

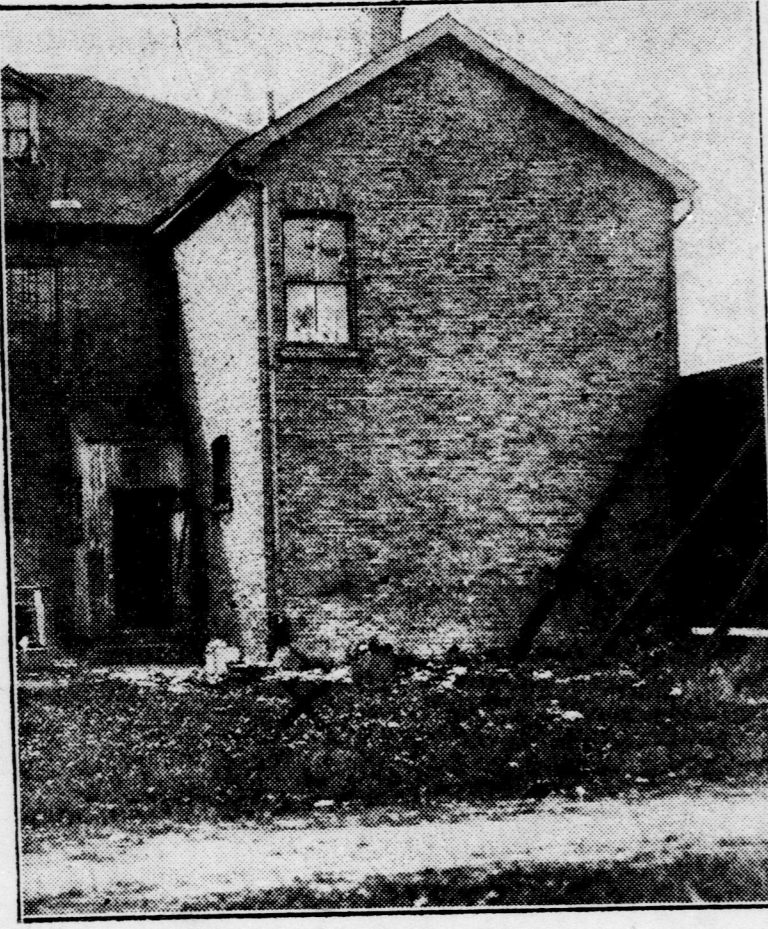
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MATTHEWS PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO 3 CHARGES Bandits Foiled In Attempt To Rob East London Hotel

LONDONER ATTACKED BY 2 THUGS

Reginald Curtis Knocked to Ground, But Takes Up Hunt.
HAD NO MONEY
Bandits Foiled in Plan to Enter Park Hotel, London East.

Reginald Curtis of 1081 Florence street was held up at the point of a revolver by two young men at the rear of the Park hotel, at the corner of Egerton and Dundas street, this morning.



WHERE HOLD-UP OCCURRED.

Above an Advertiser photographer shows the rear entrance to the Park hotel in London East, where Reginald Curtis was held up by armed thugs and then knocked down. He followed them, however, and recovered their revolver.

It is believed that the two men were about to enter the park hotel, which is run by Peter and George Gallagher. In an attempt to rob the cash register, which contained about \$30, Curtis came upon the men as he was taking a short cut from Dundas to Egerton street, across the rear ground and searched, but no money was found on him.

NO PLEA ENTERED IN CASE OF SIX BANK DIRECTORS

London's Vote Is Unchanged

London's plebiscite returns remain unchanged with an official majority of 614 for government sale.

Home Bank Officials Arraigned in Assize Court This Morning.

ALL GRANTED BAIL
Judge Demands That Some Progress Be Made in Trials.

ROBBERIES IN LONDON CLEARED UP

Harry Radel Sentenced to Three Years in Kingston Penitentiary.
PLEADED GUILTY
Escaped Suspect Admits Entering Several Homes in London.

The checkered career of Harry Radel, alias Harry James Murphy wanted both in London and Winnipeg on criminal charges, came to an abrupt halt in police court this morning when he was sentenced to serve three years in penitentiary.

With Radel's arrest in London last night after he escaped the custody of a Manitoba police officer while the two were en route to Winnipeg, a series of house robberies in the city during the past few months is cleared up.

HOTELMAN BRINGS WOMAN TO COURT

Grigg House Manager Places Aged Lady in Cells as Vagrant.

An aged lady, Mrs. Ella Campbell, formerly of Stratford and reputed to be worth thousands of dollars, appeared in police court this morning charged with vagrancy.

CHAS. MATTHEWS PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES

Trial of Former Assistant Provincial Treasurer Begins.
JURORS CHALLENGED
Three Charges Are Entered Against One-Time Trusted Official.



