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BAHAMAS TREASURY VAULT IS ROBBED

\$47,000 TAKEN, OVER \$50,000 STREWN ABOUT

Door Blown Off Safe Next To Police Station

NO ALARM GIVEN

Son of Turnkey Is Held; Government Embarrassed By Lost Currency

NASSAU, Bahamas Islands, March 19.—The colonial government of the Bahamas faces financial embarrassment as a sequel to the daring robbery of the treasury vault here early Wednesday morning, it became known today.

Grave concern was expressed in official circles yesterday, when Colonial Secretary Burns informed the legislature that approximately \$47,000 gold and silver specie had been stolen.

There are no regular tax levies, government officials fear that the treasury loss will seriously curtail appropriations for public works.

Robbery of the government vault will go down in island criminal annals as the most daring since the days of pirate occupation.

The treasury building adjoins the police station and although dynamite used in shattering the door of the vault broke every window in the treasury building no alarm was given.

Specie taken from the vault weighed nearly a ton, and it is believed the robbers made off in a power boat.

\$50,000 REWARD OUT. When the robbery was discovered Thursday morning the government immediately posted a \$50,000 reward.

The century-old vault contained nearly \$100,000 reserve, backing the colony's currency issue. The residue in coin and bills was scattered over the building by the explosion.

Currency commissioners spent yesterday collecting scattered coins and currency and estimating the loss. The remaining funds, stored in whiskey kegs, were later taken under heavy guard to the Royal Bank of Canada.

Spencer Williams, a young Bahaman and a native of New Providence Island, is under arrest as a suspect in connection with the robbery. He pleaded not guilty when brought before Magistrate Osborn for preliminary hearing, and was remanded to jail in default of bond of \$10,000.

Williams is a son of the turnkey at Nassau Prison.

ENTRY IS MYSTERY. How the robbers gained entrance to the treasury building is a mystery, as the iron shutters and doors were found locked securely Thursday morning. As there was no evidence of having been tampered with.

Government officials and island residents were attending a ball the night of the robbery and home coming guests passing the treasury building while the robbers must have been at work, said they noticed nothing suspicious.

Florida authorities have been notified to keep on the lookout for the robbers.

MEIGHEN BLOCKS MOTIONS BY ROBB. Finance Minister Loses on Two Points of Procedure in House.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 19.—Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, arose in the House last evening, after several resolutions of private members had been under consideration, and moved that the committee go into committee of estimates.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative Leader, objected to the motion at this stage. All the resolutions on the order paper had first to be proceeded with, he stated. Mr. Speaker Lemieux sustained Mr. Meighen's objection.

Later on in the evening after the Premier had made the usual motion for adjournment until today, Mr. Robb enquired what had become of his motion to go into supply on Friday.

AGAIN THWARTED. Mr. Meighen again objected stating that the House had adjourned. Mr. Speaker remarked that he had not yet decided the motion for adjournment.

24 Killed, 40 to 100 Wounded as Peking Soldiers Fire on Students' Parade

Judge Soaks Defaulting Bridegroom

LONDON, March 19.—A judgment important to lawyers and lovers alike was handed down in the High Court by Justice McCordie yesterday, setting a precedent on a question which has gone without a ruling in British law for centuries.

Justice McCordie, known as the "Bachelor Judge," ruled that if a man, without legal justification, refuses to carry out a promise of marriage he cannot demand the return of his engagement ring.

FUNERAL OF LATE E. H. ALLEN TODAY

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C. P. R. Freight Leaves Rails at Sicomous Lake; Men Beating Way Misad

VANCOUVER, March 19.—Fears that six men may have lost their lives when five or six cars of a C. P. R. eastbound freight train left the rails at Sicomous Lake late Wednesday night, was expressed by travelers who arrived here last night on a passenger train that was held at the scene of the wreck for more than two hours Thursday.

Trains found one man lying half in the water at the foot of a hill. Both his legs were broken. He told his rescuers that he was one of a party of eight men who were on the train when it derailed.

ABE MASSEY ENTERED MONCTON, March 19.—(Special) Abe Massey, local junior skater, winner of the Buffalo City Championship for the 16-year-old class, will skate under the Saint Bernard's Catholic Institute colors in the city skating meet in the Sunnyside rink next Tuesday.

FUNERAL TODAY. MONCTON, March 19.—(Special) The funeral of little Vernon Steeves was held at the residence of Otto Gledard, 85 High street, this afternoon, at 8 o'clock, leaving at 8.30 for Elmwood cemetery.

Veniot Skips Rink To Tie, As Baxter In Lead Position On Another Team, Meets Defeat

FREDERICTON, March 19.—Fredericton Curling Club players triumphed over three rinks composed of legislative representatives. House officials and civil servants last evening at the Fredericton Curling Rink by a narrow margin of two points.

