadian product—planned in Canada—printed in Canada—dealing with Canadian subjects—published for Canadian readers.



U. S. Navy Mourns Loss of 48 Men in Battleship Accident.

#### DEAD RECOVERED

Target Practice Ends in Navy's Worst Peace Time Tragedy.

Associated Press Despatch. San Pedro, Cal., June 13.—The United States navy today mourns its dead, three officers and 45 enlisted men, their lives being snuffed out aboard the dreadnought Mississippi in the fleet's greatest peacetime disaster, which brought to a tragic climax a week of sham battles and target practice.

Aboard the U. S. S. New Mexico, flagship of division 4 of the battle fleet, members of a naval board of inquiry prepared to open their investigation of the disaster. Aboard the Mississippi, anchored outside the breakwater, officers and men watched the flame-shattered turret where a 14-inch gun with an unexpected charge in its breech meant that danger of still another explosion had not been passed.

It was a flare-back from one of the guns that shot death in flames and poisonous gases back into the turret, which caught fire, and a second gun, the breech locked, but loose in the harbor here as the Mississippi steamed home with its dead and injured from the drill grounds and hurled a steel projectile dangerously near to an outbound passenger liner. Should the gun's charge explode before it can be removed, it is believed, the explosions already taken will render the frigate harmless.

Of the injured there were strangely few. With a death toll close to the half-hundred mark, only eight men were numbered among the hurt, and injuries were comparatively slight, consisting mainly of minor lacerations.

**Cause Undetermined.**

How the fatal explosion occurred still was undetermined early today, though from witnesses aboard the Mississippi and other vessels near her when disaster broke up their scheduled target practice a fairly comprehensive picture of the accident was obtained.

The battleship, Mississippi, Tennessee, Idaho and California, the latter towing the target, were off San Clemente Island, 45 miles from here, and were engaged in secret gunnery practice, a feature of which was massed.

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