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## Bandits Rob Ohio Bank; Kill One; Wound Another

### Assistant Cashier, Hands Upraised, is Shot Thrice

One of Robbers Wounded by Cashier — Telephone Wires Leading to Town Cut—Sheriff's Posse Out —Virginia Thugs Get $10,000.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 24. — Two bank officials are reported to have been shot and considerable money is said to have been taken by bank robbers in a robbery at Mount Pleasant, Ohio. Telephone wires leading into the town have been severed.

Yorkville, Ohio, Feb. 24. — Harry Price, assistant cashier of the People's Bank at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, was shot and killed by two robbers shortly after he opened the bank this morning, according to reports received here. The robbers escaped in an auto headed for Stuebenville.

**Posse Sent Out.**

Stuebenville, Ohio, Feb. 24. — A sheriff's posse left here at 9.30 o'clock this morning armed with machine guns and rifles, hoping to head off the bandits who held up the Mount Pleasant Bank today and murdered the cashier. The bandits were reported coming this way, toward either Stuebenville or Martin's Ferry.

**Communications Cut.**

With telephone wires cut, Mount Pleasant bank officials were hampered in getting word of the robbery to the authorities for several minutes.

The robbery was performed by two men who entered the People's Bank shortly after it opened for business at nine a. m.

Bank officials could not be reached by the sheriff's office to determine the amount of loot taken on account of the wires being cut.

Assistant Cashier Harry Price, aged fifty, who was alone in the banking room, was ordered to throw up his hands by two men who entered the bank at 9.15 a. m. Price complied with the order, and with his hands raised over his head three bullets were fired into his body by one of the bandits.

**One Robber Hit.**

Cashier Edward Jones, who was in a back room at the time making up payrolls for several mines near Mount Pleasant, heard the firing and ran to the front office and shot one of the bandits. The wounded robber was shoved toward the door by his companion and then fled to the waiting car.

**Virginia Hold Up.**

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 24.—Six masked bandits forced an entrance into the Seward Trunk and Bag Factory here early today, bound and gagged the watchman, broke open the vault and escaped with $10,000.

## ADMITS A MURDER CHARGED TO CONVICT

### Burglar Confesses Crime for Which Man is Serving Life Sentence.

Latter Takes News Calmly —Wife Worked as Waitress by Day and Laundress by Night to Clear Her Husband.

Columbus, O., Feb. 24—Clarence Leroy McKinney, known as 51,210 behind the gray walls of the Ohio Penitentiary, dropped his tools in the looming mill and hurried to Warden Thomas' office in answer to an imperative summons. He found a reporter with the warden.

"You're free," he was told. "The other fellow pleaded guilty."

McKinney's face twitched slightly and he said without emotion, "Oh, am I?"

Thus was ended a case which officials said had been almost without a parallel in the criminal history of Ohio.

Five months ago McKinney, whose wife lives in Cincinnati, started to serve a life sentence for murder. A jury at Wilmington, Ohio, found him guilty of shooting to death Special Officer Emery McCreight on Feb. 14, 1922.

McKinney asserted from the start that he was in a picture show in Cincinnati with his wife at the time McCreight was killed. The case apparently was closed with the sending to prison of McKinney, who was twenty-nine years old then.

A few months later Louis Vandervoort of Jamestown, son of a wealthy farmer, was arrested on suspicion that he was responsible for many burglaries.

Today in Wilmington he pleaded guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree and admitted he killed McCreight.

He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. His accomplice, Walter Bangham of Jamestown, admitting manslaughter, received a one-to-twenty year term in the Mansfield Reformatory.

"McKinney," said Warden Thomas, "is the most philosophical man I have seen in my nineteen years here."

"Sure," said McKinney, "we all have our troubles. I knew this would come out all right."

Warden Thomas said he would not release McKinney until the necessary papers had been forwarded by Wilmington authorities.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20—Mrs. Leroy McKinney was overjoyed when informed that Louis Vandervoort had admitted in court that he willed Special Officer McCreight and that her husband would be released from the Ohio Penitentiary, where he was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

"That's good news," Mrs. McKinney said, scarcely able to talk. "You say he is to be taken to Wilmington tomorrow? I will be there sure to meet him. That is good news, thanks."

Mrs. McKinney is working here as a waitress in a restaurant by day and as a laundress by night to obtain money to establish her husband's innocence. They had been married only two months when he was arrested and charged with the murder of McCreight, she said.

