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ILLUSTRIOUS RING SUSPECTED IN LONDON

Britain Regrets Unyielding Attitude of the French Note

Hired by London Men TO RUN BOOZE TO CITY IS PRISONERS' CLAIM

John Bowman and William
Coles of Brantford Tell the
Police of "Higher Ups."

HINT AT RUM RING

Caught With Much Liquor,
They Claim To Be But the
Employees of Others.

The existence of a huge liquor ring in London was indicated in police court this morning, when John Bowman and William Coles, both of Brantford, stated that they had been hired to run liquor from the Telephone City to London.

The men, who were arrested by provincial and county officers last night, near the 8th concession, were found to be in possession of 300 bottles of alleged Gordon gin, which were arranged in police court this morning on a charge of illegally transporting liquor over the public highways.

When the case was called, the men asked for an adjournment until tomorrow, in order that they might secure counsel. Bowman, who made the request, stated that they were merely the goat for higher-ups who did not care to come forward at this time.

The allegation was made that the liquor was destined for London men, by whom it was to be disposed.

Bail was asked, and Acting Crown Attorney Gillanders stated that he would require at least \$2,000 cash bail in each case. This was not forthcoming, and the two men will stay in jail until tomorrow morning.

Startling revelations are promised at that time, and it is expected that several prominent men of Brantford and London will be involved.

Although neither Provincial Officer T. Stratton nor License Inspector Bolton will state how the information was received, they promised that it would become public tomorrow, and the story of the seizure and the facts leading up to it promise to be of more than passing interest. County Constables Guest and Cornell also added to the contents of their evidence will also supply some interesting information.

Although the liquor seized was bottled and sealed as is Gordon's London gin, several discrepancies were noted, and the men were charged with selling and distributing liquor not genuine, but synthetic.

The color of the contents of the bottles also, instead of being clear, as is the genuine article, of a milky color. According to one of the men present when a bottle was broken, the odor is much the same.

The 300 bottles were all wrapped in copies of a Brantford paper, and are at present resting in the police station.

ALD. WILSON ANGRY OVER "BOLSHEVISM"

Scores His Colleagues Who
Opposed Sir Adam Beck as
Emissary to Railway.

The Jack on the city hall is now lying at half mast owing to the energetic insistence of Alderman Wilson who visited the city hall this morning in wrathful ire to think that the death of Sir William Meredith had passed almost forgotten by the officials of the city of London.

While speaking of the flag the veteran's thoughts reverted to the events of the last meeting of the city council when some of the councillors had opposed the idea of Sir Adam Beck representing the city in its negotiations with the London Street Railway Company.

"Fancy Alderman Watt calling Sir Adam an outsider, the wrathful alderman declared. "Why Watt comes from Aberdeen and is more an outsider than Beck could ever be. It's just the same with Colbert and all the others who voted against Sir Adam, the all Bolshevism, that's all. The Mayor's the same, and what's more you can tell 'em I said so."

CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN BREAKS OUT IN ERUPTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Redding, Calif., Aug. 22.—Lassen Peak, near here, was in eruption last night, but the magnitude of the disturbance has not yet been definitely determined. About 7 o'clock last night steady rain was observed coming from the crater and it continued until dark.

TURKS DEBATE TREATY APPROVED AT LAUSANNE

Associated Press Despatch.
Constantinople, Aug. 22.—Debate on the ratification of the Lausanne peace treaty is proceeding in the Turkish Grand National Assembly at Ankara. While the end of the discussion is not in sight, ratification of the pact is regarded as certain.

JORDAN NOW AMBITIOUS TO BE CALLED VILLAGE

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Aug. 22.—Jordan, a hamlet of 150 people, on the Hamilton highway, overlooking the Twenty-Mile Creek, sometimes called the Jordan river, has applied to Lincoln County Council to be made a police village. Consideration is being given today.

Bans Trick Bats At Ball Games

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—President Stan Johnson of the American League today promulgated an order to umpires that all "trick" bats employed with the idea of getting greater length in driving are prohibited. Recently he barred Ruth's "Sam Crawford" bat because it did not come up to regulations.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL SENDS 40 YOUTHS ON HOLIDAY TOUR

Merry Troop Visits London
While On First Trip
Through Canada.

LEAVE FOR NIAGARA

Forty young members of the Rock Island, Illinois, Sunday school, passed through London today at noon, in two gaily-decorated trucks.

In charge of John H. Hauberg, the boys are seeing Canada for the first time, and though feeling the present cold snap a trifle, were all pleased with the reception that had been given all along the route.

Mr. Hauberg explained that it has been the custom in Rock Island to give the boys an annual holiday, and that a road trip is the most popular way with everyone. This is the fifteenth trip the boys have made, and the first time they have seen Canada.

