

AN EPIDEMIC OF THEFTS IN ELGIN

District Around St. Thomas
Particular Field for
Bandits

PROTECTION INADEQUATE
M. C. R. Freight Car Robbed of
Shipment of Shoes

ST. THOMAS, July 29.—(By Staff Reporter)—Elgin County, especially the district closely adjoining the City of St. Thomas, is experiencing an epidemic of daring hold-ups and burglaries. The thieves are apparently well aware of the system of police protection available in the outlying districts and are taking advantage of this by operating safely out of reach of the only organized force in the district. Another day has passed and late tonight the bandits, who for the past few nights have terrorized residents of the rural districts, are still at large.

The latest burglary is reported by Detective Kast, of the M. C. R., who discovered to-day that shoes valued at \$340, the property of the Aymer shoe factory, have been missing from a freight car which had been standing in the local yards yesterday and last night.

While the entire M. C. R. force is working on the case they have little in the way of clues, and in this, as in the other cases reported, the burglars are likely to get away soon.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS
So alarming has the situation become that endless requests for new locking devices are being received at local hardware stores, and even citizens of St. Thomas are taking no chances, but are reinforcing the doors and windows of their homes so that there shall be no chance of bandits getting in. Arms are being carefully loaded and kept in readiness.

In the face of it all the county police are almost invariably without telephones, and should a serious hold-up occur at any time it would be impossible to notify anyone but the city force and they have no jurisdiction outside of the city. It is stated here to-night that even though a reorganization of the county force may not be possible without some consideration, a demand will be made that telephones be installed in every constable's home.

Even the chief of the county police, John Hopkins, who resides in Scott street, has no telephone, and when communicating with him residents of the rural district must either motor to the city or take a chance on a messenger being relayed to him through a neighbor's telephone. In the case of Fred Hill, Lewis Gilbert and Joseph Albertsen, whose homes were visited by the bandits last night, it was impossible, as the burglars not only took the telephone box from the wall and extracted the equipment, but in the case of Lewis Gilbert, they climbed the poles outside and cut the wires before coming near the house.

The general opinion is that the bandits who visited the three homes mentioned the other night are also implicated in the other thefts that have occurred. It is believed that they are local men, as they seemed to know the roads and found no difficulty in locating the places they intended visiting.

It has been said that their threats of sudden death were merely bluff, but Lewis Gilbert, the Edgeware road farmer, had an opportunity to test this and he found that they carried loaded guns and could fire even in the dark with no serious handicap. A couple of bullets in the leg of a dog, and the dining-room of the Gilbert home bears silent testimony to what the bandits would do if they were compelled to.

Fetty thieving is also reported in the city, right where the crowds are thickest and last night several auto-lets on reaching the fair grounds remained in their cars, allowing the family to enjoy the evening alone so that they might keep watch.

A local lady claims to have been robbed of \$98 while on the board walk at Port Stanley last Saturday. She attributes the loss to pickpockets.

FATALLY INJURED IN MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT

John Taylor, of Owen Sound, Succumbs in Hospital From Fractured Skull.

OWEN SOUND, July 29.—John Taylor, of 1424 Pouch avenue, E. died in the hospital here to-day of a fractured skull sustained in an auto accident last evening.

He was riding the rear seat of a car with his stepdaughter, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Jas. Smith, and in the front seat was Mr. Smith and the driver, Andrew Markle.

The car was proceeding at a good speed on a fine piece of road when a front tire exploded. The driver lost control of the car, which turned crosswise on the road and completely upset.

Mr. Taylor was thrown head first to the road, sustaining a fractured skull and other injuries. He was taken to the hospital, but never regained consciousness. The driver had his collarbone broken and Mrs. Smith was rendered unconscious for a time, but is apparently all right.

The two women escaped practically unhurt.

WILL NOT GO AHEAD WITH CEMENT PLANT

Hon. F. G. Biggs, Announces Decision of Government in Proposed Plant.

TORONTO, July 29.—With the price of cement tending downward the Drury Government has decided not to go ahead with the construction of the proposed cement plant. Hon. F. G. Biggs, minister of public works, said that the many calls on the finances of the Government were also a factor in the decision. It is realized also that the decided drop in the value of agricultural produce may delay to some extent the laying of permanent provincial roads in some sections.