The opposition leader, Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, skipping a rink composed of Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, H. C. Rutter, sergeant-at-arms, and E.

R. Richard, of Sackville, member of the commission on consolidation of the statutes, succeeded in tying the score of 10 all with the club skipped by R. B. Vandine. In this he was more successful than the rink skipped by S. D. Hecker, representative for Northumberland, who had Premier Baxter as lead stone against S. D. Simmons' rink; the latter, F. C. Murchie, chairman of the New Brunswick Liquor Commission, also sustained a one-point defeat at the hands of Skip T. Amos Wilcox.

MINISTER OF HEALTH LAUDS PASTEURIZATION

Dr. Taylor Promises Every Possible Economy in Dept.

PLANT INSPECTED

Committee Told Saint John Health Board Rejected Agreement To Share Cost

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 19.—Pasteurized milk and other medical items bulked largely in the consideration this morning by the public accounts committee of the Comptroller-General's report. In the discussion that ensued, Hon. Dr. H. L. Taylor, Minister of Health, came out strongly for pasteurized milk.

An amusing tilt occurred when Dr. Oulton, Westmorland, said in glancing over the accounts he noticed where the government had paid several telephone bills for Dr. W. P. Roberts, former Minister of Health, when meeting to his wife in Saint John.

Hon. Dr. Taylor—"I hope they never have to pay bills like that for me," Dr. Taylor is a bachelor.

SAYS PACT REPUDIATED. The minister was asked concerning items for inspection of a pasteurization plant in Saint John. Hon. Dr. Taylor stated there had been an agreement with the Saint John Board of Health to pay half the cost of this plant, but he repudiated the agreement.

Dr. Taylor favored the policy of medical school inspection by full-time medical inspectors. The average cost of the inspection under the present system amounts to 35 cents per pupil contrasted with 50 cents under the former system.

Some amusement was created by reference to the duties of medical school inspectors when the average cost would happen in the event of an epidemic of "itch" during the inspector's absence. This was easily recognizable disease, Dr. Taylor pointed out, and children should be sent home to "scratch" by the teachers. It was not the duty of the inspector to examine and prescribe in individual cases, but rather to carry on a preventive inspection service.

ALIMONY IS ASKED. Respondent on Stand All Morning in Divorce Case at Capital.

FREDERICTON, March 19.—The respondent in the divorce case of Anne Drakford MacIntosh vs. Lorne McC. MacIntosh, was on the stand all morning and will be on again this afternoon. Certificate of the judgment and decree of the divorce granted the defendant in Maine was placed in evidence. Examination by W. P. Jones, K. C., and cross-examination by R. W. McLellan concerning largely the property and income of the defendant as concerning alimony, for which application has been made.

AUSTRALIA BANS LEAGUE EXPANSION. Melbourne, March 19.—Premier Bruce, in the House of Representatives today, said the Commonwealth government instructed its representatives at Geneva that the government opposed the enlargement of the League Council beyond the admission of Germany.

He did not think the league had suffered any real injuries and while the Federal government regretted the present position, it did not regard it as alarming but believed a satisfactory solution would be found in September.

Movie Actress Gets Divorce From Trainer. LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 19.—Florence Lee, motion picture actress, was given a divorce from Teddy Hayes, former trainer for Jack Dempsey, after she testified here yesterday that Hayes excused his arrival home at 3 and 4 in the morning with the explanation that he had been training Dempsey.

Keiths Buy Ottawa House; Owners Lose

OTTAWA, Ont., March 19.—The B. F. Keith corporation yesterday purchased the theatre owned by the Theatres, Ltd., for \$537,000, and as a result of the sale over 1,000 shareholders in that company lose in the neighborhood of \$500,000. The price at which the theatre building was sold will result in a return of about \$20 per share to the preferred shareholders. The holders of common stock will lose all that they put into the enterprise. The new owners take over complete possession of the property on April 5.

FURTHER MOVE MADE TO SAVE CHAPMAN. Fourth Reprieve Sought; Injunction Against Execution Also is Planned.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 19.—The fight to save General Chapman from the gallows on April 6 is not over, according to counsel who are planning new moves to prevent the State from executing the convicted murderer. Should Governor John Trumbull refuse a fourth reprieve, it is planned by the criminal's legal staff to seek an injunction in the Federal Court to prevent H. K. W. Scott, warden of the State prison, from hanging Chapman until the new issues are decided.

NEW TRIAL MOVE. Contemplated also is a move for a new trial on the ground that three New Britain policemen gave inaccurate testimony against Chapman during the trial. It is supposed he intended to go into hiding there. Meanwhile officers of four counties were on his trail and highways in all parts were guarded.

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