

BANDIT SCARE IN KINGSTON IS EASING OFF

Number of Phone Calls Received by Police is Decreasing

REPORTS OF BURGLARIES Officers are Exercising Every Precaution—Are Bandits Scared?

KINGSTON, July 9.—Last night was another quiet night as far as the bandits who have been creating so much unrest among citizens are concerned. Of course the police had many telephone calls describing suspicious looking persons at various points in the city, and relating circumstances, many of which, at other times, would pass by unnoticed, but on the whole when these calls were answered and investigated, they were found to have no connection with anything serious. The number of calls was fewer than on previous nights.

The strain has relaxed somewhat at police headquarters, but the vigilance remains the same, in fact it is more keen than ever. Because the bandits have not been heard of for a couple of nights the police are not resting in security. They have studied the methods of crooks for years, and are not being fooled by any fancied security. It is a safe bet that any clue which primes anything tangible will be followed to the bitter end.

Reports of small burglaries continue to filter through, but in respect to many of them the police are keeping guarded watch. They feel that the less that is said about these incidents the better, that the less publicity given them the better the chances of the officers for rounding up the offenders.

Despite the report given publicly late yesterday that the police are making wholesale stoppages of citizens who were about the streets after midnight and inquiring into their business, it was stated today at police headquarters that such was not the case. No such practice was ordered. It was said, though the officers are exercising their discretion and stopping any characters who were the least suspicious.

Among citizens generally there is some tendency to relax regarding the bandits, but many are still keyed up to a high pitch and magnify small happenings. The fact that the police were close enough on the trail of the miscreants the other night to fire at one of them is taken to indicate that the band will remain low for some time, or perhaps transfer their hunting grounds.

BIG AIR FLEET ON CHEAP BASIS

France Will Consider New Scheme Proposed by Brandy Deputy

PARIS, July 9.—A fleet of 1,000 airplanes, suitable for war, is proposed in a bill now before the Chamber of Deputies. It is planned to establish and operate these warcraft commercially so that the cost to the government would be little if any more than under its present policy. The author of the measure, Deputy Paul Benzet, called attention to the large and expensive aviation personnel of the government "which consumes but does not produce."

Strongly advocating the creation of a great, protecting aerial force, M. Benzet, urged that the government create a corporation to operate commercially, transporting passengers and freight and establishing air routes, thus training aviators, developing aviation, cementing relations with the colonies and meantime keeping the fleet ready for immediate conversion to war purposes.

HITCHCOCK GOES INTO BANKRUPTCY

NEW YORK, July 9.—Raymond Hitchcock, comedian, is bankrupt, and no one is going to get money from him except over his dead pocket-book, he asserts. His voluntary petition, filed in the Federal Court, gives his liabilities as \$3,944 and assets as nothing except \$150 worth of clothing.

WHAT THIS LEAGUE COSTS

Well Over \$5,000,000 Spread Over 48 Nations LONDON, July 9.—The total expenses of the League of Nations for the current year have been 21,500,000 gold francs, approximately \$5,312,500, and are apportioned among forty-eight members, Arthur Balfour informed the House of Commons. Great Britain's share of this expense, he said, was \$260,000.

FAREWELL GARDEN PARTY AT MOIRA STREET HOME

The Home of the Friendless held their farewell garden party last evening on the grounds at the home on Moira St. Everything looked gay with the bright lights, flowers and little girls flitting in and out among the crowd selling ice cream. The proceeds realized amounted to \$125. A good programme was furnished by the band and a humorous recitation was given by Mr. Barragar.

Mrs. W. A. Woodley was in charge of the garden party. Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Beckus and Mrs. Day presided over the flower and candy booth. Mrs. Lee and Miss Bone had charge of the fish pond in which all the kiddies delight. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Lloyd dispensed the home-made cooking and soft drinks. Mrs. Parkes and Miss Haye served the ice cream.

FRANCE TO STOP GERMAN TRIALS?

Paris Will Protest at Once to Either Allies or Germans

FORCE AT LEIPZIG Another Hun Officer Who is Charged With Death of Man, Freed

PARIS, July 9.—It is probable the French Government will protest immediately either to the Allies or to Berlin and halt the judicial proceedings in Leipzig which the British press characterizes as farcical.

The Government has ordered recall of the French legal mission at Leipzig as a protest against hypocrisy of the German trials of war guilt in that city it was announced today.

It was added that France will refuse to recognize any more of the trials, which are regarded as farcical. The acquittal of General Steiner has intensified the dissatisfaction which even the desire not to complicate the task of the Wirth cabinet is not likely to quell.

