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Officials Connect Robbery With Yesterday's Theft From Chicago Mail.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 27.—Thief of thousands of dollars in registered mail from a New York Central train between Syracuse and Albany several days ago was reported by authoritative sources yesterday. The robbery, it was stated, was similar to that in Grand Central terminal yesterday.

The robber, it was said, evidently worked at leisure in the registered mail car, rifling the packages and casting the wrappers out of the window. Later, track walkers found wrappers strewn along the right-of-way, many of which it was said, bore European addresses. The robbed train was eastbound.

The similarity of this robbery and the one executed yesterday in Grand Central terminal, where the Chicago fast mail, composed of ten steel cars, was looted, led to the belief that both were committed by the same band of thieves. Postal inspectors said they believed the robber of the fast mail yesterday had boarded the train at Albany, with ten mail clerks who got on there. They said he either used forged credentials or else slipped by the crowd of clerks without displaying any credentials.

He was discovered at work in one of the cars as the train was rolling into Grand Central. When several clerks started toward him, he leaped through the car alighting the door, equipped with a spring lock, and fled into a train track dropping one of the pouches he carried.

He retained a registered package, but the inspectors said its contents were not believed to have been valuable. When the clerks freed themselves from the car and pursued him, they saw him hurrying up an emergency exit to Park avenue, where he disappeared.

U. S. MAY PARTICIPATE IN COURT AT HAGUE

President Harding Reported To Be Taking An Unusual Interest In European Affairs.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Geneva, Feb. 27.—The desire of President Harding for American participation in the Hague international court has been an "open secret" here for months.

Step by step, it is pointed out by attaches of the secretary of state, the United States is becoming more active in councils of the old world.

America is already represented on the white slave and opium traffic commissions, and is indirectly associated with the international labor office.

It is anticipated that the United States, when the United States Senate grants its approval of President Harding's plan for American participation in the international court, will be given an equal standing with other powers.

VANCOUVER OFFICIALS PRESS CURRENCY PROBE

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, Feb. 27.—With Patrick E. Sullivan, local police and federal authorities expressed suspicion of developments in a spurious currency investigation.

According to information in the hands of the police, Sullivan is alleged to have had in his possession a large sum of spurious \$20 American bills, \$1,400 one being allegedly "floating" in the city.

WILL PORTRAY DISCOVERY OF TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB

Special to The Advertiser. New York, Feb. 27.—King Tutankhamen has joined the "Polities." Discovery of his tomb at Luxor in Egypt, as spoken on Long Island, Gallagher and Shean will wrap the mummy who will be Gilda Gray doing a Gilda.

CONSIDER COMMUNIST SCHOOLS FOR BRITAIN

Associated Press Despatch. London, Feb. 27.—Eighty conservative members of the house met in the commons to consider the question of communist schools in Great Britain, and after some discussion unanimously adopted a resolution urging the government to take up the question of suppressing of seditious teaching children under 16 years.

The resolution urged the government to introduce a bill for the purpose themselves or give facilities for the passing of a private bill.

ALBERTA LIQUOR HOUSES MUST CEASE TO OPERATE

Edmonton, Feb. 27.—Nine wholesale liquor houses in Alberta cities must close on business on Thursday of this week, according to the order-in-council passed some time ago defining March 1st as the closing date for these businesses. Four of these houses are in Calgary, three in Lethbridge, one in Edmonton, and one in Medicine Hat.

OPEN POLLS AT WINDSOR

Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, Feb. 27.—The special poll for railway employees and commercial travelers who will be absent from Windsor on Thursday when the North Essex by-election is held, opened last night at the city hall.

ACCEPTS INVITATION

Special to The Advertiser. Seaford, Feb. 27.—Mr. R. Fulton Irwin, pastor of the Methodist church, has accepted an invitation to remain in Seaford for the purpose of the ratification of the League of Nations.

HEALY SHOWING GAIN DAILY IN ESSEX FIGHT

Every Day in Every Way Prospects For Liberal Victory Are Improving.

