

PRECIOUS PLUMES SEIZED ON SHIP

U. S. Customs Officers Find
Bird of Paradise
Feathers

Two Men Caught at New
York Pier—Feathers High-
ly Valued Confiscated—
Law Makes It Difficult to
Prove Offence.

Customs officers at New York the other day uncovered what is believed to be a plot to smuggle hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of bird of paradise feathers into the United States when Emanuel Viscara and Giovanni Ponce, two brothers on board the Italian liner Duca degli Abruzzi, were caught leaving the boat at Pier 97, North River, with feathers concealed under their clothes.

Inspector McGuinness, who was on the pier, noticed that the two men had spare features and thin necks, but remarkably fat bodies and round legs. The two men put up a fight, but were soon overpowered. When their coats and shirts were taken off it was found that each had about forty-five bird of paradise plumes strapped tightly to his body and legs.

Inspectors Lynch and Barron boarded the ship and searched the bunks of the firemen. They found plumes hidden in pillows, in mattresses and other hiding places. While they were at work other members of the ship's company discovered the inspectors and attacked them. The two inspectors had to draw their revolvers and threaten to shoot to avoid being mobbed. About 110 sets of feathers were recovered, value estimated between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Two Men Locked Up

The two men who were caught leaving the pier were locked up in the Tombs while the investigation was continued. The prisoners were charged with a violation of a Federal act of 1913, which forbids the importation of the plumage of wild birds.

Big Seizure Three Years Ago

The biggest seizure of smuggled feathers took place in 1917, when about \$100,000 worth were taken from Arthur Arbib, an Armenian dealer, who was convicted, but was allowed to go on payment of a fine of \$5,000, on his plea that he was sick and a jail sentence would kill him. Arbib is still alive.

The bird of paradise is killed principally in New Guinea and throughout the Malay Archipelago during the nesting season, where the birds hold what are called "sacred" or "dancing" parties. The males assemble in groups of fifteen or twenty in one tree and show off their magnificent plumage to attract the females. The usual method of killing them employed by the natives is to build huts in the lower branches of the trees which seem to be the intended scenes of "dancing parties." They bring

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The great number of men who have their clothes custom tailored will appreciate the unexpected drop in prices. This is not a general lowering of prices throughout the trade but is obtainable at Oak Hall where a very special sale is now in force.

The simple reason for this sale is that the month of August is the "quiet" month of the year, it is between the regular seasons, and Oak Hall, rather than disrupt their fine organization are taking this method of holding it together.

During this sale \$70 and \$75 suits are offered for \$58. Suits regularly priced at \$80 are now quoted at \$68. Then there is an excellent range of \$50 Fall overcoats offered at \$40 and Winter overcoats regularly priced from \$60 to \$65 are marked at \$50. These prices are all below the luxury tax, so that the prices mentioned above are net prices.

Many men will no doubt take advantage of this unusual opportunity to get their new fall suits and overcoats made before the workrooms become rushed with the new season's business, simply because they know that at this time the most careful attention possible can be given to all details, that the workmanship will be thorough in every way and at the same time they can make a real substantial financial saving which no one wants to ignore these days.

This sale starting today will continue for one week only, so it is to a man's own interest to leave his measure with Oak Hall and make his cloth selections at his earliest opportunity.

COMMON COUNCIL

Heated discussion marked the meeting of the common council yesterday when the laying of granite block paving in Prince William street was being considered. The matter under discussion was the offer of Frank Wade to lay the block paving for \$1.40 per square yard.

After some warm debate it was decided to accept the offer.

The recommendation of the committee that authority be given the C. P. R. to lay another approach to the falls bridge was amended to read as the existing track shall be removed when the new one is ready for use.

A letter from the board of trade was read, supporting the resolutions passed by the St. John board of fire underwriters. Mr. Bullock said the original resolutions of the board had now increased to seven. The city engineer, he said, is busy on a report upon the meter and upon his motion the matter was left with the commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands for a later report to the council.

A letter from the board of health regarding prevention of the bubonic plague from entering this port was read. Upon motion of Mr. Bullock it was recommended that the board be notified that the matter should be taken up properly with the federal department of health and agriculture.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Frink, the resolution regarding the permanent paving of Laingway avenue, passed at the May 25 meeting of the council, was amended to read "and that the work be done by the city of St. John through its department of public works."

Mr. Frink reported that he had taken upon the matter of appropriating the street known as Vlahart street but that he had received no reply from his letter to the trustees of the estate.

Mayor Schofield was asked by Mr. Frink to bring in a report on his statement of the city's overdraft, submitted at the last meeting of the council, showing what proportion of the overdraft represents taxes, how many houses are in arrears, how many houses are in arrears, and what efforts are being made to reduce the overdraft.

Mr. Bullock was asked by Mr. Frink to bring in a statement regarding the finances and the operations of the St. John housing board, showing how much money had been received by the board, how much money had been voted by the architect, did he work on salary or commission, who were the contractors and what way did they "get ahead of the board" as the commissioner had said they did, how many houses had been built, how many inspectors had been employed and what wages had been paid.

Mr. Bullock said that he would make a full report upon the matter at an early date.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Bullock, Capt. A. J. Mulvey and James MacKenney were reappointed port wardens for the port and harbor of St. John.

Mr. Bullock said that the council should give some consideration to the new rates of the telephone company. The contract which the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Ltd., had signed with all its subscribers called for a thirty day notice regarding an increase or other change and he pointed out that in the present instance some of the subscribers had only a few days' notice before the increased rates became effective.

It was recommended by Mr. Thornton that the matter of harbor commission should be dealt with as soon as possible and Friday next was suggested as a day for another hearing upon the subject.

