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Captain Belmont Hit By Robber In Office At Reed's Point

MORE TRADE FOR ST. JOHN PORT

CAPTAIN IS KNOCKED INSENSIBLE

Awakened From Slumber by Man Prowling Through His Room.

ASSAILANT FLEES

Captain Belmont is Unable to Recognize Man, He Tells Police.

To be awakened out of his slumber to find a man prowling about his room and, as he arose to investigate, to be knocked into a state of coma by the intruder was the experience of Captain James Belmont early this morning at the office of the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, Reed's Point. It was the third time robbery had been attempted at night in that place.

When the robber was disturbed early this morning he was making a pile in one corner of the room to make his "get away," without disturbing the sleepers. His daring attempt at robbery in a room in which two men were sleeping astounds those interested, but it is thought that he kept his "black-jack" ready in case of emergency and, once realizing he was detected, did not hesitate to make use of it.

Tells of Attempt

A. B. Ross, who is an employe of the company, said he had been working in the harbor until about 2.30 o'clock this morning and on his return to the tow boat office at Reed's Point he found Captain Belmont and another employe using the sleeping quarters. He went into an adjourning room where he lay down and was almost instantly asleep. As near as he could figure he was awakened about an hour later by a cry and then heard a man fall. He rushed out into the other room and saw a man disappearing through the door.

Striking a light he was horrified to see Captain Belmont staggering towards him with blood streaming down his face from a couple of wounds in his head. He realized that someone had attempted robbery and when frustrated by the captain had assailed him. He ran to the door, but by this time the assailant had escaped in the dark.

Captain Is Stunned

Captain Belmont was so badly stunned that for some time he was unable to give a coherent account of what transpired, but later he told of being awakened from his sleep to see a man moving about. His actions were so stealthy that he started to get up to ascertain what he was doing. The man heard him and, turning, struck him on the head. He did not recall being hit a second time, but the fact that his head was cut in two places convinced him that he had been.

Police At Work.

The police were immediately communicated with and in a few minutes a detective and a couple of others were on the scene and started working on the case.

This is the third time, Mr. Ross said, that his headquarters has been entered this winter. On a former occasion he was robbed of $250, but since that time he has kept nothing of value about the premises. Mr. Ross is a brother of F. W. Ross, manager of the Dry Dock Company.

As a result of police activities a man was taken into custody and taken before Captain Belmont, but as the latter was unable to identify him he was allowed to go.

STORE IS ROBBED

Thief Breaks Into Premises of Stothart Mercantile Company at Newcastle.

(Special to The Times.)

Newcastle, March 24.—One of the most daring robberies committed in Newcastle for some time was perpetrated last night within one block of the police station when the store of the Stothart Mercantile Co. was broken into. A large brick was thrown through the glass in the door which permitted the thief to insert his hand and turn the lock. It is not known what was stolen, but included in the thefts were violins, mouth organs, razors and knives.

Fears For Soul; Returns 10 Cents

Bloomsburg, Pa., March 24—Fear that a dime she had found fifteen years ago and kept when she knew who lost it would keep her out of Heaven prompted a Pittsburgh woman to return it to Lee Edwards, of Bloomsburg last week. Edwards declined to reveal the woman's name.

"This may seem strange to you, but ten cents that does not belong to me will keep me out of Heaven, so that is why I am writing this letter and sending you this money. I want a clean page when I come up before the Great Judge."

C. N. R. OFFERS TO SPEND $5,000

Would Help Tourist Associations Boost the Maritime Provinces.

Referring to the tourist conference of representatives of the three provinces and the C. N. R. in Moncton last week, the Charlottetown Guardian says:—

"The officials of the railway are certainly making great efforts this year, much greater than ever before to develop and promote tourist travel for the Maritime Provinces. The object of the conference was to arrange if possible for co-operation between the three provinces in their tourist advertising expenditures and so make a much greater and more effective presentation of the summer time attractiveness of the provinces than could be possible if the three provinces make their advertising expenditures independently.

To help promote such a co-operative and progressive plan the railway management have agreed to make a special expenditure of $5,000, apart altogether from and additional to their own extensive advertising plans,—a special expenditure in the purchase of newspapers or magazine space, the publications to be chosen by and the copy supplied by representatives of the three Provincial Tourist Associations working in conjunction with the advertising agent of the Atlantic region.

Wire Briefs

Glasgow, March 24—Sir Wm. MacEwen, professor of surgeons, in Glasgow University since 1892, died here Saturday. He was 76 years of age.