The Versailles Treaty requires judgment before Allied military courts of Germans accused of having committed acts contrary to the laws and customs of war. It is true the Allies replying to Germany's request to be permitted to accomplish justice herself, decided in February, 1920, not only to furnish the lists of persons to be tried and the Spa protocol the following July ratified that procedure.

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What the replies of Japan and the United States may be nobody here pretends to know. It is felt, however, that insofar as the United States is concerned there would be a great chance of its response being more favorable if the Anglo-Japanese alliance had been denounced. Should it be found that the continued existence of the alliance was standing in the way of a conference, then it is certain that some of the Dominion Premiers will press that the necessary twelve months' notice of denunciation be given at once. Meanwhile, the British press makes no attempt to disguise the fact that it regards the situation as one of the vastest moment, involving as it does, the whole future of armament and the peace of the world.

WILL TRY TO FLY PACIFIC

SYDNEY, N.S.W., July 9.—An airplane flight across the Pacific ocean is to be attempted soon. It was announced by an Australian aviator, Lieut. P. J. Parer, who some time ago flew from England to Sydney.

To raise fifteen thousand pounds to finance the trans-Pacific attempt, Lieut. Parer has started on an exhibition flight around Australia. It will be possible to follow a chain of islands from Australia two-thirds of the way across, but on the Canadian side of the ocean there will be a long stretch in which there is no land.

Berries Big Market Feature

It was a regular berry market today, scarcely anything but raspberries. Prices were down considerably and the quality was much better than might be expected from the hot weather. Heavy dew is given credit for the excellence of the berries. Blue raspberries sold at 16c to 17c per box, reds at 20c, blacks at 25c or five boxes for \$1.10. Huckleberries were very plentiful at 25c quart. Cherries were down to 10c or 2 boxes for 25c.

SAY IDEA CAME FROM CANADIANS

Ottawa First to Make Proposals for Disarmament to London

LLOYD GEORGE ACTS Possibility of a Pacific Conference is Canvassed Eagerly in London

LONDON, July 9.—Premier Lloyd George's statement in the British House of Commons that the British Government has proposed an international conference on disarmament and that replies from Japan and the United States are anxiously awaited, confirms the announcement made in these despatches last week. In view of the British Premier's statement there can now be no harm in stating that the original proposal for such a conference came from the Canadian Government early in February last.

It was then suggested that the Dominion Government, through the Department of External Affairs, be empowered to consult with Washington, to sound it out, so to speak, on the possibility of a Pacific conference.

The proposal does not appear to have been accepted at the time, the reason being, it is understood, that there was some difficulty in getting the Pacific Dominion to decide upon what ought to be done, although it was evident from the first that the British Government was favorable to such a step.

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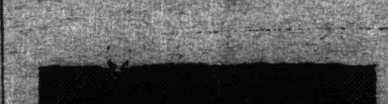
MAILING THE BIG PAPERS

Messrs W. Leslie and T. Blackburn, the committee in charge of the fund for wrapping and mailing the special free bridge editions of the local newspapers, report subscriptions of \$164.50 with the following disbursements: Postage, \$91.95; Intelligence P. & P. Co., \$39.72; Morton & Hority, \$42.00; Children's Aid Society, \$36. Total \$164.50.

TOWN PUMP IS FIXED

Mayor Has Provided Cool Drink on Zwick's Island. Mayor Hanna had had the pump on Zwick's Island repaired so that picnickers may have cold filtered water for drinking.

SAYS ELECTION A BLUNDER



H. W. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, says the holding of an election in Alberta is a "factual blunder." He added that the farmers had not expected an election so early.

BOY STOLE FOUR DOLLARS

Money Recovered and Lad is Given Another Chance. In police court today a boy of tender years who has been here for some days was charged with robbing a young man's pocket in a public place, of over four dollars. As the money was recovered, the straying lad was given an opportunity to live the straight life by being put off his good behavior.

WHO'D LIKE TO LIVE IN SAHARA DESERT?

The King recently received Mrs. Rosita Forbes, who has recently returned from a long journey through the Sahara desert, at Buckingham Palace, and listened to the story of her travels. The Queen was present at the interview. Mrs. Forbes, who wore a navy serge red-trimmed dress, a black hat with a russet veil, black shoes inset with red, and a fur coat (because the daytime in England is colder than the coldest night in the Sahara), was astonished at the knowledge of North Africa that the King and Queen displayed.