R. P. GOUGH, former director of the Home bank, who was arraigned along with five other directors and ex-President Haney, in the Toronto assize court this morning.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Oct. 27.—C. A. Matthews Jun., former assistant provincial treasurer, appeared in the assize court this morning before Mr. Justice Mowat, charged with conspiracy to defraud, fraud and fraudulent participation in the sale of certain bonds of the province of Ontario. He pleaded not guilty. A jury was then selected, the defence challenging twelve and the crown sixteen before twelve men were selected.

REDS' LETTER TO BRITISH NOT FORGERY

Premier MacDonald Tells Cardiff Audience That Communication No Doubt Genuine, EFFECT AWAITED.

Associated Press Despatch. Cardiff, Wales, Oct. 27.—Prime Minister MacDonald, speaking before a political meeting here today, declared that he honestly believed to be genuine the alleged letter from M. Zinovieff to the British Communists, upon which was based in part the charge on Oct. 19, the date of the dissolution of parliament.

Only nine days elapsed between receipt of the document and the answer, he said.

Stressing the fact that the matter had been handled in the briefest possible time, the premier asserted that in the old days the foreign office would have taken weeks to deal with the situation.

Believes It Genuine. Mr. MacDonald declared emphatically that the British government would not brook interference from any foreign power. He said he could not avoid the suspicion that the entire incident was a political plot.

Mr. MacDonald had received the draft of the foreign office protest, which later was submitted to the Russian chargé d'affaires, M. Rakonovskiy, on Oct. 13, had altered it and then returned it to the foreign office, expecting that it would be returned to him with proofs of the authenticity of the Zinovieff document. That night, however, the protest of M. Rakonovskiy was published.

Foreign office officials acted on the belief that the letter is a forgery, it shows the amount of scorn from which we are being surrounded. My experience has made it impossible for me not to be suspicious.

Assumes Responsibility. "If the letter is genuine, depend upon me for the result," said the premier, "and I am responsible to that government, it will handle with firmness and discrimination every attempt to undermine our confidence in our government's chances of re-election is a topic being discussed throughout the entire country. The government's opponents claim its chances for re-election have been killed as a result of the disclosure."

APOLOGY DEMANDED. Associated Press Despatch. London, Oct. 27.—Foreign office officials today received from Christian Kakovsky, Soviet Russian chargé d'affaires in London, and sent immediately to Prime Minister MacDonald, who is campaigning in Cardiff, the note from the Soviet government denying the authenticity of the alleged Zinovieff letter and insisting upon an apology. The Russian communication was signed by Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissaire for foreign affairs.

Foreign office officials would not comment on the note beyond to reiterate their statement that they are in possession of facts which prove the authenticity of the Zinovieff letter and that they are prepared to publish these facts when such a step becomes necessary.

The reference in the Litvinoff note to Russia's demand for an apology and for punishment by the British government of persons involved in the affair, is considered undiplomatic and to have been introduced unfortunately early in the present discussion.

O. T. A. MAJORITY AROUND 40,000

Official Returns on Plebiscite Will Not Be Known For Week.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Oct. 27.—Official returns from the voters in Ontario on Thursday last, when the Ontario temperance act was sustained, probably will not be available until early next week. Up till noon today, not a single return from any returning officer in the province had been received at the office of the clerk of the crown in chancery here. No time limit is set for the deposits of returns, and returning officers are apparently taking their time. Figures compiled from unofficial returns, which now are nearly complete, place the majority for prohibition at slightly over 40,000, in a total vote of slightly over 1,000,000.

SIX HOUSE PERMITS ISSUED TO BUILDER

J. H. Pledsted Will Erect Dwellings in London South—Total Now \$231,365.

Permits for the construction of six new houses were being issued to J. H. Pledsted through the building inspector's department. Three houses, estimated to cost \$3,000 each, will be built on Duchess avenue. A \$4,500 home will be put up on Elmwood avenue, a \$4,000 house on Cathcart street, and a \$3,000 dwelling on the Wharfedale road.

THOMAS G. DOCHSTADER IS LAID TO REST TODAY

The funeral of Thomas G. Dochstader, who died on Thursday at his residence, 233 Horton street, was held this afternoon from Geo. E. Logan's where interment took place.

PREMIER AND HIS PARTY ARRIVE AT PORT NELSON

Canadian Press Despatch. Nelson, B. C., Oct. 27.—Premier King, Hon. P. Cardin and Senator A. Haydon reached Nelson last night and after a brief stay left for Cranbrook this morning. The premier, who was met here by Mayor Choquette and at Rock Creek, Greenwood and Grand Forks, where a meeting will be held Sunday travelling that included stops at each of which place he held a reception.

