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BOLD ROBBERY OF QUEBEC BANK

Manager Forced to Quit Bed and Accompany Them to Safe

REVOLVERS AT HEAD

Fumbled With Lock Till Crackmen Were Tired, So They Blew Up the Vault and Secured \$2,400, Its Contents, and Escaped.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Nov. 14—Four desperate burglars successfully looted the branch of the Bank of St. John's at Napierville at an early hour this morning, getting away with the contents of the bank safe, amounting to \$2,400 in bills.

The burglars were evidently experts in the business, and seemed to know the lay of the land thoroughly. Paul Brault, the local manager, lives with his family in rooms over the bank, and was sound asleep when about 2 o'clock he was roughly awakened to find two masked men in the room, one of whom covered him with a revolver, while the other ordered him to go downstairs. Mr. Brault got up and tried to dress, but so slow that one of the men gave the crack of the burglar who nearly knocked him out. A moment later he thought he saw a chance to get away and knocked one of his assailants down, but was overpowered by the rest, two more appearing from below. They did not fire on him, as they wanted him to open the safe.

The four then took Mr. Brault down to the banking office and planted him in front of the safe, bidding him open it without delay. Mr. Brault, however, did not shoot him. Mr. Brault, however, did not lose his nerve, and fumbled with the combination, hoping that it might arrive. Finally he told the crackmen that he was so bothered by the blows on his head that he could not work the combination and they hustled him upstairs again. One man was left to stand guard over Mr. Brault and the other three blew up the safe with nitro-glycerine, securing \$2,400 in bills. They then called the fourth man and dumped on a hand cart, which they had placed on the D. & H. tracks ready for their departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Brault were so overcome by their experience that it was half an hour before they could give the alarm, when Mr. Brault telephoned to Montreal, and detectives were at once sent out on the chase.

The hand car has since been found near Lacelle, but no other trace of the burglars has been ascertained. It is supposed that they jumped on a freight train and made for the frontier. Notices have been sent to all frontier points and a sharp lookout is being kept for the burglars.

HARD GATHERING EVIDENCE OF JAPS VIOLATING ALIEN LABOR LAW

McKenzie King Hears Various Stories About Companies Bringing Them in Under Contract.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Vancouver, Nov. 14—Commissioner King examined former secretary of the local Japanese consulate, N. S. Nishida, who is now head of Nippon Supply Company here doing a business of \$15,000 per month in trade with the Orient and looking for contracts with local Japs. Nishida said thousands of Japanese came here with the object of finding their way to the United States and he had seen maps sold to his countrymen with points on the boundary line marked showing where they could cross into the United States.

Nishida denied the statement of the head of a rival Japanese firm that the Nippon Company had immigration agents in Japan. Mr. King said: "Someone is trying to conceal something. I mean to get to the bottom of it," and he also warned witnesses of the penalty for perjury.

Editor McConnell, of the Saturday Sunset, told of one Japanese being brought here from Honolulu under contract and of the recent publication in the local press of a specimen form of contract. McConnell gave the name of his informant, now in California, but could not give the name of any individual or company whom the commissioner could prosecute for violation of the alien labor act.

TEMPLEMAN FINDS STRONG ANTI-JAP FEELING ON COAST

Ottawa, Nov. 14—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Templeman, minister of inland revenue, has returned from the Pacific coast. Mr. Templeman says that the Japanese riots at Vancouver were very much exaggerated in the reports sent to eastern Canada. The feeling, however, against Oriental immigration was strong on the coast. The sending of Mr. Lemieux to Japan and the investigation which Mr. MacKenzie King is now conducting in Vancouver are having a good effect, and Mr. Templeman hopes to see at an early day the whole question satisfactorily adjusted.

FEAR GLUT IN SILVER MARKET

United States Smelters Refuse to Treat Cobalt Ores

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Canadian Mines Will Likely Curtail Output and Discharge Many Men—Depression Over Border Has Greatly Lessened Demand for Metal in the Arts.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Nov. 14—Because United States smelters have practically refused to take Cobalt ores a policy of retrenchment will be adopted by many mine managers within the next few days. The present financial stringency is given as the reason of the smelters, but it is believed there is more behind it than the tightness of money. Owing to the depression on the other side not so much silver is being used in the arts, and this naturally causes the falling off in demand. It is generally known, too, that the price of silver has declined within the last year. In view of these facts it is expected that Cobalt mining men that there is prospect of a glut in the silver market and the smelting companies think, if the present output were maintained, the price would go still lower. In short, some persons are inclined towards the belief that the silver market would follow the footsteps of copper should the output of last year continue.

Whatever the reason of the smelting companies may be, their action has its effect on Cobalt and many miners will be thrown out of work. There were few of informed men in Toronto today who did not take a gloomy view of the situation. One ray of hope was thrown by W. S. Mitchell, of Haileybury, who has large interests in the north country. He stated that European smelters would probably take up the question of the treatment of Cobalt ores, and he added that negotiations were already in progress with that object in view.