"We left Rock Island and came through South Haven to Detroit, then via Sarnia to London. We are now on our way to Niagara Falls which we are looking forward to seeing as many of us have not been there before."

"We have done over 500 miles so far," continued Mr. Hauberg and by the time the trip is finished we shall have done over 1,500 miles. The boys are all assigned various jobs on these trips. Some of them are cooks, some are dish washers, some are tent riggers and so on. You can see for yourself how happy they are and how they are enjoying the trip.

This was obvious to the observer. The boys are all looking well and they all carry a heavy coat of sunburn. Today at noon they stopped in front of the city hall and were given the quality of London's candies, and judging by their smiles, they found them mighty good. They left the city at three o'clock for the lure of the falls and the attractions of Niagara.

Special to The Advertiser.

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MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS WORRY TORONTO POLICE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—Repeated unlocated explosions during the night in Toronto's "Ghetto" district are giving police and citizens some concern this morning. The situation is admittedly mysterious. Some people are talking "Black Hand," others burglars and shooting, but the majority of opinion seems inclined to the view that the reports were indicative of inglorious failure in the manufacture of a series of "home brew."

PRaises Hon. J. S. Martin AS AGRICULTURE MINISTER

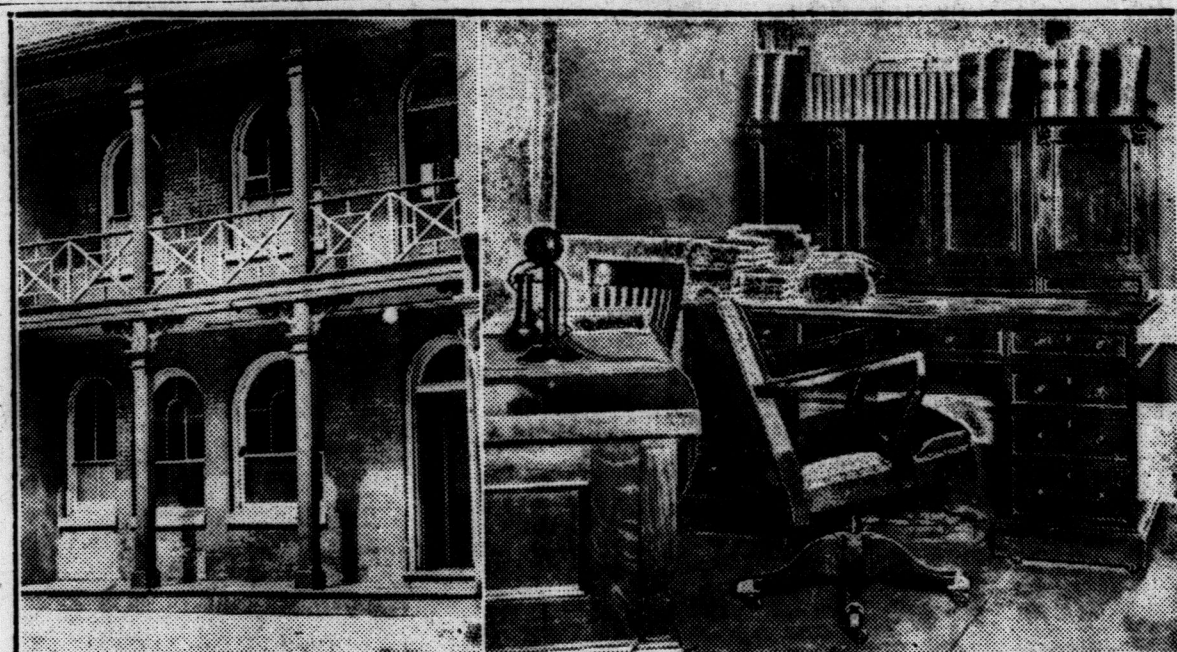
Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—Reference to the work in the poultry industry of Hon. J. S. Martin, Ontario minister of agriculture, was given by Edward Brown of London, England, a high authority on poultry work, in an address before the Rotary Club here today. "I think that the selection of Hon. J. S. Martin as the minister of agriculture of one of your greatest provinces marks another epoch in the great romance, for I call it that, of the world spread of poultry husbandry."

Read her discussion of marriage in the Advertiser on Saturday.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, August 22.—The unemployment figures have been steadily creeping up again in the past few weeks. The numbers of unemployed have increased by 20,000 in the last week, the total now being 1,212,000.



CANADA TO SHOW AT MANCHESTER FRUIT EXHIBITION

Inspection Visit Orchards of
Dominion To Select Varieties
For Display.

HELD IN OCTOBER

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—It is announced by the Dominion fruit commissioner, George E. McIntosh, that arrangements have been completed for a government exhibit of fruit at the Imperial show, to be held in Manchester, England, during the week commencing October 28.

Fruit inspectors of the Dominion department of agriculture are visiting orchards in different parts of Canada, with a view to the selection of the specimens of export varieties that will be put on display.