DUTCH AND GERMAN LINES END PROLONGED FRICTION

Associated Press Despatch. Amsterdam, Oct. 27.—The Dutch and German steamship lines engaged in the South American trade have ended their long friction over the use of Dutch and German harbors according to the Handelsblatt, the Germans limiting themselves to 18 trips annually from Brazil to Rotterdam, and the Dutch lines the same number to Hamburg. The agreement, effective until December 31, 1925, is considered of great importance.

STEAMSHIP SAILINGS.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 25.—Sailed: Canadian Mailer, Vancouver; Korean Prince, London.

Ethylene Gas Experiments Drive Men Violently Insane

Standard Oil Plant at Elizabeth, N. J., Scene of Unusual Happenings.
PROBE IS ORDERED

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Oct. 27.—Gas madness stalks in the research laboratory of the Standard Oil Company plant at Elizabeth, N. J., according to reports which leaked out yesterday. Two men are said to have died from the effects of ethylene gas and three are said to have been driven insane. All efforts to get an official statement from the company officials have failed. Experiments have been conducted at the laboratory to determine the value of the gas in the production of gasoline.

QUEBEC TIMBER TRACT WILL BE AUCTIONED

Gazette Announces 111 Square Miles To Go Under the Hammer.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Oct. 27.—One hundred and eleven square miles of timber limits in the Abitibi region will go under the hammer on Nov. 26, at the present time, according to the current issue of the official Gazette.

BRANTFORD GIRL KILLED IN NIGHT AUTO MISHAP

Brantford, Oct. 27.—At a late hour last night, Ida Miller, 8 Winnett street, was killed in West Brantford, being struck by a car driven by Harry Cullum, 81 Sherman avenue, Hamilton. An inquest will be held.

FIRE AGAIN SWEEPING TOWARDS ARSENAL

U. S. Soldiers Are Rushed to Woodlands Surrounding Government Station.

Associated Press Despatch. Dover, N. J., Oct. 27.—Forest fires which for the past thirty hours have been raging through inaccessible woodlands towards the Picatinny government arsenal, where large quantities of explosives, including torpedoes and torpedoes are stored, and which during the night were thought to have been brought under control within 2,000 feet of the buildings, early today flared up with renewed vigor.

Gowanda Swept By \$500,000 Fire

Blaze in New York State Village Starts in Opera House.

Associated Press Despatch. Gowanda, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Fire which early today swept a block each way from the intersection of Main and Center streets, had caused damage estimated to exceed \$500,000 when it was brought under control this morning after a four-hour fight. The village was for a time threatened with destruction.

HUNTER LOSES HAND.

Canadian Press Despatch. Lindsay, Ont., Oct. 27.—Lithgow Robson of Lindsay, while partridge hunting on Saturday afternoon, tripped and fell, discharging the contents of his gun into his left hand. Later at the local hospital it was found necessary to amputate the hand at the wrist.

GERMAN ASTRONOMER FINDS NEW COMET

Dr. Baade Declares Heavenly Body Moving With Great Rapidity.

INFANT MEETS DEATH ON RADIAL LINE TRUCKS

Canadian Press Despatch. St. Catharines, Oct. 27.—Gordon, the 20-month-old son of John Hampton, Grantham township, was run over and cut in two by an electric car on the Lake Shore division Toronto Railway last night on a private right-of-way near Port Weller. Coroner Currey will conduct an inquest Friday night.

REVOLUTION IN GERMANY DECLARED DRAWING NEAR

Associated Press Despatch. Riga, Oct. 27.—In connection with the anniversary of the Hamburg revolution, M. Zinovieff, president of the executive of the Communist International, Moscow, declared today that a proletarian revolution in Germany was approaching, "despite all the Dawses, Eberts and Noskes."

BRIDEGROOM DISAPPEARS, FOUL PLAY IS FEARED

Canadian Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 26.—Miss Charlotte MacDonald of this city was to have been married yesterday to Daniel McCulloch, who lived over the river, but the bridegroom-to-be has disappeared and foul play is feared.

GIRL IS SUSPECTED OF MURDERING FATHER

Associated Press Despatch. Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 27.—According to Deputy Sheriff Dayton of Auburn, who are investigating the case, Suzanne Riley, 19-year-old girl of Moravia, struck her father, Charles Riley, aged 60, a farmer, who was killed with an iron bar late last night after he had refused to allow her to go to a large city in search of employment. Riley died without regaining consciousness.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Moderate to a d southwest winds; fine and moderately warm today and Tuesday.

Table with columns for Station, High, Low, and Weather. Includes forecasts for Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, etc.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 32.