Mayor Schofield said that he was waiting for another letter containing important information and when that was received he would hold another meeting and make a full report upon his findings regarding harbor commission when he was in Montreal.

The matter of placing service pipe extensions to the properties in Douglas avenue before the permanent paving is laid in that street was taken up and discussed by all the commissioners at some length. It was decided to have the city engineer make a further report upon the advisability of having a junction extension made to some properties, so that adjoining properties could be later improved without affecting the permanent paving. Upon suggestion of Mr. Jones and Mr. Thornton, it was also decided to have the commissioners and the St. John housing board visit the district for land suggestions upon the matter.

According to the report of the British Food Mission in Vienna, the pay of a professor at the University of Vienna is insufficient to buy a single suit of clothes for himself, wife and one child.

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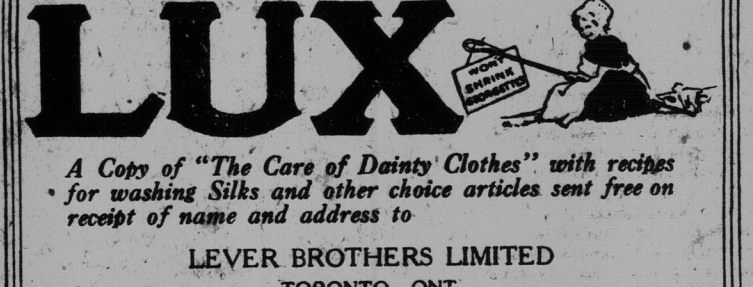
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QUESTIONS THE ANGLO-JAP TREATY

Manchester Guardian Says It
Is Not Consistent With
League Covenant—Will
Need Remodelling.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)
London, July 24.—A joint declaration of the British and Japanese governments that the Anglo-Japanese treaty, which has just been permitted automatically to renew itself for another year, is "in harmony with the spirit of the covenant of the League of Nations" is challenged editorially by The Manchester Guardian.

It is assailed as "a typical example of those partial and exclusive agreements between particular powers which the League of Nations was designed to supersede."

The Guardian says:—"Some people may be sceptical about the latest Anglo-Japanese note, but it is a most interesting and may be an extremely important document. The present Anglo-Japanese treaty dates from 1911, and will run, in the normal course, till July, 1921. But the Foreign Offices of the two nations have remembered the covenant of the League of Nations. They point out that the treaty, though in harmony with the spirit of the covenant of the League of Nations, is not entirely consistent with the letter, and they add that, if renewed next year, 'it must be in a form which is not inconsistent with the covenant.'"

"There is only one weakness about this statement, and that is that its opening proposition is entirely inaccurate. The Anglo-Japanese treaty in all its forms has always been entirely out of harmony with the spirit of the covenant. It pledges exclusive agreements between particular powers which the League of Nations was designed to supersede. It pledges the contracting parties to make war if by reason of unprovoked attack or aggressive action the other finds its territorial rights or special interests threatened in Eastern Asia or India."

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Agnes Braman, Erin street, was injured while working in Brown's paper box factory yesterday, and was immediately taken to the General Public Hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate one of the fingers on a hand which was crushed.

The tern schooner Beaver has been sold to Captain Trenholm. The Beaver was built at Perry's Point (N. B.) in 1880 and has spent most of her career in the coastwise and West Indies trade. She has been bought and sold numerous times. Her last commander was Captain James H. Walsh, who was drowned from her last fall.

The mail received by the board of trade yesterday was somewhat out of the ordinary. A Boston inquirer asked for a list of the best dentists in St. John.

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- Clear Fat Pork, 30c. lb.
- Whole Green Peas, 20c. qt.
- 2 lbs. Lima Beans, 29c.
- Van Camp Soups, 15c. tin
- Finest Orange Pekoe Tea, 49c. lb.
- King Cole or Red Rose Tea, 60c. lb.
- Tally Ho Coffee, 60c. lb.
- Fresh Ground Coffee, 60c. lb.
- 2 pkgs. Lipton's Jelly, 25c.
- 1-2 lb. tin Lipton's Cocoa, 28c.
- Carnation Salmon, 1-2a.
- Carnation Salmon, 1a, 25c. tin
- Mayflower Salmon, 35c. tin
- 2 pkgs. Kellogg's Corn Flakes, 25c.
- Mayflower Condensed Milk, 25c. tin
- St. Charles' Evaporated Milk, 15c. tin
- 2 pkgs. Chocolate Pudding, 27c.
- Maria-Chino Cherries, 20c. bot.
- Finest Shredded Coconut, 45c. lb.

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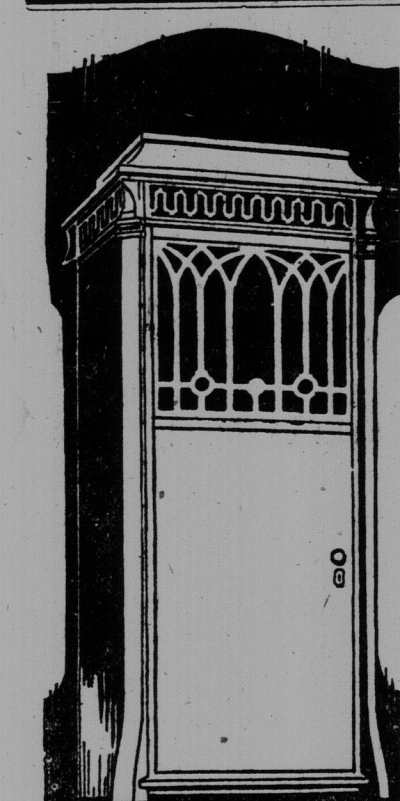
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