"I went to Buckingham Palace prepared to explain everything about my tour," said Mrs. Forbes yesterday to a Daily Express representative, "and discovered that the King and Queen know more about the country from which I have come than I do myself."

"The Queen was especially interested to know how I managed to pass as a Bedouin woman, as I have grey eyes, and I told her the story I used to tell when it was necessary—that I had a Circassian mother, who came from the harem of the Bey of Tunis."

LATE MRS. NELSON

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sidney Nelson took place on Friday afternoon from her residence, 149 Charles St., Rev. Dr. Cleaver officiating, assisted by Rev. G. Brown. The cortege proceeded to Salem Church where Rev. A. E. Foster of Holyway St. Methodist Church officiated. Burial was made in Salem cemetery, the bearers being W. R. Scott, O. M. Allen, F. M. Brintnell, J. F. Wilson, E. E. Mallory and W. E. Moore.

LATE ALFRED DIGWEED

Alfred Digweed passed away early today at his home, 4 Wickett St., West Belleville, after an illness of about nine months. He was 45 years of age and was unmarried. By occupation he was a carpenter. Surviving are his father, David Digweed and three sisters, Mrs. W. Nunn and Mrs. W. K. Labran, of Vancouver, and Miss Florence Digweed, of Belleville.

LATE MRS. COOK

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Cook took place on Friday afternoon from her home in the eleventh concession of Rawdon to St. Mark's church on the twelfth concession. The Rev. L. K. B. Hall, of Madoc preached the sermon and Rev. Mr. Toll, the present member of the parish, assisted in the service. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The bearers were John Mason, Sidney Mason, Christopher Barkitt, J. Burditt, Edward Scarlett and Thomas Webb.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

RIGA, Latvia, July 9.—The "Newsky" Prospekt, the "Broadway" of Petrograd, has been rechristened by the Bolshevik government "25th of October Prospekt," that being the date by the Russian calendar, in 1917, when the Soviets overthrew the Kerensky government. So it becomes popularly known, in Russian, as "Oktobria Prospekt."

FUNERAL OF MRS. EUSTACE

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eustace who died in Toronto took place this morning at St. Michael's Church. After a solemn requiem mass, the interment was made in St. James' cemetery.

TOBACCO LIKES THE HOT SPELL

Other Crops Including Hay, Grain and Fruit Need Rain Badly

PRAIRIE CROPS GOOD Out on the Pacific Coast the Weather has Been Cool and Showery

The only crop in Ontario which "likes" the dry weather, and which has been doing well in the past few days is tobacco. This is contained in a crop report issued by the Bank of Montreal to-day which follows:

PRAIRIE PROVINCES. Edmonton and Calgary Districts.—Damage caused by heat and dry spell largely repaired by recent heavy rains. In Edmonton District, conditions generally favourable. In Calgary District, crops on summer fallow now promise average yield. Those on spring and fall ploughing and on stubble only, fair.

Lethbridge District.—Crops revived by rain. Prospects again promising, though from some localities North-east and West, reports are not so good. Alfalfa and Timothy an average crop on irrigated land. Pasture good.

Regina District.—All grains making strong growth. Wheat heading out under ideal conditions, some local damage by drought. Fall losses negligible except Estevan District where damage extensive. Pasture abundant.

Saskatoon District.—Wheat and Oats doing well. Conditions favourable. Winnipeg District.—Wheat generally headed out, intense heat of last week followed by rains and cool weather ideal for filling, some hail not serious, prospects good. Damage by Grass-Hoppers throughout the west exceptional and slight.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. Absence of rain has greatly retarded crops in all districts. Hay has suffered severely in moat sections, and will be much below average. Root crops are fair but like grass pasture, are badly in need of rain.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. Up to ten days ago, the prospects for a full crop were excellent but intense dry heat and lack of rain since then have materially affected growth, present prospects are—Hay light crop. Cutting now general, grass pasture—growth seriously checked. Fall wheat—promising but ripening too quickly. Other grains, fair all short in straw. Roots—average crop. Fruits—small fruits, fair but need rain. Apples developing satisfactorily. Tobacco—weather is ideal for this crop and it is taking hold well.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Growth of all crops in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is backward, owing to lack of rain. Hay crop very light. Roots promise fairly well, but need rain as does also grass pasture. Fruit prospects favourable. In Prince Edward Island, grain and potatoes promise well. Hay, generally a short crop. Fruit prospects are average. Pastures need rain.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Weather cool and showery, standing hay crop 25 percent above average in Fraser Valley and exceptionally heavy in nearly all districts. Grains in excellent condition and heading well. Roots and Vegetables progressing satisfactorily. Potato yield estimated fifteen percent below average. Tree Fruits rising and coloring well. Small Fruits heavy although strawberries damaged by recent rains. Pasturage abundant.