Winnipeg, March 24—Sergt. Coleridge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, stationed at Dauphin, Man., has been missing for the past ten days.

Toronto, March 24 — Falling through the ice of Grenaider Pond in High Park, Toronto, Royal McGowan, aged 8 years, and Elmo Gillespie, aged 9, were drowned yesterday.

Paris, March 24—With the visit here of Count De St. Aulario, French ambassador to London, today, France will assume the initative in diplomatic negotiations with the British ambassador concerning the problem of security for France.

London, March 24. — (British United Press.) — Count Saint Aulaire, French Ambassador to the Court of St. James, had a lengthy interview with Premier Ramsay MacDonald at the foreign office today.

Metz, March 24.—(British United press.)—Eight persons were killed and 12 injured when the Osten-Basle express struck a freight train at Beaestroff and was derailed early today.

London, March 24. — (British United Press.)—The Daily Mail's Teheran correspondent telegraphs that the Persian Parliament on Saturday abandoned its plan to proclaim a republic, but voted to depose the Shah, replacing him with his son, aged two years, under a regent.

London, March 24. — Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in a speech last night declared the German Government had already moved to the right and that if the national freedom party were successful in the coming elections, arming would begin—then "good-bye to reparations."

Halifax, N. S., March 24—The body of Alfred Rogers, aged 66, the Halifax printer who disappeared from his home here on Feb. 23, was found yesterday afternoon on the shores of the Northwest Arm, death having resulted, according to the coroner's pronouncement, from accidental causes.

Paris, March 24.—Albert Sarraut, Minister of Colonies, excluded from the radical party because he refused to abandon Premier Poincare in his fight to secure passage of his new tax bills, has given up all idea of returning to parliament, where he has served for more than twenty years.

PRELATES OF U.S. NOW ARE CARDINALS

Mgr. Hayes and Mgr. Mundelein Elected at Consistory Today.

SCENE IS IMPRESSIVE

Pope Pays Tribute to Americans for Support of Church's Work.

BY HENRY WOOD.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Rome, March 24.—Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes of New York and Archbishop George W. Mundelein of Chicago became America's new cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church today.

At 10 a. m. His Holiness Pope Pius convened the secret consistory, announcing the elevation of the archbishops.

The Holy Father then read the allocution, setting forth the reasons of the Church for honoring the United States. He paid a high tribute to American generosity and the support which American Catholics have rendered the work of the Church.

Majestic Solemnity.

Rome, March 24.—(Canadian Press.)—When Mgr. Hayes of New York and Mgr. Mundelein of Chicago were made cardinals today in the historic hall of Consistory at the Vatican, the ceremony carried out was in conformity with centuries-old ritual and was performed in majestic solemnity amid a setting of colorful splendor.

The two U. S. prelates thus raised to the dignity of princes of the Church were not present, but awaited notification of their elevation at their respective temporary places of residence in Rome, in accordance with custom.

Cardinal Hayes received the "biglietti," as the notification is called, at the American College, and Cardinal Mundelein at the College of Propaganda.

Mass of Color.

The consistory was participated in by all the cardinals resident in Rome, who assembled in the hall of consistory at about 10 o'clock. The hall was a dazzling mass of color. The striking violet robes of the cardinals, hanging to the ground in graceful folds, mingled with the purple of the monseigneurs of the papal household. Swiss Guards in their multi-colored mediaeval unforms, and bearing halberds, papal gendarmes, officers of the Vatican's armed forces, and numerous functionaries in historic garb added to the picturesqueness of the scene. The cardinals were ranged according to rank, with Cardinal Vannutelli, their octogenarian dean, at the head.

The ringing of a bell announced the approach of the Holy Father, who entered amid profound silence. He was clad entirely in white, his robes standing out in bold contract to the rest of the colorful array. He walked slowly, flanked by a group of Swiss Guards and members of the household. Each prelate knelt as he approached.

Pay Pope Homage.

The slow procession reached the other end of the hall, where the Pontiff took his place on a throne. There the cardinals paid him homage, each in turn approaching the throne and kissing the papal ring. There being a score of cardinals present, this ceremony occupied an important part of the preliminary proceedings.

At the conclusion, the papal master of ceremonies in a low but solemn voice announced "extra omnes." The words were easily heard in the impressive silence, and all but the Pope and members of the Sacred College began to retire from the hall. When all those who were not to participate in the consistory had withdrawn, the doors were closed and a group of Swiss Guards took up their station at the entrance.

The Pope rose from his throne and uttered a short prayer to the Holy Ghost for the guidance of the consistory. He next read his allocution.