TWO-YEAR SENTENCE FOR NORTH SHORE THIEF

Roy, Charged With Burglary, Acquitted, and Man Cleared of Stabbing of Two Norwegians.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Dalhousie, N. B., Nov. 14—The county court was occupied all day Wednesday with the trial of Angus Dugway, charged with having broken, entered and stolen \$15 worth from the store of Moore Bros. in October. Dugway is a lad only twenty years of age and has already been in court. He was ably defended by Arthur LeBlanc and at 8 o'clock the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Today the case of the King vs. Frank Vallend, charged with stabbing two Norwegian sailors during a quarrel in a saloon last in the town of Campbellton, occupied the court and a verdict of not guilty rendered. James S. Harquail for the crown, A. LeBlanc for the defence.

Fred McLean, who was found guilty of stealing a watch and chain from the person of Hugh Marquis, of Campbellton, was sentenced to serve two years at Dorchester.

Claude Brown and Wm. Roy had a his experience on the river this week. They were in a gasoline launch and the engine broke down. The boat floated for several hours about the river, endangering the lives of the occupants. They landed on the Quebec side and had to walk six miles to the nearest telegraph station to notify their friends of their safety.

MRS. BRADLEY, WHO SHOT SENATOR BROWN, ON TRIAL FOR HIS MURDER

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14—In the trial of Mrs. Annie Bradley, on the charge of murdering former Senator Arthur Brown of Utah, when the jury was completed, the case was opened for the government by assistant District Attorney Turner and a number of witnesses were called by the prosecution. There were a dozen of these witnesses, including the manager and a number of employees of the hotel where the shooting occurred, and several members of the police force who were connected to Mrs. Bradley's arrest. Indeed, when court adjourned for the day, the prosecution had almost completed the direct presentation of its evidence and this portion of the proceedings will be completed early tomorrow.

Much difficulty was experienced in completing the jury and 27 or 27 men were examined before the necessary dozen were accepted. A large number were excused on the plea that they were opposed to the death penalty for women. The crowd in attendance on the trial was not so large as yesterday, nor was the interest as marked. The testimony covered the details of the shooting and Mrs. Bradley was visibly affected by some portions of it. She shuddered at the sight of the pistol which did the shooting and at one time was moved to tears. At the afternoon sitting of the court, Chief Clerk Owen, of the hotel, corroborated much of the testimony given by previous witnesses. He said that he had accompanied Lawyer Gunn to Mrs. Brown's room and that Brown had said to Gunn: "You know this woman, well, we've had it out, and this is the result."

COLLINS HANGED AT 7.25 FRIDAY MORNING.

Murderer Made No Confession of Crime.

Dreaded Going to Scaffold in Hours of Darkness and Relieved When Told Time Decided On—Collins Issues Statement Thanking Friends and Expressing Trust in God.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Hopewell Hill, A. Co., Nov. 15—Thomas F. Collins was hanged at 7.25 this morning. He made no confession, and walked with a firm step to the gallows. Rev. B. H. Thomas accompanied him from his cell, administering spiritual consolation. The prisoner's hands were handcuffed behind him.

The execution was carried out by Radcliffe with perfect precision, and death was instantaneous. Hopewell Cape, Nov. 14—The execution of Thomas F. Collins has been fixed for 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. The prisoner is resigned to his fate. Through the Rev. Byron H. Thomas, chaplain of Dorchester penitentiary, Collins gave out a signed statement late this evening expressing his gratitude to all his friends, many of whom he mentioned by name. He also handed to Mrs. I. B. Steeves, of Hillsboro, who has been his greatest friend, a poem of his own composition, which he has dedicated to her. He has made no confession so far, though many think that he will unburden himself to the chaplain before the end.

There is a report that Collins has made a confession to one of the clerymen, but that this will not be made known until after the execution is over.

A man has been on watch over the scaffold through the night, placed there by Radcliffe so that nothing shall by any possibility be disturbed. The sheriff received word from Ottawa early this morning that the law must take its course and throughout the day work of building the scaffold has been proceeding and was completed by night fall. Collins is very nervous, but he passed the day quietly, eating little and listening attentively to the ministrations of Rev. Mr. Thomas.

Mrs. Steeves, who has proved a warm friend of the prisoner, arrived in the course of the morning and spent the greater part of the day and evening with Collins. Speaking to your correspondent she said Collins was nervous and had eaten little for two days. He was, however, perfectly resigned. "I am convinced," she added, "that he is trusting in the Lord." In reply to a question she said she did not anticipate that Collins would make any confession.