## AN EARTH SHOCK

### Tremor Felt at Washington, 5,400 Miles Distant, West by South.

(By Canadian Press)

Washington, Feb. 24—Another heavy earth shock apparently centering in the same locality as the tremendous quake that shook the Pacific on Feb. 3, was recorded early today at the Georgetown University.

The tremors began at 2.46 a. m. and lasted until 4.30 a. m., reaching their greatest intensity between 3.13 and 3.20 o'clock.

Father Tondorf, in charge of the observatory, estimated the distance from Washington at 5,400 miles and said the direction apparently was "west by south."

## PROMISES TO BE GOOD, IS RELEASED

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24—After a promise that he would co-operate with his friends to settle his tangled financial affairs and refrain from any further threats of suicide, F. Newton, former manager of the Defunct Northwestern Messenger Service here, was released by police yesterday.

## THREAT TO BURN VICTORIA CHURCH

### Postal Card Received from Portland, Oregon—Police Guards Put on Ogdensburg Catholic Churches.

(By Canadian Press)

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 24.—A careful watch is being kept over the St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace here as a result of a threat to burn the buildings. The threat was written on a postcard mailed from Portland, Oregon.

**More Precautions**

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 24.—All Catholic churches in Ogdensburg are to be guarded by police according to a decision reached here between the police and church officials. Two Catholic churches in up-state New York recently were burned, one at Waddington and the other at Utica.

## ISOLATES MOONSHINE GERM

### Shaped Like 'Hot Dog,' Makes Man Crazy, Says Chicagoan.

Chicago, Feb. 24—J. C. Geiger, professor of bacteriology at the University of Chicago and epidemiologist of the United States Public Health Service, has discovered the "moonshine" bug, or germ. He says its name is Botulinus, and it is this that makes a man climb a tree, lend money in a poker game and tell the truth to his wife. It is owing to this bug that the modern devotee of strong drink so often wakes up blind, or, as the guest of a licensed undertaker, fails to wake at all.

Botulinus is the same germ which lurks in spoiled fruit, and it gives out a deadly toxin. The liquor germ is shaped like a frankfurter, and it gets in the intestines and curls up there.

## RUSSIA CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF RED ARMY FORMATION

Moscow, Feb. 24—The fifth anniversary of the formation of the Red army was celebrated throughout Russia yesterday. Leon Trotzky, the minister of war, is suffering from a cold and was unable to appear, and therefore there was no review of the troops. Trotzky, however, sent the following message to the army:

"We want peace, but nobody knows when the bad intentions of our enemies will compel us to get into the field. Let us, therefore, during the coming year, meet every month and every day as if it were the last month and the last day of our preparedness."

## NEW YORK SHIVERS, COAL STOCKS LOW

### Fuel Issued Today Only on "Prescription.'

The Confiscation of Fuel in Transport Prohibited — 9,000 Tons Go to Bottom of River — New England Situation Relieved.

(By Canadian Press.)

New York, Feb. 24—New York today shiveringly faced a biting northwest wind and the promised lowest temperature of the winter with coal bins almost empty. The temperature early today was less than ten above zero, and the weather bureau officials declared it was due to go lower.

So acute had the shortage become, largely through the inability of tugmen to bring coal from New Jersey because of the ice blocked Hudson River, that Fuel Administrator Goethals today had the city on a "prescription" fuel basis.

The "prescriptions" were being issued at the borough offices of the state fuel administration only in cases of extreme need, after inspection and approval by the health department and the police.

Despite the provocation in chilled spots to seize coal intended for elsewhere, Gen. Goethals issued his general order number four, absolutely prohibiting the confiscation of fuel in transport.

**Coal Tugs Sink.**

The city's incoming amount of coal, which was one half of the usual total for each of the preceding three days, was reduced to about one-third yesterday. More than 9,000 tons went to the bottom of the Hudson when loal laden tugs, wrecked by the pounding of the ice, went down.

**Better in New England.**

Washington, Feb. 24.—The situation in New England growing out of a shortage of anthracite, in the view of President Harding, has not only been ameliorated, but generally relieved.

The situation was still regarded as "distressing" and that the government was doing everything possible to provide relief. The opinion was expressed that in many instances reports of distress have been magnified in the hope of hastening government action.