CANNED SALMON AT SIX CENTS LB. AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 29.—Canned salmon is being offered in this city here at six cents per pound tin or six half-pound tins for a quarter.

RETREAT OF TURK FORCE CUT OFF BY GREEKS

Nationalists Operating in Iamud Peninsula Reported to Be in Bad Way.

SMYRNA, July 29.—(Associated Press Cable)—The retreat of the Turkish Nationalists operating on the Iamud Peninsula is reported to have been cut off by Greek columns, which have appeared some 90 miles to the north of Eski-Shehr, according to advices received here to-day.

King Constantine will enter Eski-Shehr, which recently was captured by the Greeks, on Sunday, accompanied by a brilliant escort.

STILL NO WORD FROM DE VALERA

No Move Likely Until Feiner M. P.'s Yield

MILITARY IS DEFIANT
Macready and Strickland Ignore Habeas Corpus Writs

LONDON, July 29.—(Associated Press Cable)—Eamonn De Valera still is silent, another day having passed with no word from the republican leader.

The general supposition now is that there will be no new move in the peace negotiations pending the expected release of those members of the Dail Eireann who are in jail, and the summoning of a full meeting of the republican Parliament. Mr. De Valera for the best part of the last few days has gone over the peace proposals with the available members of the republican "cabinet," and it is expected when the Dail Eireann is called to consider what shall be the decision he will be ready to present the views of his colleagues, as well as his own opinion.

MILITARY VS. COURTS.
Temporarily the peace negotiations have been overshadowed by the extraordinary action of the military authorities in Ireland—Gen. Macready, Major-Gen. Strickland and others—in defying the master of the rolls by failing to comply with writs of habeas corpus which he ordered in connection with the sentencing to death of John Egan, and the reported spiriting away of Egan from the Limerick jail to an unknown place.

What action the court will take is a subject of discussion, as the arrest of those concerned for contempt of court, it is believed, would involve legal technicalities connected with the operation of the master of the rolls. The arrest of the master of the rolls, which he ordered in connection with the sentencing to death of John Egan, and the reported spiriting away of Egan from the Limerick jail to an unknown place.

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT.
DUBLIN, July 29.—(Associated Press Cable)—Writs of attachment, calling for the apprehension of Gen. Macready, commander of the British troops in Ireland, and Maj.-Gen. Strickland, commander in Munster, were issued today by the master of the rolls. Sergt. Hanna, attorney for Gen. Macready and Gen. Strickland, asked for the governor of Limerick jail, for whom a similar writ was issued, announced that a notice of an appeal against the decision of the master of the rolls would be lodged with the House of Lords.

The case had its origin in the failure of those against whom the writs were issued to comply with proceedings in habeas corpus to produce John Egan, under sentence of death by a military court in Limerick, in court to-day.

Sergt. Hanna told the master of the rolls that he had been instructed by Macready to give an undertaking that, pending a final hearing on the appeal, the sentence of death against Egan and another prisoner named Higgins would not be executed.

The master of the rolls, however, declined to listen to Sergt. Hanna. He declared the case represented deliberate contempt of court, unprecedented in the whole history of British law, and ordered the writs of attachment issued.

Uncertainty prevails here as to the next step in the case. Dublin is not under martial law and it is therefore presumed that Gen. Macready, who is now in London, and the others against whom the writs were issued, are liable to arrest.

It is reported that appeals will be lodged not only against the issue of the writs of habeas corpus but also against the order for the writs of attachment.

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MISSING WOMAN WAS EXECUTED

Feiners Tell of Fate of Mrs. J. W. Lindsay

REGRET THE INCIDENT
But Claim It Was Necessary for Protection

DUBLIN, July 29.—(Associated Press Dispatch)—Mrs. J. W. Lindsay, widow of a Cork landowner, who was kidnapped from her home in Conchford early in the year, was executed some months ago on the charge that she "was directly responsible for conveying to the enemy information which led to the execution of five of our men by the British authorities, for the death of a sixth from wounds received in action, and for the sentence of 25 years' penal servitude passed upon a seventh."