The election of the two new cardinals then took place, and occupied but a brief time. The Pontiff announced their names and then asked the required question:—

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Two Generals Are Wounded In Duel

Buenos Aires, March 24—General Augustin Justo, Minister of War, and General Dellepaine, head of the military forces in the Buenos Aires district, fought a duel with swords yesterday. Both men were slightly wounded.

The encounter followed criticisms of the Argentine army by a major. The major was unable to meet the Minister owing to their differences in rank. Thereupon Gen. Dellepaine took the major's place, declaring himself to be in accord with the major's criticism.

Gen. Justo tendered his resignation to President Alvear so that he might be able to fight.

Sober? You Can Get 2 Bottles of Beer

Moscow, March 24—"Two bottles of beer apiece for the sober and no beer at all for the others," is the latest Soviet regulation for Moscow's bars.

The authorities became alarmed over the increasing number of people seen on the streets under the influence of intoxicants.

Other stringent regulations adopted bar all boys under 16 years; provides that hot food must be served as well as cold; that bars must close at 10 p.m., and that bars must have for reading purposes "all governmental, professional, party and illustrated papers" for the "edification of customers."

PULP AND PAPER EXPORTS HIGHER

February Figures Show More Manufactured and Raw Left Canada.

Montreal, March 24.—According to a report issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Company, the exports of pulp and paper from Canada in February were valued at $10,947,199, an increase of $47,149 over January. It exceeds the total for February, 1923, by $963,531.

February exports of pulpwood amounted to 181,785 cords, valued at $1,219,525, which is the highest figure recorded since August, 1923, and compares with 99,830 cords, valued at $866,128, exported in February, 1923.

Total exports for the two months to February 29 are valued at $21,847,249, as compared with $20,281,121 in the same two months of 1923.

THEIR HANDS FULL AT WASHINGTON

Nine or Ten Investigations of Unsavory Nature Are in Prospect.

Washington, March 24.—With five investigations in full blast and two or three in a state of temporary quiescence, Congress today is expected to decide whether two more shall be added to the list, investigations of the aircraft industry and of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The Daugherty investigation, the Teapot Dome investigation, the Shipping Board investigation and the Revenue Bureau investigation will take up where they left off last week, and the investigation of alleged land frauds in Rio Grande Valley of Texas, asked by Senator Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama, will begin.

Investigation of charges against two members of Congress by a Chicago grand jury has been authorized, but is held up waiting action of a Washington grand jury which is hearing evidence in the case.

The Diploma Mill investigation, headed by Senator Copeland, Democrat, of New York, is for the time being inactive.

WILL GO TO ENGLAND

Home Bank Shareholders Mean to Fight The Double Liability.

Toronto, March 24—Argument will be heard before Charles Garrow, K. C., master and official referee, at Osgoode Hall on April 1, next on the claim of the liquidators of the Home Bank against certain shareholders who are disputing double liability. R. A. Reid, who represents Senator McCall of Simcoe, Lady Forget, the estate of Sir Rudolphe Forget, and a number of Quebec shareholders, declares that "so far as my clients are concerned we will pay the double liability only when we are ordered to do so by a decision of the privy council of England." Three chief grounds that will be taken for objection are:

1—That the charter of the Home Bank was not legally granted.

2—That the bank "trafficked" in its own stock and the stock of other banks, contrary to the Bank Act.

3—That false statements of the finances of the bank were given out and the bank made to appear solvent when in reality it was insolvent.

Experts In Paris Near Agreement

Paris, March, 24—The departure for London Saturday of Reginald McKenna, Sir Robert Kindersley and Sir J. C. Stamp, British members of the experts committees, has given rise to reports that fundamental differences have cropped out in the work of the experts and that the British representatives have gone to consult their Government.

It was stated officially last evening that no serious disagreement existed on the main decisions of the committees, and that while different opinions have been expressed in the course of the discussions, the reports now being drafted will be unanimously signed by both committees.

EIGHT DEAD AS STEAMERS COLLIDED

United States Line Boat Crashes With British Cargo Ship.

ONE BOAT SINKS

American Merchant Vessel is Badly Damaged and is Beached.

(British United Press.)

London, March 24. — The United States line steamer American Merchant collided with the cargo boat Matatua near Thameshaven about 4 a. m. today, sinking her. Eight persons were reported killed. The American Merchant was badly damaged and had to be beached.

(By Canadian Press.)

Gravesend, England, March 24.—The U. S Steamer American Merchant and the British steamer Matatua collided off Thameshaven today. The Matatua sank, and it is variously reported that from one to eight of her crew were killed and several others injured.