STIRLING.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, of Montreal, motored up and spent the week end with the Misses Judd. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Rodgers, of Myronne, Sask., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers. Misses Mollie Park and Minnie Payne are taking the Summer Course for Teachers at Victoria, Toronto. Master Aubrey Sutcliffe is holidaying at Brighton for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Martin returned the first of the week from a visit at Burnbrae.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morton motored to Toronto on Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Whitty. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ketcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seeley and Miss Margaret of Avondale, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reid. Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Howard, Misses Mary and Margaret and Master Arthur, of Whitty, have been spending a couple of days with Striding friends.

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Miss Lena Empey, of Toronto, spent the week end at her home, Black River Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw, Tweed, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Dyer, East Lake, last week. Mrs. Barle Ringer and children of Toronto are visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Thorne. Miss Rose Lusk of Newark is enjoying holidays at the home of her parents in Pictou. Miss Mary Collier, of Bishop Belthune College, will spend her summer holidays at The Pines, the guest of her grandmother. Mrs. Earl Cornell, Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Collier, Grove Street. Mr. Cornell will join her later. Mrs. David Wellbanks has returned from Richmond, Va., after spending a couple of months with her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) I. T. Gortline, Vancott, Point Traversie. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crysdale and their daughters, Misses Gladys and Ruby, also Master Gordon, motored from Toronto on Friday returning Sunday. They were guests of Mr. Crysdale's sister, Mrs. D. P. Boles. Mr. Arthur Johnson, Ottawa, and little sister, are visiting friends in Pictou. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmatier and son, Midland, are visiting relatives in town. On Tuesday the Bristol staff enjoyed a most delightful picnic at the Sandbanks. Mr. Wilfrid Head, of Arnstein, Ont., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Head, Grove St. Mr. Head has acquired a general merchandise store at Arnstein. Mr. Wellington Boulter and the Misses Boulter arrived from Detroit last week. Mr. Boulter was ill for some weeks but is rapidly returning to normal amid scenes that hold an irresistible fascination for this veteran Prince Edwarder. Mr. George Hogarth, Inspector of the Highways for Ontario, is inspecting the Provincial Highways in Prince Edward County this week. Mrs. D. B. Morden and children are staying with friends at Burr's, their home having been burned in the Northport fire. Miss Margaret Vancott and Thomas Vancott of Burr's, are spending the week with her son, Fred. During the month of June the customs collectors for Kingston amounted to \$40,000.

ESTABLISHED... AN... VAL... BEST TO BUY... SAYS... Minister of Highways... Own... MERGE... Good Roads... ple in Rural... The Minister of Ontario who is... ways, the Hon. who builds roads... great last night... in return made... a straight-front... department; in... policy. He was... day taking in t... ways heresobut... now doubly-o... things generally... The afternoon... a drive nearly... trip evidently g... Biggs. At the supper... at which Mayo... master. Hon. G... Ireland, M.P.P., M.P.P., were also... briefly. Mr. Biggs law... subject. He pers... ly pleased that... the bridge had b... Since he had t... roads had disapp... out at Sarnia... when the people... awake to take... He had been in... the yearly tolls... 000. "I am positive... kept of rigs and... the toll is gone... the amount un... would be twice... will find twice... can easily estim... Belleville." (Ch... "Another thin... province of Prin... will become the... tario. Beautiful... scenery and lak... to mingle with... market will be... merchants will... proved now the... "Now that the... us—I say that... (Continu... REAL PIR... Moors Attack... Capt... M7LILLA, Mor... ish pirates are... qests, an attack... Spanish sloop... reported today... killed and the... tinez Saez, and... taken prisoners... found abandoned... with the dead s... supposed he re... The vessel left... 20-YEAR "SO... MADE... Farm, South of... Distillery P... WINNIEPEG... perance act ad... shed on the fa... mille Sys of Gr... south of here... stills running... ducing 100 gal... day. The dist... 'twenty-year-ol... dence at the ho... cial police out... plant had been... month. The S... mandated. BOUGHT YAC... Kingston—De... recently purcha... a sailing yacht... them all show... water, and bri... from Kingston... since sold it to... and Clapperion.