## FRENCH STEAMER CAUGHT IN ICE

### Pro Patria, Halifax to Saint Pierre, has Passengers and Mails — Propeller Blades Broken.

(By Canadian Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 24—The French steamer Pro Patria is caught in the ice forty miles south of St. Pierre and thirty miles east, and is asking for assistance, according to advice to her local agents here today. Some of her propellor blades are broken. There are nine passengers and heavy mails on board.

The Pro Patria sailed from here Tuesday afternoon for St. Pierre.

## FLYNN GETS JAIL TERM WITH LASH

### Not Connected With Any Veteran Association Since 1921—One Arrested with Him Died.

(By Canadian Press)

Toronto, Feb. 24—J. Harry Flynn was today sentenced in the police court to two years imprisonment and ten lashes for indecent conduct. Flynn became a conspicuous figure a few years ago by his demand that the returned soldiers be given cash grants of $2,000 supporting this demand by vigorous speeches in various parts of the country.

He has had no connection with any veteran association since 1921.

He was arrested Monday night on a serious charge along with John Murray. Soon afterwards Murray was taken ill and died in a few minutes.

## TRAGIC DEATH IN MONCTON HOTEL

### F. Mahoney, Registered from Halifax, Found with Throat Cut—Inquest This Afternoon.

(By Canadian Press.)

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 24.—F. Mahoney, was found in a room in the Brunswick Hotel here this morning at about 9 o'clock with his throat cut. It is thought that it is a case of suicide but an inquest will be held this afternoon. Mahoney registered from Halifax on Sunday last. He was found by a bell boy who was taking his breakfast up to him

"AH! A CHANCE TO TWIST THE LION'S TAIL."

—James, in the St. Louis Star.

## FREDERICTON'S MAYOR AGAIN A CANDIDATE

### Mayor Reid and Full Aldermanic Ticket Named — Former K. C. Building Sold.

(Special to The Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 24—A full aldermanic ticket for the civic election on March 12 is announced. A committee sounded some of the business men of the city in an effort to secure a ticket of five. The five announced are as follows: R. L. Phillips, Wellington Ward; Harry A. Smith, St. Ann's; G. H. Clark, Carleton; J. B. Dickson, Queen's; Ivan McKnight, King's. Only one of the five is offering again. He is Ald. G. H. Clark, and is to be nominated in a different ward because of change in residence. Ald. C. C. Camp, who has completed a term in Carleton ward, where Ald. Clark is to be nominated, was asked to be a member of the ticket, but declined preferring to leave a place for Alderman Clark.

Mayor J. A. Reid also has consented to be a candidate for another term. The fact that a strong aldermanic ticket has been secured has had much to do with altering the decision of His Worship, who even after receiving a petition signed by 300 rate-payers had been unwilling to offer for another term. It is not anticipated that there will be opposition to the Mayor or to the aldermanic ticket.

R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., has purchased a brick building in Carleton street, near Queen street, which formerly was occupied by the Knights of Columbus.

## ASKS EXCLUSION OF LITHUANIA

### Poland Would Have Her Dropped from Nations' League as Punishment for Her Aggressions--Reports from Neutral Zone Reassuring.

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Warsaw, Feb. 24.—A demand that the League of Nations apply all possible penalties to Lithuania, including exclusion from the league for her alleged aggressions in the neutral district of Vilna, is made by Poland in a note forwarded to the league's headquarters.

The note points out that the alleged aggressions took place while Poland was occupying the district in compliance with the orders of the council.

**Order Restored.**

Warsaw, Feb. 24.—Reports from the neutral zone lying between the Polish and Lithuanian borders are reassuring. Order appears to have been re-established.

Two Polish officers who accompanied Gen. Carton de Wiart, of the British military mission into the neutral zone and were arrested by Lithuanians, will be released, it is said, and permitted to return to Warsaw.

## MASSON IS SENT UP FOR TRIAL

(By Canadian Press.)

Dumas, Sask., Feb. 24—Victor Masson was yesterday afternoon committed to stand trial at the next criminal assizes at Moosomin, Sask., on a charge of murdering Mr. and Mrs. Jean Chauvelon and Chauvelon's step-daughter, Marie, at Kennedy last Friday.

## FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY DEAD

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Charlemagne Tower, former U. S. Ambassador to Germany, died in a hospital here today from pneumonia.