The American Merchant, formerly the U. S. transport Aisne, of 7,555 tons gross, left New York, March 13, for London. The Matatua was of 8,010 tons gross, built in 1904 at Belfast, and owned in Southampton.

KELLOGG DEFENDS UNITED STATES

Public Service Generally of High Order—Misled About Prohibition.

London, March 24.—Frank B. Kellogg, the U. S. ambassador, told British newspapermen at the London Press Club, Saturday, that things in the U. S. were somewhat different from what the British reading public were led to believe.

"From reading the English press comment, the last month, one might conclude that the public service in the U. S. is generally corrupt and permeated with graft," he said, "but such is not the case. The public service in the U. S., as in England, generally, is of a high order of ability and patriotism.

"One might also think from reading newspapers that the entire U. S. is wet and that more liquor is consumed now than before prohibition.

"Before prohibition, the press, very naturally, did not publish the condition brought about by the saloon, while since prohibition every violation of the law through rum-running makes sensational news."

Has One Thousand To Land At Halifax

London, March 24.—(Canadian Press).—Including 300 Irish farm laborers who joined the liner at Queenstown, the Cunarder Lancastria which sailed for Halifax Saturday, carried one thousand passengers, a majority of whom are travelling under the Canadian bonus scheme. The vessel also has several large conducted parties aboard, including one of Scandinavian farm laborers, and another comprising boys drawn from various orphan homes in Britain, their ages ranging up to 17 years. A number of men proceeding to Canada under a scheme of assured farm work are also aboard.

At Four Score He Gets Gold Medal

Paris, March 24—Louis Descoins, octogenarian hero, who recently effected his sixteenth rescue by saving a woman from the Seine, has been presented a gold medal by the Federation of Life Saving Societies of France, and it is understood he will receive some mark of distinction from the government.

During the siege of Paris, Descoins repeatedly dived into the Seine under German fire to repair the cable and maintain communication between Fort Vallerian and Rouen.

Smallpox Victims Leave Lumber Camp

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 24—Five of the eleven Prince Edward Island lumbermen who left a smallpox infected lumber camp in Maine, have arrived at their homes in Southern Kings County and have been placed in quarantine.

A physician is now stationed on the car ferry between Tormentine and Borden for the purpose of examining and vaccinating, if necessary, the passengers traveling between the island and the mainland.

Happiness, at Last!

Penniless and alone, Mazie Dring, British war nurse, sought a home for her baby in Chicago two years ago. A girl, masquerading as a married woman, adopted the child. A few days later Mazie received a telegram announcing its death. Months passed and two Kansas City (Mo.) attorneys found the nurse and told her the child was alive in Kansas City. The woman who had adopted it was unmarried. She was suing a wealthy Kansas City man, charging he was the father of the child. The baby was found. The woman, who had sheltered it for two years, had fled. Police are seeking her now. And the nurse is being aided to provide a home for herself and her baby.

Find Skull of Man Who Lived in California 500,000 Years Ago

Los Angeles, March 24—Excavators employed by a construction company several days ago unearthed a human skull near here which, visiting paleontologists, including Dr. J. C. Merriam, president of Carnegie Institute of Washington, declared they believed to be a relic of a race older than either the Neanderthal or the Pit Down man.

The skull is said by scientists who examined it, to be different in appearance from the skulls of the typical aborigine of North America, examples of which have recently been found in Southern California. It is not of the Indian type.

It was found in glacial sands beneath pleistocken clay strata, under the valley which a few years ago gave up fragments of the skeletons of the Giant Sloth and the Saber Toothed Tiger. It was explained that the Los Angeles county man roamed this section as remotely as 500,000 years ago.

SEE BUSY WEEK

New Brunswick Legislators Prepare for Activity—Say Budget Will Balance.

Fredericton, March 24—"The budget will certainly be balanced," was the early forecast available today as to what financial situation would be revealed by the budget speech tomorrow when the Provincial Legislature will resume after the week-end adjournment with the budget as the principal item of the programme.

There is every indication of a busy week; church union bill hearings are set for Thursday and Friday.

ACT IS DISCUSSED

Members of Workmen's Compensation Board Hold Session With Premier Veniot.

Fredericton, March 24.—The members of the Workmen's Compensation Board—Chairman Sinclair and Messrs. Sugrue and Robison—were in conference with Premier Veniot most of this morning at the Government offices here.

Aside from stating that suggested changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act were under consideration at this conference this morning with the members of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Premier Veniot declined to further discuss the matter. The conference with the members of the board followed hearings last week of the delegations from the Federation of Labor and the Lumbermen's Association, setting forth their divergent views.