APPEAL IS POPULAR

Premier King Tomorrow, and Arthur Meighen Tonight, Will Conclude Platform Fight.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter. Windsor, Feb. 26.—Analysis of the political situation in North Essex reveals "Tim" Healy as the long-odds favorite in the contest against Col. Robinson. A certain amount of enthusiasm was displayed by Walker, citizens of traditional Conservative leanings when Mr. Meighen addressed them last Saturday evening, but in other sections the Conservative candidate's reception has been disappointing.

Mr. Healy is everywhere received with applause. This morning, addressing employees of the Studebaker and Fisher Body Companies, the Liberal hope created an epidemic of enthusiasm. Healy's straight-forward shoulder talk to the men was loudly acclaimed.

Mayor E. G. Odette of Tilbury, contributed to the oratory, and brought home some truths regarding the danger of sending a Conservative representative to Ottawa tending to further embarrassment to the King government.

RAILWAYS CAPTURING TRADE ON UPPER LAKES

Water Freighters Gradually Driven Out of Package Freight Business.

Canadian Press Despatch. Port William, Feb. 27.—Package freight business from Montreal direct to the head of the lakes has been almost wiped out in recent years, according to evidence given here this morning before the royal commission which is investigating the matter of lake rates on grain.

J. Coburn, collector of customs at Port William, said that at one time there were 31 package freighters in a Montreal-Port William trade, and now not more than ten or fifteen, the rail routes having taken over the business.

John F. Hodder, collector at Port Arthur, said the package business had been nearly wiped out. Various explanations were suggested. It was said that all cargo boats of any size had been taken into the ocean service during the war, and that they gradually were getting back to the lakes trade.

Arthur Chamber of Commerce, venturing the opinion that the boats would be as profitable in the lower lakes as in the north, their while coming as far as Port William.

CHARLES E. GRANTHAM TELLS OF HIS INJURY

Street Railway Manager Says His Company Is Powerless To Interfere.

Charles E. Grantham, a former employee of the London Street Railway Company, who failed to receive compensation from the Workmen's Compensation Board for injuries to his eye, told of his experience.

Mr. Grantham states that he reported the accident at once to the company and says further that he was not in the army before first entering the service of the Street Railway Company but quit working for them after many years service to join the army. After his discharge from military service he resumed his work for the transportation company.

Mr. Grantham declares that during his early years of service with the street railway people his eyes were frequently examined by order of the company and asks in reply to the statement that he always had poor eyesight—how could a motorman with impaired vision run a street car?

He says that his eyes were examined at the time of his enlistment in the army and on the occasion of his discharge from the army and that they again passed a rigid examination before he was allowed to re-enter the employ of the street railway after the war.

He added that he always had splendid eyesight and did not contemplate an operation or treatment before the accident occurred and that he served in the medical corps during the war.

Manager C. B. King of the London Street Railway replied to The Advertiser Monday that the company and its officials are bound by the rules and regulations of the Workmen's Compensation Board and are unable to take action one way or another. "Mr. Grantham's vision was good but he always had one eye which was twisted," he continued. "It was simply a case between Mr. Grantham and the Compensation Board and one in which the street railway has no power to interfere."

L. AND P. S. RAILWAY TO PAY TAYLOR \$1,000 DAMAGES

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Feb. 27.—The supreme court civil action of Taylor vs. London and Port Stanley Railway was settled out of court Monday afternoon by the counsels for the litigants.

By the settlement the plaintiff receives \$1,000 damages and costs, fixed at \$250. The company's counterclaim was dismissed without costs, with 20 days' stay.

W. Harold Earnum of Aylmer appeared for the plaintiff, and Davidson & Davidson for the defendant company.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION NOT FULLY CONSIDERED

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 27.—In the Commons today Hon. G. P. Graham, acting minister of railways, stated that the question of introducing further legislation at this present session to provide for grants to aid provinces in highway construction had not yet been fully considered.

NO EVIDENCE IS FOUND AGAINST NICK ARNSTEIN

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 27.—Julius "Nick" Arnshteyn and four of the five men who were arrested with him Friday on a warrant charging suspicion of having received stolen bonds, were discharged by Magistrate Levine today when Assistant District Attorney Dilson admitted he had no evidence against them.

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"A son who beats his mother merits no mercy," the judge told the prisoner, who denied stoutly that he had attacked the pale-faced little lady who was supported by another son. "You are guilty of a revolting crime. You will get the maximum."

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