## SAY MEDICAL VIEW TOO PROMINENT

### Presentation of Veteran's Case at Vancouver — Revision of Disability Table Urged.

(By Canadian Press)

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24—Use of the expression 'medical machine" as descriptive of the head office staff of the Board of Pension Commissioners was conspicuously made in yesterday's presentation of the veterans' case on pensions matters before the Royal Commission investigating post war re-establishment problems.

Complaint that the medical point of view dominated the situation too heavily, was strongly voiced by H. D. Twigg, veterans' representative.

In this view two members of the commission appeared to acquiesce.

**Disability Revision.**

That there should be some rivision of the table of disability in Canada and that men affected should have some say in it, was the opinion expressed by H. D. Twigg, representing the returned men's case regarding pensions appeals.

## 900 EMIGRANTS SAIL FOR CANADA

London, Feb. 24.—(Canadian Press) —The steamship Montcalm carried 900 emigrants for Canada on her latest voyage from Liverpool, this being the largest number of emigrants to leave that port this year. The majority of them were third class passengers. They included many agricultural workers and men who are going to work in the mines.

### AT THE LIBRARY

Mrs. Hammond Evans was the story-teller to forty-eight children at the public library this morning. She told them stories of trees and especially of the pine tree.

Phelix and Pherdinand

## WEATHER REPORT

*Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.*

Synopsis—The area of high pressure which was over the Great Lakes yesterday has passed to the middle Atlantic states and a depression is now passing eastward across Northern Ontario. The weather has turned much milder in the western provinces but continues very cold from Ontario eastward.

Forecasts:—

**Higher Temperature.**

Maritime—Fresh northwest winds, fair and cold. Sunday strong southwest and west winds, somewhat higher temperature.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong west and southwest winds, fair and cold. Sunday fair and somewhat milder.

New England—Light snow late tonight or Sunday, much warmer, fresh to strong south and southwest winds.

Toronto, Feb. 24—Temperatures:

| | 8 a.m. | Highest yesterday. | Lowest during night. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prince Rupert | 38 | 44 | 34 |
| Victoria | 38 | 48 | 38 |
| Kamploops | 30 | 46 | 28 |
| Calgary | 38 | 40 | 22 |
| Edmonton | 22 | 42 | 20 |
| Prince Albert | 14 | 32 | 10 |
| Winnipeg | 10 | 12 | 6 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 8 | 4 | *2 |
| Toronto | 3 | 10 | *8 |
| Kingston | *8 | 12 | *10 |
| Ottawa | *6 | 12 | *10 |
| Montreal | *4 | 12 | *4 |
| Quebec | *4 | 14 | *6 |
| St. John, N.B. | 6 | 24 | 2 |
| Halifax | 10 | 26 | 4 |
| St. Johns, Nfld. | 14 | 24 | 10 |
| Detroit | 14 | 18 | 8 |
| New York | 12 | 28 | 8 |

*Below zero.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE

### Blaze of Unknown Origin in Brantford Sacristy

Patrons Escape from Connecticut Hotel—Eight Injured in Jump from Missouri Apartment House Fire.

(By Canadian Press.)

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 24.—Fire of unknown origin caused several hundred dollars damage to the sacristy of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church early this morning. The cause of the fire is not known. The fire department was first notified by a nearby neighbor and were able to extinguish the blaze before it got much headway.

**Hotel Burned.**

South Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 24.—The Clifford Hotel, one of the landmarks of the city, was badly damaged by fire early today with a loss estimated at $125,000 to $150,000. Between thirty-five and forty guests made their way in safety from the burning building.

**Eight Injured In Fire.**

Petoskey, Miss., Feb. 24.—Eight persons were injured, two of them seriously, in jumping from the third floor of the Alameda apartment house during a fire early today. Seventy-five others rushed into the street clad in night clothing, despite near zero temperature. The building was destroyed with an estimated loss of $200,000.

## FINE DOCTOR $1,000 ON DRUG CHARGE

### Informer Brings a Case Against Montreal Physician—A Writ of Habeas Corpus Asked in Chow Case—Jail Terms for Saskatoon Peddlers.

(By Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Among a large number of narcotic drug cases heard here yesterday, that of Dr. Hector Prudhomme, physician, of this city, ended in his being fined $1,000 and costs with the option of six months in jail, on a charge of selling a bottle of cocaine to an informer on Dec. 12 last.