Ruhr Mines Did Well In 1923

Paris, March 24.—The Ruhr mines show production for 1923, compared with 1922, of 102 per cent. and of coke 82 per cent. Factory production in the Ruhr equalled 98 per cent. of what it was before the war.

The re-employment of 71,600 railwaymen makes certain that customs receipts which expanded in February to 25,659,000 gold marks will be increased in March

N. S. Miners and the N. M. W. Withdrawal

New Glasgow, N. S., March 24.—According to a statement made here yesterday by H. W. Brown, international representative from District 26, U. M. W. of America, the international executive board will meet at Indianapolis on April 3 when one of the most important questions to be discussed will be the withdrawal of the U. M. W. from this district.

Bulgaria to Pay For Occupation

Sofia, March 24.—An agreement between Foreign Minister Kalloff and the inter-allied commission has been reached by which Bulgaria will pay 25,000,000 gold levas for the expenses of the armies of occupation after the armistice. The payments are to be made in ten annual installments with interest at the rate of five per cent.

Weather Report

Toronto, March 24—Pressure is high over the Great Lakes and middle west and relatively low near the Atlantic coast and towards the Pacific coast. The weather is fair and mild from Manitoba eastward, while in Saskatchewan and Alberta it is unsettled with light snowfalls.

Forecasts:

Fair and Mild.

Maritime—Moderate north and northwest winds, fair and mild today and Tuesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate northwest winds, fair today and on Tuesday. Stationary or a little lower temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday; moderate temperature, gentle north and northwest winds.

Toronto, March 24.—Temperatures:

Victoria	42	56	40
Calgary	20	32	20
Edmonton	22	32	22
Winnipeg	26	42	22
Montreal	34	46	34
St. John	36	48	26
Halifax	36	48	24
New York	42	56	38

LOWER RATES IN STATES HELPS HERE

Cut on Domestic Rates on Goods in U. S. Boats Aids St. John.

BOOSTS THIS CITY

Portland and Other Ports Will Suffer by Enforcement of Marine Act.

The United States is making lower domestic rates on goods to be carried in American bottoms, and that this would have the effect of sending British vessels to Canadian ports and mean increased business for St. John, was the opinion expressed this morning by R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade, when he was informed of the action by The Times.

He pointed out that this legislation would bring nearer the day when "Canadian ports for Canadian goods," instead of being a rallying cry for action would have become an accomplished fact, and all the ports would be busy for twelve months in the year caring for the traffic which flowed in and out of the Dominion.

St. John, it was said, should benefit greatly, as much of the freight now going to Portland, notably grain, should come here and this would mean that more piers and sheds would have to be provided to carry on the traffic.

Hits U. S. Shipping.

Portland, Maine, March 24—Declaring the enforcement of section 28 of the Merchant Marine Act would mean the death of shipping in Maine and other ports in New England, Henry D. Merrill, chairman of the directors of the port of Portland, last night said that in an interview yesterday with Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, author of the act, Mr. Jones asserted that the shipping board was responsible for section 28 which provides lower domestic freight rates on goods sent by U. S. vessels.

Ninety per cent. of the shipping out of Portland is by foreign lines, Mr. Merrill said. Enforcement will mean that New York, Philadelphia and southern ports will get the shipping now going from New England ports, he asserted.

WILL RESIGN THEIR DAIL MEMBERSHIP

McGrath and Others to Go—Trace of Perpetrators of Outrage Found.

Dublin, March 24.—Joseph McGrath, who resigned as minister of industry and commerce, declares in a statement that he and two or three others will resign membership in the Dail tomorrow.

Referring to the recent army crisis, he said the agreements between himself and President Cosgrave, by which he undertook to remain in the cabinet, have been broken. He undertakes to secure the return of all stolen arms.

The arrival of a hospital ship is expected at Queenstown to convey to England all those, with the exception of the little messenger boy, Hurley, who were wounded in Friday's shooting outrage.

No further deaths have been reported. The hunt for the slayers continues. It is said that military headquarters is fairly certain of the identity of the fugitives, minute descriptions of whom have been issued by the police.

They have been traced as far as Middleton, County Cork, whence it is supposed they escape to the hills.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 24—The steamer President Monroe, shipping board, is ashore four south of the Pacific Reefs between Barrysford and Fowey Rocks Light Station, about 120 miles from Miami.

Belgrade, March 24—The Jugo-Slavia cabinet, headed by Pachitch, handed in its resignation to the King today. All the ministers belong to the Radical party.