Rev. Wm. Lawson, of Hillsboro, also visited Collins for a short time. At a special meeting in the Union church, this evening, to hear the Rev. G. M. Campbell, of St. John, in the interests of the Canadian Bible Society, reference was made to Collins and the congregation were asked to pray for him.

Representatives of the press were permitted to have a short interview with Collins in the afternoon, but he had little to say. He expressed thanks for the kindnesses which had been shown him on all sides and his gratitude to those who had signed the petition in his behalf. Collins issues statement. The following expression of thanks to his friends was dictated by him to Rev. Mr. Thomas this evening with a request that it be published: "To My Dear Friends: I thank the editors and staff of the St. John Globe, St. John Sun, and Moncton Transcript for their kind treatment in reference to my case, also to the kind people of Albert and Westmorland counties for their kindnesses in signing the petition for clemency in my behalf, and to the kind people who wrote private letters in my behalf to the cabinet officials who had the disposition of my case; also Mrs. I. B. Steeves who has been a mother to me and tried her best to save me; also to the jailer, Mr. Porter, his wife and daughter, Mrs. James Cooman, constable, for their kindly favors not forgetting all the many friends who visited me in my cell, remembering also those who wrote me letters in my hours of trouble. I earnestly pray that the Lord will reward my spiritual adviser, Rev. B. H. Thomas, and the Rev. H. D. Worden. With these words I will close my letter of thanks, declaring that I am trusting in the Holy Word of God, and from the day that I was sentenced to die, I have trusted in Him who died for me. (Signed.)

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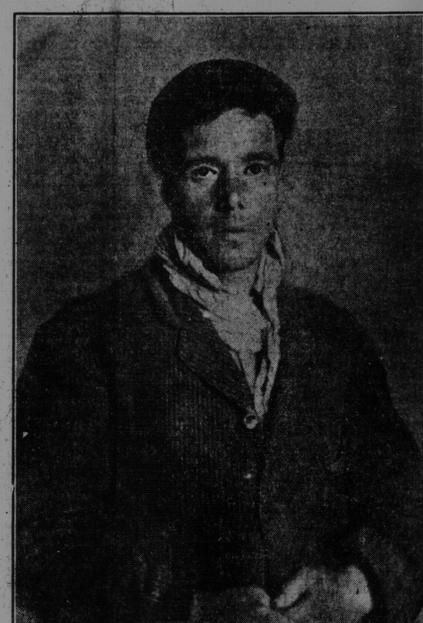
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Sheriff Lynds.

TRAGIC END OF NEW YORK BANKER

Chas. T. Barney, Former Financial Giant, Died by His Own Hand

MET GREAT LOSSES

Forced from Presidency of Knickerbocker Trust Company, Which Afterwards Failed, and Other Institutions—Was Director in Thirty-four Corporations.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

New York, Nov. 14—Charles T. Barney, deposed president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company and until recently a power in the financial world, died by his own hand in his East 38th street home today.

Death was due to a bullet which entered his body just below the heart. What effects his unexpected taking off might have had on the financial situation generally had long since been discounted. Distress of mind over the disposition of his private fortune and the loss of his high standing among business associates and intimate acquaintances broke his health and reason. And even much of his personal wealth might have been saved. At the moment that Barney was dying at his beautiful home a few friends at a downtown office were concluding an arrangement by which the loose ends of the bank's many enterprises were to be gathered up and financed by a stock company which would at least secure sufficient income to insure Mr. Barney's future financial condition. The conference broke up at the announcement of the death.

A Fatal Shot. Mr. Barney, who was in his fifty-seventh year, shot himself early today while alone in his chamber in the rear of the second floor of his home. The bullet entered below the heart and, following an oblique line lodged in the back, under the left shoulder-blade. He died about 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, after suffering intensely. The death was reported to the coroner a little past 3 o'clock. When that official reached the house he found with Mrs. Barney and her son, Asbel, Mrs. Susan Abbot Meade, a guest; Dr. George A. Dixon; Dr. Joseph A. Baker, George L. Nichols and Arthur Masten, the two latter Mr. Barney's attorneys. The two women were in a highly nervous state and it was with difficulty that the coroner secured an understanding of the succession of events up to the time that he was summoned.

Says It Was an Accident. From the confusing stories due to the excitement of the hour it was determined that Mr. Barney deliberately shot himself while alone and soon after rising. As the bullet entered his body he fell unconscious upon the bed. The report of the revolver startled the family. Mrs. Meade was the first to reach the chamber and she summoned the physicians. Dr. Dixon responded and called two other physicians. Mr. Barney was revived and to Dr. Dixon, for twenty years his family physician, said: "Doctor, this is an accident."