**Legislation Questioned.**

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Claiming that the opium and narcotics act amendment passed at the last session of the Federal Parliament cannot order the deportation of persons who have acquired citizenship and domicile in this country if they have violated the act, attorneys for Chow Woy asked for a writ of habeas corpus here yesterday.

Woy was found guilty of an offence under the act and was sentenced to jail and subsequent deportation.

**Hysterical Scenes**

Saskatoon, Feb. 24 — Hysterical scenes in which drug-hungry women screamed and cried and nerve-shattered men broke down, were enacted in the city police court here yesterday afternoon when six drug peddlers, arrested by detectives in a series of raids, Monday night, were sentenced to jail terms varying from 12 to 3 months.

## SOVIET WARNS ABOUT MEMEL

### Tells Allies Damage Suits Will Follow Decisions Made Without Russia's Consent.

Moscow, Feb. 24—George Tchitcherin, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in a note addressed to Italy, Great Britain, France, Germany, Poland and Lithuania, announces that Russia, unless she is consulted, must ignore and in the future present claims for damages for any decisions made by the Allies regarding Memel, made without Russia's consent, as the Baltic port is of vital interest to Russian trade.

Russia is endeavoring in every way possible to protect her interests in former Russian territory.

## Greece Ready To Sign Peace Pact

### If Turks Accept Lausanne Treaty, Says Plastiras

(Canadian Press Cable.)

Athens, Feb. 24.—In a newspaper interview, yesterday, Col. Plastiras, leader of the revolutionary movement which brought the present regime to Greece, declared that if the Turks accept the Lausanne treaty Greece will sign the peace pact. Col. Plastiras was the chief Greek delegate at the Mudania conference at which the Greco-Turk armistice was signed.

## BELL CLEARED

Montreal, Feb. 24. — Judge Monet yesterday acquitted Charles Bell, a chauffeur, of a charge of complicity in a daring daylight holdup on January 19 last, when two bandits robbed the paymaster of the Montreal Abattoirs Company of a satchel containing $2,973. Bell was alleged to have driven the automobile in which the robbers escaped after committing the robbery, but police evidence established that he was not the man wanted.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Me an' Hanner," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to The Times reporter, "was talkin' las' night about Noo Bruns'ick folks an' how peaceable they git along. Now, you take the noospapers an' read 'em every day fer a month. Whada you find the folks doin'? They aint killin' one another. They aint breakin' one another's winders. They aint burnin' one another out. They're jist goin' along nice an' peaceable an' hevin' their tag-days an' subscriptions, an' concerts, an' dances, an' prayer meetin's, and lectures—an' helpin' one another where they kin—jist like one big fam'ly. They hev their squabbles, an' skin one another fer good luck, an' they call one another names now an' agin—an' hev lawsuits—an' once in a while some bad critter does git in jail —but it's ony once in a long while anybody kills anybody else—or we hev any sich stories as we read about from other places. No, sir—we aint a bad lot. Now here me an' Hanner hes lived all our lives out to the Settlement, an' we haint never seen nobody killed by anybody else—or anything like that. We got a few old reprobates out there—but they haint got grit enough to be reel bad—an' we got lots o' the finest folks that ever walked. Yes, sir —old Noo Bruns'ick is all right as fer as that goes. They aint a peaceabler place on the face o' the airth—By Hen!"

## Campbellton House and Barn Prey of Flames

### Loss of About $4,000 in Early Morning as Ferdinand Vermette's Property is Destroyed.

(Special to The Times)

Campbellton, N. B., Feb. 24.—The house and barn of Ferdinand Vermette, in Queen street, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss approximates $4,000 as it includes all the furniture and household effects and also the contents of the barn which included a wagon and other valuables. The owner's horse was rescued. Insurance amounts to $1,800.

The blaze which originated in the barn, was first seen about 3 o'clock. The firemen were hindered by the fact that the nearest hydrant was frozen and the water had to be taken from a distance. In the meantime a strong westerly breeze fanned the flames into fury. House and barn were near together and the house soon caught. The family had barely sufficient time to escape with their clothes. A dwelling next door owned by Constable Harry Eagles, caught fire several times but was saved from any serious damage. The Vermette building was only recently completed.