This information is contained in a letter which a sister of Mrs. Lindsay, has received from the "Dail Eireann" defense department, acquainting her with the circumstances "in accordance with instructions from the president."

The letter says that the carrying out of the sentence pronounced upon Mrs. Lindsay was postponed while she wrote to Major-Gen. Strickland, divisional commander in Ireland, pointing out the consequences to herself should the man be executed, and five days afterwards the sentence on Mrs. Lindsay, suspended pending a reply from Gen. Strickland, was duly carried out. The letter concludes:

"We regret the circumstances and the stern necessity to protect our forces which necessitated the drastic action by our local commanders."

FOURTH MYSTERY FIRE AT CHATHAM

Sutherland-Innes Company Suffers Loss of \$15,000

THE ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN
Crowds Again Handicap Efforts of Fire Department

CHATHAM, July 29.—(Special to The Free Press)—Loss to the extent of about \$15,000 was caused to-night by a fire which broke out in the large plant and warehouse of the Sutherland-Innes Company, on Grand avenue. The plant was completely destroyed, along with a large stock of staves, which were stored in the building. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The alarm was given about 9.30, but before the firemen arrived on the scene the building was doomed and the attention of the firemen was taken up in successful effort to save the surrounding buildings. For a time several freight cars on a Pere Marquette siding were in danger. A residence on Taylor avenue was also in danger for a time, but the efforts of the firemen were successful in confining the blaze to the one building.

MACHINERY GONE.
In addition to the staves in the building, some very valuable machinery was destroyed.

Large crowds of people gathered on the scene and their presence greatly impeded the work of the firemen. At one time an auxiliary truck, of the city hydro department, tried to get through the crowds to save a transformer, which was in danger of being destroyed, but was unable to do so.

There has been considerable criticism of the action of crowds blocking the streets during a fire, but to-night's experience was the worst, as the reflection from the fire attracted many motorists from all parts of the city.

This is the fourth mysterious fire which has occurred in Chatham during the last few weeks, for which no solution can be found.

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LORD CURZON DENIES ANY PARTICIPATION IN NORTHLIFFE AFFAIR

LONDON, July 29.—The foreign office expressed no surprise to-day when it learned that Ambassador Geddes in Washington had canceled the proposed dinner to Lord Northcliffe in view of the language Lord Northcliffe had used toward Lord Curzon, the ambassador's own chief.

It was officially denied, however, that Lord Curzon had coerced the Washington embassy or in any way influenced the decision to cancel the function.

TWO INCORPORATIONS.
OTTAWA, July 29.—Incorporation of companies, notification of which appears in this week's Canada Gazette, includes the following: Essex Export Company, Limited, \$100,000, Windsor, Ont.; Spital Bros., Limited, \$300,000, London, Ont.

NOMINATED TO SUCCEED ROWELL IN COMMONS

ORONO, Ont., July 29.—F. W. Bowen, reeve of Clark Township and warden of the County of Durham, was nominated to-day on the first ballot at the National Liberal and Conservative convention as the candidate of the party in the bye-election for the seat rendered vacant by the resignation of Hon. N. W. Rowell.

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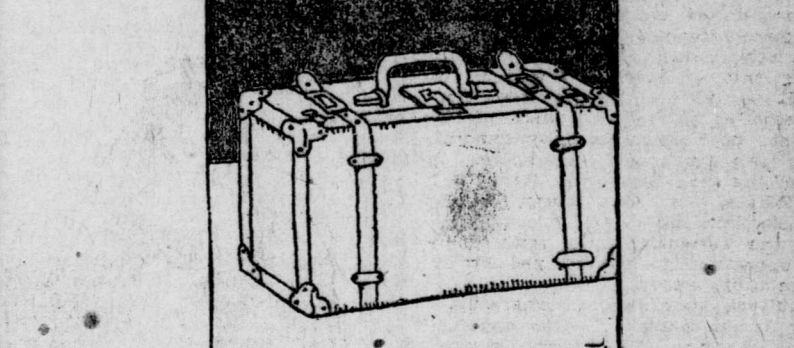


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