It is also announced that Canada is to be represented on the board of judges. The board will consist of three men, one each from Great Britain and Canada and a neutral judge.

Is It True That Our Police Must Don False Whiskers?

Desperate Criminals From Every Country Are Taking Refuge in
London—Don't Go Down the Mine, Daddy—
Plumbers, Beware!

Someone in the Free Press office has either a sense of humor or hysterical nerves. Every time there is a bandit episode within a radius of 200 miles of London the Free Press announces that the bandits are heading this way. With this as a basis, it is a comparatively simple step to high-powered cars, suspicious-looking characters, and, of course, the police combing the city with unceasing vigilance. Quite often it makes a very good story.

The Free Press had every policeman in London tip-toeing along Dundas street with false beards when the Toronto bandits affair happened. Yesterday they went one better when they announced that the entire city police and detective forces were "scouring the city" for the seven Detroit gunmen who ran amuck Sunday morning.

There was "unceasing vigil" again, and "tireless vigil" and "unabating zeal" and of course, "four suspicious-looking characters haunting the vicinity of the C. N. R. station." That word "haunting" is masterly.

Don't be alarmed, though, because the police themselves are quite innocent of all this penny-dreadful performance. Chief of Detectives Nickie says, in fact, that he doesn't know anything about it. Someone should tell this excited young reporter that the suspicious characters were merely commercial travelers from Toronto. Naturally, they can't help looking like that.

In the meantime isn't the Free Press overlooking a bet? What about that proud Spaniard who shot his plumper down in Rio de Janeiro last week? He's probably heading straight for London by fast liner. Why not say so, anyway? It might frighten some of the plumbers, and that's an achievement worth while.

NEW YORK REVUE IMITATES PARISIAN PRODUCTION

Girls Nude to Waist Appear
On Stage in Shubert
Show.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Aug. 22.—Show girls nude to the waist have appeared on Broadway. Posed frankly in the glare of full lighting, in a revue which has just opened here, they constitute New York's most daring emulation of the Folies Berger of Paris, where the undraped female form has been a common sight on the stage for several seasons.

Even the blasé Broadway audience appeared stunned when the curtain rolled up at the New Shubert Revue "Artists and Models," and the people realized what they were looking at. There was silence for a moment, then scattered handclapping, loud laughter from the gallery and a few groans and hisses.

BUILDING ACTIVITIES DECREASE IN CANADA

Fewer Permits Issued in Fifty
Six Cities During Month
of July.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The value of prospective building in 56 Canadian cities showed a further decrease during July when, according to reports tabulated by the Dominion bureau of statistics, the building permits issued declined to \$12,544,137 from \$14,345,573 in June.

In July of last year they had stood at \$15,447,545. There was, therefore, a reduction of 12.6 per cent in the first comparison, and of 18.6 per cent in the latter.

ASK IMMIGRATION LAWS OF AMERICA BE MODIFIED

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Vienna, Aug. 22.—The congress of Orthodox Jews today adopted a resolution expressing hope that the immigration laws of the United States will be modified.

The resolution sent the good wishes of the congress to President Coolidge.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF MICHAEL COLLINS DEATH

Associated Press Despatch.

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WHERE A GREAT CANADIAN LEARNED AND LABORED.

The two pictures above show the office in which the late Sir William Meredith laid the foundation of his long and honorable career. At the left is an exterior view of 74 Dundas street, one of London's landmarks. It was to this office that Sir William moved in 1871 with the late Thomas Scatcherd, the man to whom he had articles as a student, from the first quarters in Robinson Hall. In the right is the desk which Sir William used all during the early years of his career. One can imagine the legal maxims which have been propounded across that old desk. The Advertiser photographed it this morning, still doing duty in Sir William's old quarters, now occupied by the firm of Meredith & Coleridge. It constitutes a visible link with the toil and achievement of a great mind. Below is the house at 90 Albert street in which the late chief justice made his home.

BRITISH EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT AT FRENCH REPLY

Regret Poincare's Refusal of
Suggestions Made in
Baldwin's Note.

FIND TONE FRIENDLY

London, Aug. 22.—In the absence of Prime Minister Baldwin, Lord Curzon and other cabinet members, no expression of official opinion regarding Premier Poincare's latest addition to the reparations issue was forthcoming today. In official quarters in London, the first impression of the note, based upon the French official summary, was one of disappointment.

Many of those versed in the intricate indemnities problem felt that the note constituted no substantial advance on the French premier's previous communications, although they were impressed by its friendly, conciliatory spirit.

Other observers, while regretting the argumentative, unyielding tone of the document, felt there were some elements of satisfaction in it, in that it at least kept the field clear for further discussion.