**One Near Fredericton.**

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 24.—Fred Rowan, whose residence was located on his farm in Lincoln, lost both dwelling and wagon house by fire on Friday afternoon. Mr. Rowan was away from home at the time. Neighbors assisted in getting out the furniture and also saved the barn. The loss is between $3,000 and $4,000 with some $850 insurance.

## AFTER ARMED BOOTLEGGERS

### Law Officials of New York State in Conference Over Phase of Liquor Question.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 24 — Further activities of bootlegger "thugs, blackjacks" tightening of the penal law to curb the guards and gunmen, who race down from the Canadian border in high powered cars," was proposed by district-attorneys from northern New York counties in conference here yesterday.

Harold Jerry, District-Attorney of Clinton County, proposed that it be made a felony for a motorist to leave the scene of an accident without making known his name and address and for a person caught committing or about to commit a crime while carrying concealed weapons.

In this way, he said, armed bootleggers would be curbed.

## MILLION LOSS IN HAMILTON FIRE

### Fatalities in Kansas Blaze Total Thirteen.

Investigation Into Cause of Tragic Fire—Twenty-one Roomers Escaped, Some by Jumping.

(By Canadian Press.)

Hamilton, Feb. 24—The Lister Block, which was destroyed by fire this morning, entailing a gross loss of about $1,000,000, will be rebuilt by the Lister Estate without delay, Joseph Lister announced last night. He estimated the estate's loss at $500,000, half of which is covered by insurance.

**Thirteen Lose Lives.**

Kansas City, Feb. 24—Thirteen persons, trapped in a rooming house, were burned to death yesterday in a fire which destroyed a two storey frame building here, all of the bodies were recovered, but they were so disfigured that six of them had not been identified.

An official investigation will be held to determine the cause of the fire. The blaze started in a garage beneath the rooming house and had almost enveloped the building before the occupants were awakened. The rooming house contained eighteen rooms and housed thirty-four persons, twenty-one of whom managed to escape, either by jumping from windows or groping their way down a smoke-filled stairway. The positions of the bodies found in the ruins indicated that many of those killed were in the halls. Fire department officials estimated the damage at $35,000.

## TWO INJURED IN TRAIN COLLISION

### Toronto-New York Express Strikes Switch Engine — Passengers Unhurt.

(By Canadian Press)

Toronto, Feb. 24—A Grand Trunk passenger train which left Toronto last evening for New York collided with a switch engine in the Mimico yards west of Toronto, as a result of which both engineers were quite badly hurt and the engines and two cars, the baggage and diner, were partly wrecked. Passengers in the train were tossed from their seats by the impact, but none received injuries to speak of.

## Vagrant From St. Lawrence on Scilly Shore

### Canadian Buoy, Lost Year Ago, Drifted Across the Atlantic.

London, Feb, 24.—A whistling buoy, which was reported lost from the St. Lawrence River a year ago, has been washed ashore at Bryher, one of the Scilly Islands. It is thirty feet in circumference and twelve feet high.

The carbide gas light case was wrenched from the top of the buoy on its journey of 3,000 miles. Twenty years ago a similar marker drifted to the Scilly Islands from the Mexican coast and is now being used as a water tank.

## TO CONFER ON EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP

(By Canadian Press)

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Invitations are going out this week to organizations throughout Canada suggesting the appointment of delegates to the National Conference of Education and Citizenship which is to be held in Toronto during Easter week.

The province of Nova Scotia has asked for the privilege of sending one hundred delegates.

## FOURTEEN CASES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24.—Fourteen cases of sleeping sickness have been reported in this city recently. There has been one death and the rest are expected to recover.

## RUSSIAN BROTHERS WHO ESCAPED FROM FIRING SQUAD, REACH SEATTLE

(By Canadian Press.)

Seattle, Wn., Feb. 24—Colonel N. Alexoff, his brother, V. Alexoff, and Col. B. Halikosy, who escaped from a Russian reign of terror, arrived here yesterday from the Orient. The men are part of a group of twelve Russian refugees.

Captured and condemned to death by the Bolshevists, Col. Halikosy, with his two companions, were marched out for execution. Col. Halikosy wore handcuffs and shackles. The Alexoff brothers broke and ran. The execution squad fired at the remaining prisoners, all falling either dead or wounded, then started in pursuit of the fleeing men who made their escape in a heavy wooded section. Col. Halikosy fell with a bullet through the shoulder and was left for dead. He revived, crawled away and soon freed himself