In reporting this to the coroner, Dr. Dixon added, "with this I coincide." A desk in the chamber was littered with papers, including letters from bankers and other financial correspondents throughout the country. In the corner was found a note indicating any purpose of self-destruction. Mr. Barney was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 27, 1850. He was the son of A. H. Barney, president of the United States Express Company. After graduating from Williams College in 1870, he married Miss Lily Whitney, sister of Wm. C. Whitney, and settled down to an active career in the banking circles of New York city. As his success in banking became pronounced he determined to increase the scope of his interests and became connected with the stock exchange firm of Rogers & Gould as a special partner. At the same time he began to make personal investments in New York city property and his keen insight, coupled with a general upward trend of the market made him very successful for many years. As an officer or director he was connected with thirty-four concerns, largely financial institutions. From some of these he was forced to retire when it appeared that some of his business ventures were going against him.

Amassed Great Wealth. As early as 1890 he became allied with the late Wm. C. Whitney in a real estate deal in the formation of the New York Loan & Improvement Company, which was formed to take up extensive tracts on Washington Heights. Although all the company's holdings in the Washington Heights Real Estate had been sold, Mr. Barney retained the ownership at his death of about ninety parcels of land scattered through that section. The combined holdings are said to be worth \$5,000,000. He also had large holdings outside the city.

Mr. Barney was a member of many social clubs and among the public institutions in which he was interested was the Metropolitan Museum of Art. His sons are Aschel and James W., and his daughters Mrs. Archibald S. Alexander and Mrs. Cortland D. Barnes. Mr. Barney's undying came with the disclosure in the Knickerbocker Trust Company management, which followed the failure of Otto Heinze & Co. Mr. Barney had been associated with O. F. and E. R. Thomas and Chas. V. Mone and when these three men were eliminated from banking business, suspicion was directed toward the Knickerbocker. On the afternoon of October 21 the National Bank of Commerce notified the clearing house association that it would no longer clear for the Knickerbocker. A meeting of the trust companies directors was hurriedly called. That night Mr. Barney resigned the presidency. The following day there was a run upon the Knickerbocker which forced it to suspend. Mr. Barney took the matter quietly to heart.

Wm. Knott Accidentally Shot on Hunting Trip—Left \$25,000 to Girl He Was to Marry in a Week.

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Huntsville, Ont., Nov. 14—Wm. Knott, aged about 28 years, was passing through a thicket in a hunting expedition with two companions when one stumbled and fell. His rifle was accidentally discharged and the ball entered Knott's knee and he died from the loss of blood before medical aid arrived.

Knott came originally from New Liskard. He is known throughout New Ontario as the discoverer of the first rich find at Larver Lake and received \$40,000 for his share of the claim. He came to Dorset recently to marry a young lady and the ceremony was to have been performed next week. He left his fiancée \$25,000.

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Montreal, Nov. 14—A special London cable says: Hon. Clifford Sifton today inspected the Royal Edward dock at Avonmouth and appeared to be much impressed with the facilities afforded for the landing of Canadian products. At a luncheon which took place at the Victoria rooms, Bristol, Mr. Sifton on rising to respond to the toast of the ships of the colonies and commerce, was received most enthusiastically. It was some moments before he could obtain a hearing, the applause was so long continued.

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Sifton referred to the All-Red route and pointed out that as other countries had a fast service, Canada and Great Britain should have equally as good a service. Mr. Sifton's remarks were received with much applause and any reference to Canada enthusiastically so.

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LABOR CONGRESS IN RADICAL MOOD

Resolution Up That Members Hold Aloof from American Militia

HARD TIMES EXPECTED

Would Have Government, in Case of Industrial Crisis, Provide Money for Public Works Under Union Conditions—Minimum Wage of \$9 for Female Retail Clerks.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 14—At the Labor congress today addresses by D. J. Shackleton and J. Hoige, of London, both labor members of parliament; W. R. Trotter, of Winnipeg (Man.); Canadian fraternal delegate, and T. V. Powderly, representing the department of commerce and labor, and the introduction and reference of a large number of other resolutions, formed the leading features of the day's session. Mr. Powderly declared he hoped the day would come, in his time, when the president of the United States and his cabinet officers would not consider it beneath their dignity to visit and address the American Federation of Labor.

Resolutions were introduced calling upon congress in the event of an industrial crisis, following the "financial panic" to find "ways and means" to ameliorate and mitigate the crisis by issuing money without interest to states, counties and cities for the purpose of building highways, schools, bridges and public utilities, provided, however, that such work be done at union wages, under the eight hour day; the money proposed to be loaned to be returned in easy installments. Other resolutions were introduced today, as follows: Urging congress to act favorably on any legislation bearing on the increase of pay of post office clerks. Urging a general assessment of one cent per month for the aid of the labor unions in Los Angeles. Calling for a minimum of \$9 a week wages for all female retail clerks giving this movement the support of the federation. Calling for the building and repairing of all government vessels at navy yards and a committee to have this in charge with a salary of \$24 a week each and necessary expenses, hotel expenses not to exceed \$150 per day.

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