Regret was expressed over France's refusal to have an international commission assess Germany's capacity to pay and at the French insistence that the present reparations commission shall continue periodically to determine the German financial ability. Disappointment also is manifested regarding M. Poincare's unalterable stand regarding the legality of the Ruhr occupation.

The note is of such a voluminous character that it engaged the attention of several translators in the British embassy in Paris, and the ministers will not have full translations before them until this evening.

The British cabinet will examine the document with painstaking care to discover if it offers even a partial ground for agreement, and no effort will be spared by the government to forestall any establishment of purpose and aim with a view to continuing the friendly co-operation of Great Britain and France in the settlement of this and other European problems.

CHINESE EMBARRASS BRITISH BY CHARGES

Allege Control of Railways
Attempted To Insure Payment of Debts.

By CLIFFORD FOX.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News tonight.
Peking, Aug. 22.—The British Legation here is much embarrassed today over the charges by the Chinese that British proposals in the proposed note of recommendations for an international police force for Chinese railways constitutes a deliberate attempt by England to force international control of railways in order to insure payment of British debts.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh to strong northwest winds; fair and cool.
Thursday—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, fair with stationary or somewhat higher temperatures.
The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes yesterday has moved rapidly eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence with increasing intensity, causing gales and rain from Ontario to the maritime provinces. In the west the weather has been fair and rather cool.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 76; lowest, 53. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 58; lowest, 42.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.95.
Today—8 a.m.—29.95.

SIR W. MEREDITH FAMOUS IN MANY CRIMINAL CASES

Won Glory at Important
Trials—Became Real
Premier of Ontario.

ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILY

"One of the greatest men Canada ever produced" is the way T. H. Purdom, K.C. characterizes the late Sir William Meredith, who has recently been buried in the St. James' cemetery. He was one of Mr. Purdom's best friends.

The history of Sir William's rise to universal public esteem is, in reality, an interesting phase of the history of London and Western Ontario. Mr. Purdom told of many incidents connected with the noted jurist's life here in a talk with The Advertiser.

"A biography of Sir William's activities would be intensely interesting," Mr. Purdom said. "He was born in Westminster and was associated with London all his life. Everybody admired him for his great ability and lovable temperament."

He was one of the largest industrial and financial concerns of the city, and later was leader of the bar in Ontario. Some of the cases which he took part have become famous.

Recall Drought Case.

"Take the Drought case," Mr. Purdom continued. "A man named Billie Drought hit a citizen of Montreal over the temple and killed him. He was charged with manslaughter, and Mr. Meredith defended him. The trial aroused interest throughout Canada, and Mr. Meredith's success in securing his acquittal was one of the big accomplishments in the history of criminal trials in the Dominion. Then there was the Bidolph murder case, by far the most sensational court episode of Western Ontario. Meredith and Scatcherd were joint counsel for the defendant, and they procured his release after two trials."

"In the Ontario Parliament, Mr. Meredith was acknowledged leader of the Conservative party. He was Whitney's right hand man and was regarded as the real premier of the province."

"The law firm of Scatcherd & Meredith, which afterward became Meredith & Scatcherd, produced numerous lawyers who later made their mark in Canada. Fisher, Murdoch, Tom Meredith and many others graduated from the law office of Meredith & Scatcherd. Others well known locally who received early training there were Barney McCann, Beattie and McPhillip."

Had Business Interests.

"Sir William was interested in the old London Bank and was a director of the Ontario Investment Society. He was also on the board of the Dominion Savings. All the best concerns hired him as their solicitor."

"William Meredith's father was killed in the Victoria disaster. He came from an illustrious family and must have had wonderful parents. His brothers are men of prominence. Justice Fisher told me quite recently that he had seen Sir William, and despite his 83 years, he was keen and vigorous as ever. He was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, man London ever produced."

FIRE DESTROYS CAMP AFTER TENANTS LEAVE

Toronto Association Buildings
at Bolton Burn With Loss
of \$40,000.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Bolton, Ont., Aug. 22.—Yesterday 130 men were employed in the demolition of the main building of a fresh air camp here, for their homes in Toronto, and early this morning the building was destroyed by fire.

The fire broke out in the main building of the camp, which was a two-story structure, and was completely destroyed. The camp was operated by the Neighborhood Workers' Association of Toronto, with an auxiliary camp maintained by the Rotary Club, and another party of children was to come from Toronto today.

NEW YORK SHIVERS.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Aug. 22.—New York today shivered in the coldest August in the history of the weather bureau. The temperature was 53 degrees at 8 a.m., this being two degrees lower than the record set in 1874.

Celebrate Anniversary Of Michael Collins Death

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Japanese Will Start SCRAPPING BATTLESHIPS

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokyo, Aug. 22.—Official announcements today that the scrapping of warships in accordance with the Washington treaties, ratifications of which have just been exchanged by the Japanese government, would be carried out immediately.

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