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## **SUSPICIONS GROW IN STEEVES CASE**

Added Serious Charges Against  
Father Whose Family Per-  
ished in Fire.

## **REPORT THREATENINGS AT COCKFIGHT**

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 20.—The preliminary examination in the case of the King vs. O. G. Stevens, charged with the murder of his wife and five children, whose bodies were found in the debris of their burned home at Coverdale on Tuesday morning last week, was continued on Saturday in the Court of Justice at Moncton. The most important evidence for the prosecution was given by the son of the accused, Curtis Stevens. He testified that his mother had often spoken suspiciously of his father and his relations with his sister Clara. He could not say if the charge was true or not as he had no personal knowledge of the matter.

Charge Threat of Burnings.  
His father, the witness said, was in Moncton some time previous to the fire, getting ready to run a restaurant. His sister Clara was also there with her father. On a number of occasions his father had asked his mother to come to Moncton and help him, but she refused, saying that she would not go to Moncton until Clara went away and got a job elsewhere.

When he was home on Sunday, before the fire, the witness said, he was told by his mother that he had better not stay as his father was very angry with him, and had said if he caught the boys at home he would burn them out.

## **ROBBED OF PANTS CHASED FOOTPAD**

When Negro Was Captured  
Disrobed Man Had Lots  
of Company.

New York, Feb. 20.—Being stripped of his pants, shoes and socks in the worst blizzard of the year, failed to curb the determination of Franklin May to catch the negro footpad who partially disrobed him after an attack with a blackjack on West 104th street here early today.

## **WILD HEARST YARN HAS BEEN EXPLODED**

No Cruiser Sent to Salvador  
Because of Debt Due  
Royal Bank.

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Feb. 20.—Denial was given here today of a report that the British cruiser Cambrian had been sent to Salvador because of the failure of Salvador to pay the interest on a loan made to the government by the Royal Bank of Canada. It is said the government has had no dealings with this bank.

## **SHOULD APPOINT WOMEN TO MANDATE COMMISSION**

London, Feb. 20.—Urging the appointment of women on the mandate commission of the League of Nations, the women's advisory committee of the League of Nations has addressed a letter to Earl Curzon of Kedleston, asking that the matter be considered at the session of the council of the league to be held in Paris tomorrow.

## **OIL TANKER IN TROUBLE**

Haitian, N.S., Feb. 20.—The oil tank steamer Royalite, which sailed Thursday last for Tampico, Mexico, was lost in here today. The steamer was unable to keep up steam, and when 90 miles southwest of the Sambro lightship, sent a radio for help.

## **ANNUAL BONSPIEL CLOSES AT WINNIPEG**

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Winnipeg's thirty-third annual bonspiel was wound up on Saturday, when the final games were played. Wood of Winnipeg won the Purdy Flour Trophy from Whyte, Duth, 9 to 5, and Hudson, Winnipeg, 10 to 5, and Hudson, Winnipeg, 13 to 7, while the double-rink event went to Hudson and Wise, Winnipeg.

## **MANY ARRESTS AT COCKFIGHT**

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In street foundry, where they found drawn up outside the building were over 200 men, many of whom had been in the street for some time. In order to get to the building the police had to force their way through a lane running west of Dufferin street. As the first members of the party entered the building, the police saw a man, who they believed was acting as lookout, bolt for safety. Pursued by the police, he ran to the rear of the building, where he was caught. The man was allowed to go unmolested. This was the only man who escaped the raiding squad.

## **BARGE CREW ADRIFT FIVE MEN IN PERIL**

Life Crew Unable to Shoot  
Rocket Line Aboard Till  
Vessel Comes Nearer.

Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 20.—Five men on board the barge Tuckahoe were drifting in the heavy seas off Provincetown tonight, while coastguard men on shore, unable to launch a boat, stood ready to take a line aboard and rig a breeches buoy at the earliest opportunity. The wind was driving the barge shoreward, but tonight it had come near enough to enable the lifesavers to take the men off.

## **MOTORIST KILLED NEAR FORD, ONT.**

Detroit Man Dies in Crash  
on River Front  
Road.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20.—Elmer Gooden of Detroit was killed while riding in an automobile near Ford, late Saturday night. According to Frank Sprague, who was driving, the steering gear jammed when he was rounding a curve on the river front road, about a mile east of Ford, at a speed of about 25 miles an hour, and the machine ran into a power line pole. Gooden, who had been sitting in front, was pitched out, and his skull fractured. He died while being taken to Hotel Dieu, Sprague, together with his wife, were in the party.

## **TOOK EX-SERGEANT OUT OF HOSPITAL**

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to the commons unopposed for Limerick City in December, 1918, while interned in England.

## **DEATH FOR "TREASON"**

Galway, Ireland, Feb. 20.—District Councillor John Geoghegan was taken from his bed Sunday morning to the roadside and shot by two masked men. They told him he had been convicted of treason.

## **STRIKE OF TEACHERS OVER IN N. WESTMINSTER**

New Westminster, B.C., Feb. 20.—The school teachers' strike here is ended, all teachers having been reinstated by the school board. The teachers' association is now reorganized by the board as representing the city's teachers. Schools will reopen Monday morning, after being closed one week. Salaries will be adjusted by a joint committee of the board and the association, and in case of disagreement, provisions are made for arbitration. It was agreed that a strike or lockout would be the last resort, and 30 days must be given of such action.

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## **HARD TO ARREST DRUG PEDDLERS**

Police Find Difficulty in  
Knowing When Men Have  
"Dope" on Them.

Hamilton, Feb. 20.—Police officials, while trying to make a round-up of drug-peddlers here, point out the great difficulty confronting them, and admit that it is a lot harder to get a man with the drugs on him than it is to get a man with a bottle.

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